**Extra Ordinary Grant Round - Project Summaries**

1. **Embrace CVOC (Child Victims of Crime)**

**Across West Yorkshire - £5,700.00**

Alongside its core services of trauma-focused counselling and emotional support, Embrace can tailor its services to individuals, calling on its range of practical and well-being support to ensure the best opportunity for young people harmed by crime to cope, recover and move on. The referrals they are currently receiving are primarily from parents/carers from a low income background who now are further disadvantaged by the loss of all or the main part of their incomes. Their children are at home in already vulnerable at risk situations, such as witnessing domestic violence, or away from their safe space of school, or unable to attend their regular therapy sessions. The families they support do not have the financial means to seek out an alternative. This grant funding will allow them to provide specialist volunteers who will be equipped to offer emotional support via telephone or online to children harmed by or at risk of being harmed by crime. This support service will also be open to enquiries from parents, carers and family members.

1. **Kirklees & Calderdale Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre**

**Calderdale & Kirklees - £4740.00**

Kirklees & Calderdale Rape and Sexual abuse Counselling Centre works with people who have experienced Sexual Violence and Domestic Abuse. They support females and males aged over 13 years old and support can also be provided to family members and friends of survivors. Services include: ISVA - ISVA Independent Sexual Violence Advisers, Specialist Sexual and domestic abuse counselling, Emotional support sessions, Helpline and online services e.g web chat and anonymous text, Pre- trial therapy service, Group Therapy/Programme, Outreach Counselling in varied community settings and Online support and counselling. This project will provide equipment to allow the team to continue working from home under the current COVID-19 restrictions.

1. **Airedale Voluntary Drug and Alcohol Agency (Project 6)**

**Bradford - £4,995.20**

Project 6 is an award winning charity based in Keighley, who have been supporting people for over 35 years. They work within both a harm reduction and a recovery ethos delivering services across the whole community, to people affected by substance use and complex needs, working with over 3,000 people a year. Project 6 deliver services in the following areas: Alcohol and Complex Needs Services, Family Support and Services including Children and Young people and Recovery Support Services. Their Trusted Relationships Programme works with young people in Keighley identified as being at risk of CSE, criminal exploitation and gangs. They provide interventions which develop protective factors that build resilience in the young people they work with and the capacity to avoid risks. This grant will fund capacity to offer additional 1:1 sessions to vulnerable young people over a six month period in order to deal with crisis, assess and manage the immediate needs following the lockdown and to ensure that existing therapeutic resource is not overwhelmed by crisis and practical issues.

1. **Bradford District Senior Power (known as BDSP)**

**Bradford - £5,735.36**

The project is a partnership between Bradford District Senior Power and Bradford District Deaf Centre. They have network of trained volunteers delivering mental health support, information, advice and guidance to adults with minor to moderate mental health disorders or physical disabilities. This grant will allow them to fund a part-time Project Co-ordinator who will manage the deployment of 12 trained outreach volunteers. The volunteers will operate a telephone-based befriending, signposting and guidance service. These volunteers are expected to handle over 1900 vulnerable adult calls for respite services, food banks, statutory agencies, specialist mental health link workers and champions of agencies, who are part of the Bradford Befriending Network. Onward referrals will be possible to reach out to carers, West Yorkshire Police or Social Services to alert them of the caller’s case. By providing a proactive support services the organisation expects to reduce the scale and number of incidents of predatory crime targeting vulnerable adults.

1. **Bradford Rape Crisis & Sexual Abuse Survivors Service (BRC&SASS)**

**Bradford - £5950.95**

BRC&SASS provides specialist sexual violence support services for women and girls who have experienced any form of sexual violence at any time in their lives. This includes rape, sexual assault and childhood sexual abuse, forced marriage and so-called honour-based violence, female genital mutilation, trafficking and sexual exploitation. The range of services provided include counselling, help line, ISVA, dedicated advocacy and support services for young women and asylum seeking, or trafficked women. During Covid-19 the need for digital services and methods of publicising services has become essential. There is also a big need for self-help resources both on line and posted in order not to exclude those without digital access. BRC&SASS is supported by Rape Crisis England & Wales with training and rooms for on line service delivery. This project is to develop digital content including recorded Mindfulness sessions downloadable from their website and especially developed for survivors of sexual violence, an easy-read version of their Self Help Guide for Survivors of Sexual Violence (male and female) which is more accessible for those with Learning Difficulties and those learning English.

1. **e:merge (UK) Company Ltd**

**Bradford - £5,730.00**

Emerge is a youth work charity working in the estates and inner city areas of Bradford, aiming to inspire young people to transform their lives and communities believing that a holistic, multi-faceted approach makes the greatest difference. Through working in partnership with a range of small community based organisations, they aim to create positive opportunities with young people (age 8-18) through open youth work and community sport sessions, social action projects, targeted 1-2-1 work and various pieces of group work, including work within schools. Through this project, e:merge will engage young people through phone calls and initial doorstep visits and then involve them in a mixture of fun activities, along with positive and focused interventions by theme.

1. **Joint Activities & Motor Education Service (JAMES)**

**Bradford - £5712.50**

JAMES has 4 bases set in communities of disadvantage across Bradford District, including mechanics garages and a marine division. They aim to prevent crime and antisocial behaviour by engaging young people and their families in positive activities including sport, art and conflict resolution. They offer alternative education, training and employment as well as key workers who can support families.

Their project is to continue to support vulnerable individuals and their families throughout the COVID-19 crisis. 12 high risk individuals will be allocated a keyworker who will provide intensive immediate crisis support for up to 25 weeks. They will specifically target those impacted by mental health needs, disengagement from education and challenging behaviour. The keyworker will provide weekly (virtual and doorstep during social distancing) support to targeted families, which will increase when needed to assist with re-engagement with normal service.

1. **Sandale Community Development Trust**

**Bradford - £4462.00**

Sandale Community Development Trust are a community organisation that supports residents to make positive changes in their lives and community across Bradford South. Their work includes providing youth provision, parental engagement, employability programmes, friendship groups for older people and a food bank. This grant funded project will work for young people to provide a telephone befriending service. Befrienders will support them with worries and stresses they are experiencing during the COVID-19 lockdown. They will also set up online group chats through WhatsApp, Facebook and Snapchat so the young people can socialise with their peers and youth workers online to discourage them from breaking social distancing rules.

1. **Calderdale Smartmove**

**Calderdale - £4,800.00**

Calderdale Smartmove aims to prevent homelessness by providing one-to-one housing support, a bond scheme which enables people on low incomes to access private rented accommodation and informal learning programmes to improve their confidence and self-esteem. As a result of Covid-19 they are providing additional support to clients as most have chronic health issues and are self-isolating. This means providing additional telephone support to mitigate the impact of isolation on mental health, and making more visits to their homes to deliver care packages including gas and electricity top-ups, cleaning and hygiene products and food and medicines. A high number of their client have substance abuse problems, so keeping in regular contact with them is essential to support them not to relapse. They have also taken on new clients referred by domestic abuse agencies, who are fleeing domestic violence which has been exacerbated by tensions during the lockdown.

1. **Himmat**

**Calderdale - £5950.00**

Himmat is based in Calderdale and offers young people the opportunity to develop their knowledge, skills, values, attitudes and confidence. The services they offer include alternative education provision, outreach work, youth provision, sports coaching and family support. Their teams are made up of experienced youth workers who are well known in the community and have good relationships with many of the young people in the area. This grant will allow their outreach teams to patrol areas during lockdown and engage with groups to advise them on social distancing and the importance of complying with the restrictions. This service will be particularly targeted at young people but we will engage with adults and businesses where appropriate to keep the community safe. The underlying reasons can range from boredom, minor family disputes to more serious matters relating to child sexual exploitation or domestic violence. Whilst their primary aim will be lockdown compliance they will also be looking for signs of abuse and providing people with support and referrals into partner agencies.

1. **Invictus Wellbeing Services**

**Calderdale - £6,000**

Invictus Wellbeing Services work across West Yorkshire delivering emotional health and wellbeing support in schools & educational settings. They believe that an approach which focuses on prevention and early intervention allows children and young people to develop confidence, resilience and awareness which leads to a positive approach to mental health. This project aims to ensure that the mental health and wellbeing of children and young people of West Yorkshire is safeguarded through this difficult time. They will develop a referral service with CAMHS, schools, local authorities and other organisations such as Youth Offending Teams. They will then offer confidential support sessions to children and young people who are facing challenges or presenting risk factors of mental health. This aims to prevent other issues arising in terms of behaviour, attainment and attendance at school once reopened.

1. **Conscious Youth C.I.C**

**Kirklees – £5980.00**

Conscious Youth is youth-led social enterprise based in Kirklees. The organisation aims to enhance the emotional and mental resilience of young people through innovative projects to address community cohesion, which are co-designed and led by young people. Working in partnership with Kirklees Youth Alliance and Kirklees Council they have identified the support and guidance needed to protect young people’s well-being during COVID-19 which is resulting in reduced interaction and uncertainty. They have developed a virtual youth centre called ‘Youth Central’ to allow for digital engagement. Youth Central will provide a programme of online workshops, activities and information for those aged 8-19 years old. This includes digital youth clubs, resources, remote mentoring and mental health support. This grant will enable them to provide a text chat service where young people will have instant access to qualified youth workers for guidance and signposting ensuring those most vulnerable are supported.

1. **Locala Community Partnerships CIC**

**Kirklees - £4,303.00**

The Sexual Health Outreach service work with vulnerable individuals who are at high-risk of poor sexual health and present with complex health and social factors, including women involved in the sex industry and vulnerable pregnant women. The team undertake outreach to venues that are more accessible to these client groups such as saunas and Street Sex Working hot spots, as well as holding one-stop shop clinics in partnership with the drug and alcohol service, housing, DV services and GPs. This project will supply Care Packages to vulnerable women who were engaging with the service prior to Covid lockdown. These women will be known sex workers or involved in the service through SWANS (vulnerable pregnant women with complex factors).

1. **Marie Collins Foundation**

**Kirklees - £5,527.28**

The Marie Collins Foundation addresses the recovery needs of children and their families who suffer harm online. Their vision is to ensure that all children who suffer abuse via the internet and mobile technology are able to recover and live safe and fulfilling lives. Their intervention programmes help the child with their recovery and educate children and their families about safe behaviours online. In partnership with the Kirklees Child Safeguarding team and the safeguarding leads of schools in the district this project aims to offer better safeguards and protection to the children who attend the 35 High schools in the Kirklees district and who are currently housebound.

They work closely with local police who had expressed concerns about their welfare and would like to work with the foundation to assist in protecting the victims from further abuse. This includes tips for parents to enable them to be aware of the hazards and to protect their children, tips for young people regarding how to keep safe online and what to look out for and dedicated online help, advice and support.

1. **Proper Job Theatre Company**

**Kirklees - £5,797.94**

The Proper Job Theatre Company support the vulnerable including victims of crime and previous (nonviolent) offenders (including those on probation) through delivering sessions which address their mental health, isolation, PTSD and trauma. They do this via group based activities, leading to reduced anxiety, improved mental health and a re-engagement in their communities and society. Their overarching COVID-19 response embeds their ‘Stay Safe Stay in Touch’ plan. They will develop online group sessions and 1-1 telephone coping strategy coaching. Activities will include an online interactive arts programme offering safer behaviour pathways. This will help service users overcome anxiety, mood swings or mental health struggles from dealing with the current lockdown and the uncertain future.

1. **Samantha Sykes Foundation Trust in partnership with WomenCentre**

**Kirklees - £5,996.00**

WomenCentre supports over 3,000 vulnerable women and their families within Kirklees and Calderdale. They work holistically, to support and empower women to make changes in their lives, within a safe, collaborative and empowering space, many of whom have experienced trauma, acute and long-term mental health difficulties, childhood sexual abuse, domestic abuse, sexual violence, exploitation and grooming. They offer 1:1 case work, group-based psychoeducation, counselling and therapy to support women to overcome the impact of this trauma. The Samantha Sykes Foundation Trust (SSFT) work with young people up to the age of 25 providing direct therapeutic interventions to those who have be. The funding will be used in partnership by the SSFT and WomenCentre to provide therapeutic support to girls and women who have experienced trauma associated with sexual exploitation and grooming or for those who may be at an increased risk of experiencing this due to the current restrictions. en victims of CSE. Samantha Sykes FT also support care leavers and those in the care system to access further and higher education through the provision of equipment, travel passes, computers, books; a group also at increased risk of CSE.

1. **Thornton Lodge Action Group**

**Huddersfield - £4800.00**

Thornton Lodge Action Group is based in one of the most deprived communities in Huddersfield. The mission of the organisation is to reduce inequality and disadvantage, provide their clients with a sense of belonging by encouraging them to contribute to their community and to support local residents to develop their skills, confidence and self-esteem. This grant will provide 6 months of essential community support to continue their work in safeguarding vulnerable BME women during the COVID-19 epidemic.

A dedicated key worker will be able to maintain regular contact with victims at risk ensuring their safety and welfare is maintained throughout lockdown. The project will also prepare for an “inevitable surge” of domestic abuse victims seeking support when the lockdown lifts.

1. **Yorkshire Children's Centre**

**Kirklees - £5,980.06**

The Yorkshire Children's Centre is a charity that has been supporting the community of Kirklees to improve well-being, inspire people and to provide innovative services and support. This project is to run a Kirklees Domestic Abuse helpline for perpetrators of domestic abuse to learn to manage and accept their abusive behaviour. Highly trained professionals with a wealth of experience of working with perpetrators will listen and support through confidential advice and guidance and where suitable offer an online video one to one short intervention session on managing their abusive behaviour through the COVID-19 lock-down. They will offer guidance, support and tools on; de-escalation techniques, risk management, managing feelings and emotions and signposting for other social issues. Helpline advisers will be non-judgmental to support perpetrators in understanding how they are harming their family. This will reduce the risk of abuse towards victims of abuse and children.

1. **Behind Closed Doors (BCD)**

**Leeds - £5,986.00**

BCD supports people whose lives have been damaged by domestic violence and abuse (DVA), so that they are able to build new and positive futures. In 2018-19 they supported 662 women, 105 men and 803 children in their families. They enable them to keep themselves safe, resolve practical problems and recover from the emotional and psychological effects of DVA. This grant will enable their Prevention and Recovery Service workers to provide effective, high-quality support for women, men and children in families affected by DVA throughout the COVID 19 crisis. They will be able to offer telephone and online support from their trained and experienced workers to individual clients for around 3 months. It will also help clients deal with the additional suffering and distress caused by the lockdown including re-traumatisation, anxiety and stress.

1. **Caring For Life**

**Leeds - £5,850.00**

Caring for Life is a charity that has been housing and supporting people in Leeds for 33 years. Those supported are often people with a history of being victims of crime and abuse, those at risk of offending, or who are former offenders and 79.5% of all those supported have mental health issues. They support people through independent living projects, supported homes and provide therapeutic daytime activity projects at their farm. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and government guidance for protecting those who are vulnerable, they have reconfigured the care package and put the changes in place very rapidly. They are providing extensive remote support for all those supported in the community including easy-read advice on staying safe and well, encouraging activities which support good mental health and physical wellbeing and regular calls from their key workers. They are also there to respond to suicidal texts, reports of domestic violence, benefits support and provision of food parcels or household essentials.

1. **Connecting Crossgates**

**Leeds - £5,704.50**

Connecting Crossgates is a small grassroots charity with over 100 volunteers. Through working in partnership with local statutory bodies, schools, community groups and local businesses, they celebrate what is good, create new initiatives to address needs and care for those who are vulnerable/need support whilst focussing on 4 key areas: Supporting Children & Young people, Encouraging Wellbeing, Sharing Information & Providing Help and Exploring Faith & Spirituality. This funding will allow them to deliver emergency 1:1 sessions with Year 6 children transitioning to high school. Students will receive private sessions on a topics designed to keep them safe from harm/support victims e.g. resilience/communication/strengths. It will also enable their peer support mental health group to meet online.

1. **GIPSIL**

**Leeds - £5,500.00**

GIPSIL provides a range of support services for disadvantaged young people and families living in Leeds. These include housing support, specialist leaving care support, welfare and benefits advice and positive activities for young people aged 16-25. In addition, they deliver mental health support for 8-18 year olds around mental health and wellbeing issues including self-harm, substance use, sexual exploitation, depression and family breakdown. This grant will allow them to implement a response to COVID-19. They have sent out a small number of ‘Mental Health Wellbeing Packs' to children and young people who they support that suffer from mental health difficulties. Due to the positive response this grant will allow them to extend this project and offer these packs to children, young people and parents from across the city, initially focusing on East Leeds. They also hope to provide parent packs.

1. **Impact North Ltd**

**Leeds - £5,940.00**

Impact North are a not for profit organisation working to improve mental health in adults and children. They believe in preventing the cycle of abuse through early identification and repairing of broken relationships between family members. They work closely with schools, Children's Social Work Service and other Third Sector providers to offer psychotherapy services such as individual art or play therapy, parent-child therapy, parent and professional psycho education and training on social, emotional and mental health. They believe COVID-19 threatens to increase the number of mental health difficulties in our communities, and that this can be a driving factor for a large percentage of crimes in the UK. This project will allow Impact to offer virtual therapeutic support via live chat, telephone calls, interactive therapeutic resources and text messages. This service will be available for vulnerable groups such as those with mental health problems, those at risk of becoming either a victim or perpetrator of abuse or those who have experience abuse in the past and wish to break the generational cycle.

1. **Leeds Women's Aid**

**Leeds - £5,985.00**

Leeds Women’s Aid (LWA) is a local independent Charity which provides a range of services for vulnerable women and families who are victims and survivors of: domestic, sexual & honour-based violence and abuse; forced marriage; trafficking; stalking and harassment. Services include: Emergency refuge accommodation; 24/7 telephone helpline; drop-in services; healthy relationship programmes; Independent Domestic Violence Advocates (IDVAs); working with women experiencing complex needs; community development and support & interventions for children and young people. This project will increase accessibility during lockdown through the introduction of an online live chat option on their website which is staffed by one Domestic Violence and Abuse Support Worker. This provision will provide a safer, alternative way for people being affected by domestic violence and abuse (DV&A) to contact them.

1. **Phoenix Health and Wellbeing**

**Leeds - £3,984.80**

The Phoenix Health and Wellbeing service support 100 people per month with counselling services. Some of the challenges faced by their clients include domestic abuse, historic child abuse, isolation and low self-esteem. As a result of Covid-19 the organisation has had to close their support centre. Some clients who are supported by the service are known to be at risk of suicide, domestic violence or relapse into drug or alcohol issues. This grant will allow their 8 trained staff to offer telephone support to these clients either by a weekly appointment service or a befriending service. Support will include ensuring the clients have sufficient food and medication, as well as putting them in touch with other services as required.

1. **St Luke's CARES**

**Leeds - £6000.00**

St Luke's CARES provides a variety of community projects to meet the needs of vulnerable and disadvantaged children, young people, unemployed people, elderly people and families living in poverty within inner South Leeds. Their aim is to have a positive impact on the lives of residents, by helping individuals to identify and overcome personal barriers which prevent them from achieving their full potential. Shine Bright will support young women at risk of exploitation aged 11-18. Whilst lockdown/social distancing is still in place they will connect with young women through video calls, zoom groups and signposting, ensuring young people have the means to stay safe and speak to trusted adults where needed. They will also run social media sessions and campaigns aimed at girls addressing issues of online exploitation, safety and wellbeing. As lock down eases, Shine Bright will conduct home visits, provide one to one support and points of connection for these young women and continue to assess what needs have arisen during the crisis.

1. **Support After Rape and Sexual Violence (SARSVL)**

**Leeds - £5,890.00**

SARSVL supports over 1200 women and girls a year who have been affected by child sexual abuse, sexual violence and rape at any point in their lives. They provide a women only safe space for women and girls across Leeds to find solace and support to help rebuild a life, providing support to help them feel safer and to become better at dealing with everyday life.

Women and girls can access a confidential free-phone Helpline including a text service; an Advocacy service which supports women from report to court and beyond, managed by an Independent Sexual Violence Advocate; and a counselling service which provides short and long term therapy including tailor made pre-trial therapy. This funding will allow them to increase their helpline hours and allow more staff to work remotely.

1. **The Skill Mill**

**Leeds - £4,709.60**

The Skill Mill is a construction based social enterprise which provides employment opportunities for young people aged between sixteen and eighteen. They employ only ex-offenders, actively reducing reoffending whilst increasing engagement, participation, employability and educational levels of the young people to increase their life chances. They have had to recently deal with the destabilising effect of COVID-19 which has had a negative financial toll on our organisation. In particular the funding will allow The Skill Mill team to support community organisations through the organising and delivery of food and supplies and transporting of Looked after Children between placements, moving belongings and transporting children from custody. They are doing their best to keep young people on payroll and actively engaged.

1. **Womens Health Matters**

**Leeds - £5998.08**

Women's Health Matters works with women from the most disadvantaged communities in Leeds who face significant inequalities, including poverty, domestic abuse, racism and poor mental health. Last year they were able to support 1529 women and almost half (49%) of the women they support have experienced suicidal thoughts, a third have relied on food banks and one-in-four were sexually abused as a child. This grant will support the ‘The Safer Together’ project which aims to prevent harm to women and girls caused by abusive relationships. They will reduce risks heightened by social distancing and isolation by providing individual support through this challenging period. The project will provide 12 hours of support work each week plus 1.75 hours of management to process safeguarding issues and provide supervision. Workers will identify and support women and girls with high need, whether risks posed are from domestic abuse or declining mental health, and contact women via phone, email or post, offering emotional and practical support.

1. **ECHO Community Programme**

**Wakefield - £6,000.00**

ECHO (Every Child Has Options) is an early intervention community project delivered from a GP setting aiming to tackle social challenges in their community. The project operates accessible hours including early evenings and works in partnership with the GP who is able to respond to any presenting medical problems. During the COVID-19 period ECHO is providing a one to one timetable for vulnerable children aged 7 -11 years old, as well as mentoring for their families. The timetable offers education surrounding what is appropriate behaviour including antisocial behaviour and bullying. The education provides a strong tool to allow the children to safeguard themselves and those they care about. The offer also enables swift referrals to be made where serious concern is raised.

1. **Wakefield Council Children First Hubs**

**Wakefield - £2,600.00**

The Children First Hubs work with families or young people who would like some extra support to deal with a difficult situations such as challenging behaviours, family relationships, emotional and mental health, domestic abuse or parental conflict, housing issues or employment and debt problems. This project will work with parents affected by child to parent domestic abuse. The aim is to support the parent/s in this situation through online support with trained staff. To support this the programme they will also work with the child involved to cover various topics such as domestic abuse, drugs, sexual and mental health. We know that during these hard times both parents and children are struggling to manage their emotions which can lead to a negative outcome. They hope that with this early intervention programme can ensure more family homes are safe and support for young people early on will reduce the risk of that child becoming an adult perpetrator.

1. **Wakefield Council Youth Work team**

**Wakefield - £5,996.66**

The Youth Work team at Wakefield Council are a team of nationally and locally qualified youth workers delivering interventions and projects across the Wakefield District. Projects includes LGBTQ, Youth-Voice, Duke of Edinburgh Award, SEND, Skills for Adolescence and Young Carers. Much of their work has now taken to social media platforms to remain in touch with vulnerable groups. This project consists of the youth workers being trained up to work in partnership with NPT to deliver street-based interventions. This team will visit areas in Wakefield where young people aren't following the rules set out around self-isolating and social distancing. This work will also be extended to some of the districts children's homes where some of their most vulnerable young people are looked after. Homes have requested support to engage young people in activities to prevent them from leaving and so putting themselves and staff at risk.