



Homelessness Prevention Outcomes Pot

Funding Criteria - March 6th 2018

The Homelessness Prevention Outcomes Pot is an opportunity for organisations providing services in Mid and East Devon as well as Teignbridge and Exeter City to apply for small amounts of funding to enable and support work that contributes to homelessness prevention.

MHCLG Homelessness Prevention Trailblazers

This initiative is part of a Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) Homelessness Prevention Trailblazer, awarded to the four District Authorities in December 2016. The programme focuses on:

- **Universal prevention:** timely support for all about housing and financial issues.
- **Targeted prevention:** better identification of those at risk and providing early interventions.
- **Crisis relief:** effective interventions and advice to resolve a crisis.
- **Recovery:** accommodation and support targeted at helping people exit homelessness rapidly.
- **Move-on support:** longer term support to sustain independent living.

About the Homelessness Prevention Outcomes Pot (HPOP)

We know there are diverse services offering homelessness prevention across the districts, some are explicitly addressing homelessness whilst a great many others are providing prevention work alongside other organisational objectives. We want to inspire all organisations to join us to deliver a greater number of positive outcomes for people at risk of homelessness as well as those already experiencing homelessness.

Homeless Prevention Outcomes

The MHCLG has specified a wide range of outcomes that can be delivered which go beyond the remit and scope of local housing options teams as well as including housing specific solutions such as preventing evictions and housing people. The intention is that organisations are supported to innovate and respond directly to local needs and to reach people much earlier than crisis point.

The outcomes detailed by MHCLG are in Appendix One (definition of homelessness prevention). Please be aware that these are described in such a way that the nature of the intervention is used rather than describing the change that has been brought about. Please don't feel bound by these, as there is an option to deliver 'Other' outcomes. We can help you work through what these may be, if you'd prefer support with this.

Why Are We Commissioning Outcomes?

Although the HPOP is relatively small, it offers you the chance to apply for funding that focuses on the 'result'. This means we are most interested in the change you can bring about for people. It will be up to you to consider the best ways to go about this. We are most interested in the impact a given intervention has and its applicability to a cohort on a wider scale, or its applicability more generally. This is a learning opportunity for all of us. Ultimately, we will be reporting to the MHCLG, as they too want to develop a repository of evidence regarding what works for homelessness prevention.

The Specifics of HPOP

- We will be allocating £40,000 between late April and September 2018
- Successful bids will need to be delivered between May 2018 and April 2019
- The 'Pot' provides a sum of £125 per successful outcome - which equates to 320 outcomes in total
- We envisaged individual bids won't exceed £4,000 to £5,000 (or 32 to 40 outcomes)
- The 'Pot' is available to formally constituted charities, community interest companies, community and faith groups
- We don't want to exclude any not-for-profit group; however, as a minimum you must have a bank account in the name of the group with two signatories, a written constitution (which show your aims are not-for-profit) and a committee of at least three unrelated people (if you don't meet these criteria we may be able to put you in touch with a partner group who can apply)
- Projects that are designed to promote a faith or political persuasion will not be funded. However, we may fund projects organised by such groups if the outcomes have a community benefit (*for example, supporting community musical events that are to take place in a church and which are not designed to promote that faith*)
- Trailblazer funding cannot be used for services or projects that are already funded, although an extension of a project will be considered if it provides additional resources and interventions
- You are asked to apply for work that will take place in one or more of the four districts
- Applications will be invited using a short application form, and there will be an opportunity to discuss your application in more detail to agree outcomes for each project
- Support will be provided prior to an application and throughout; we recognise that organisations will be in different states of readiness to deliver

Types of Projects

- You may wish to provide highly individualised support to one or more individuals to tailor your support around their needs, and engage other partners
- You may wish to provide a specific service to a community or in a setting
- You may wish to apply to offer services for partners that extend or augment their current provision e.g. offering landlords and tenants support to resolve conflict or debt advice for people who may be presenting as harder to engage and need a different approach
- Based on the consultation we have undertaken to date, we know there are specific concerns around the following issues:
 - Mental health and trauma
 - Drug and alcohol
 - Debt
 - Unemployment
 - Young people, especially hidden homeless young people
 - Access to benefits / housing costs shortfall / money advice
 - Marital breakdown
 - Domestic Violence
 - Complex health problems, including end of life
 - Becoming a parent
 - Leaving prison - housing, debt and benefits
 - Learning disability and communication problems
 - Move on accommodation in social or private rented sector
 - Inability to raise rental deposit / rent in advance
 - Wrap around support for people with multiple barriers to housing
 - No wrong door, i.e. timely advice and support at the point of client presentation (with onward referrals as necessary)

Application Process:

- Applications will be invited in March 2018
- Applications will be reviewed by the Trailblazer project team who will make contact with you if further information is needed
- Applications will be considered by a panel of representatives from across the four districts
- We will require organisations to collect data that is specified by the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government (see Appendix One)
- As yet, we have no sense of the type or volume of bids we might receive and therefore might request a second round of applications

Appendix One

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government Definitions of Homelessness Prevention Outcomes

Source: HCLIC Data Specification v1.3

Local Housing Authorities are now required to report against the outcomes below to demonstrate 'the main prevention activity that was undertaken by the local authority as part of the Prevention Duty'.

This is a very straightforward data set which is describing the activity that Local Housing Authorities provide. We know that there will be alternative and creative approaches and want to encourage these. For this reason we have added an 'Other' category. This can be used to describe any other main outcomes you wish to deliver.

To reiterate, the outcomes we are seeking need to demonstrate wherever possible the changes that your input has been able to bring about for a household.

Accommodation secured by local authority or organisation delivering housing options service
Helped to secure accommodation found by applicant, with financial payment
Helped to secure accommodation found by applicant, without financial payment
Supported housing provided
Negotiation/mediation work to secure return to family or friend
Negotiation/mediation/advocacy work to prevent eviction/repossession
Financial payments to reduce rent service charge or mortgage arrears
Discretionary Housing Payment to reduce shortfall
Financial payments used for other purposes (not arrears or to secure new accommodation)
Housing related support to sustain accommodation
Debt advice
Resolved benefit problems
Sanctuary or other security measures to home
Other method that prevents homelessness and assists household to obtain alternative accommodation.

Appendix Two

The Homelessness Case Level Information Collection (H-CLIC) Data Monitoring Specification

It is important that you collect all of the pertinent information below for each household that you support – this data will then be submitted to Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government.

? Application Date

? Previous Case Ref. No.

? Eligibility Reason

? Dependent Children

? Assessment Date

? Circumstances

? Ethnicity

? Sexual Orientation

? Nationality

? Employment Status

? Partner Employment Status

? Housing Benefits

? Other Benefits

? Application Accommodation

? Last Settled Accommodation

? Settled Home Loss Reason

? AS Tenancy Loss Reason

? SR Tenancy Loss Reason

? Supported Housing Loss Reason

? Referred Into LA

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09/02/2018	Surname	Forename(s)	DOB	Age On		
	Gender	Relationship	Property	Postcode	Date	
		Joined	Case	Date Left	Case	
<u>Exeter</u>	Richard		01/01/1990	28	Male	Main Applicant
				09/02/2018		

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? Support Needs:- No support needs

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? Prevention Start Date

? Prevention Activity

? Engaged With Prevention

? Prevention End Date

? Prevention End Reason

? Prevention TA Decision

? Prevention Accommodation

? Prevention Accommodation LA

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? Final Duty End Reason
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? Final Duty Accommodation
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? Final Duty Accommodation LA
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? Final Duty End Date

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? TA Start Date 

There are no (TA) placements in the system for this HRA Case.

? TA End date 

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There are no reviews in the system for this HRA Case.