

MCF Major Grants Awarded to our Province since
1st January 2026

Sheffield Mencap and Gateway - Large Grant: £60,000. Date: 19.1.2026 - (Over 3 years)

Organisation Address: Park Grange Road, Sheffield, S2 3QF. Registered Charity No. 1056155

Organisation Activities: Sheffield Mencap and Gateway are an independent charity formed in 1951 by the parents of children with special educational needs. Their vision is that “all people with a learning disability and their carers in Sheffield are valued, included and respected so they can live fair, full and happy lives”. All their services are built on our core values of community, relationships, independence, confidence and wellbeing. They currently support over 700 children and adults with SEN across Sheffield. 80% of their management team are carers, or are themselves neurodiverse, and a majority of trustees are also carers. Support is lifelong, with services ranging from an inclusive playgroup to a lunch club for elderly carers.

MCF's Major Partnership with Hospice UK – Grant: £33,550

Organisation Address: The Prince of Wales Hospice Halfpenny Lane. Pontefract West Yorkshire WF8 4BG.

Charity Applicant Contact: Steffi Medrano: 01977 708 868

Organisation Activities: The grant to The Prince of Wales Hospice (PWH) will enable the Hospice to train and equip PWH's retail staff and volunteers to recognise subtle signs of financial hardship, social vulnerability, and loneliness in customers and donators by developing a bespoke 'Compassionate Retail' training coupled with a formal referral pathway, they will transform their hospice shops into trusted community hub points. This proactive, non-clinical approach will reduce barriers to care, enabling earlier intervention and connecting people facing hardship directly to the Hospice's Wellbeing Services and wider community support networks.

A total of £600,000 has been awarded nationally under the scheme, of which £400,000 is significant grants to local hospices supporting people in financial hardship.

PDAP - Large Grant: £50,000. Date: 18.3.2026 - (Over 2 years)

Organisation Address: S9/S10, Brookes Mill, Armitage Bridge, Huddersfield, HD4 7NR. Registered Charity No.1094215

Charity Applicant contact: Allie Eatwell. (Head of Quality and Development).

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Organisation Activities: PDAP believes everyone has the right to live their life free from abuse. The Charity provides safe, effective, and high-quality support to all victims of domestic abuse in Kirklees regardless of their gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity, age, disabilities, background or circumstances. The MCF Grant will cover the entire salary of a ChIDVA - Children's Independent Domestic Violence Advisor - who will support children and young people (aged 5-17) at immediate risk of abuse. While ChIDVA is not something new nationally, the project addresses a gap in service across Kirklees as there is no specialised support in place to help children as victims in their own right in their time of crisis. Support will include helping to reduce the immediate risk through safety planning

(helping to recognise and protect them from harm), help to understand their experiences (through creative activities), advocating for them with other services (for example, education or Children's Social Care) and /or professionals so there is a wider system approach. The ChIDVA will work in partnership with local agencies and professionals to safeguard their young clients for example the police, children's social care and education. Support will take place both in school and at home and will include art and play activities, visits to local amenities and supporting with access to therapeutic interventions.

Yorkshire Children's Charity - Large Grant of £59,613; 18.3.2026 - (Over 2 years)

Organisation Address: First Floor 116 - 118 Harrogate Road, Leeds, LS7 4NY.

Registered Charity No.1196738

Charity Applicant contact: Charlotte Farrington. Job Title: CEO.

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Organisation Activities: The grant will deliver over 4,600 winter essential items (e.g. including coats, school shoes, hats, gloves, pyjamas, duvets, pillows, and sheets) to children over the 2 years of funding. The charity has strong partnerships with primary schools and nurseries across Yorkshire and contacts around five hundred educational settings by email, usually toward the end of the summer term, to inform them when their referral application form opens. Teachers can then refer children living in destitution to the charity using an application form which outlines each family's specific needs and clothing sizes. Items are then ordered through a network of trusted suppliers (most items are purchased, although they do receive generous donations—particularly of bedding). Importantly, all items provided are brand new, helping to ensure families avoid any sense of stigma. Deliveries, ideally completed by early October, are carried out by a team of volunteers. 575 children aged 0-5 years will benefit from the grant. Demand for the warm winter clothing campaign has reached record levels. This year alone, the charity received applications for nearly 2,500 children from over 1,000 families. The application included excellent evidence of the charity's impact. They received almost 240 parent feedback forms following the 2025 Winter Essentials Programme, with 99% reporting that the support helped their children stay warm, dry, and ready to learn, reduced family stress, and strengthened their sense of support from school. From eighty-seven teacher responses, 94% reported improved confidence and self-esteem, 95% noted stronger inclusion, 75% saw better attendance in their children. Eighty-three percent also described the overall impact as "significant."

Bridge Large Grant of £60,000; 11.6.2026 - (Over 2 years)

Organisation Address: 35 Salem Street, Bradford, BD1 4QH Registered Charity No. 517356

Organisation Activities: The Bridge Project support people of all ages and families experiencing one or more challenges linked to domestic abuse, chronic housing issues, exploitation, financial issues, and poor physical health & mental health. One of their newest services, Bradford RESET which stands for Recognise, Engage and Support Everyone to Transform, is Bradford's first whole-system perpetrator intervention for individuals aged 16+ who have harmed, or are at risk of harming others in intimate or family relationships. The MCF will fund a new service for children and young people aged 11-17

identified as experiencing a range of challenges as a result of witnessing domestic abuse in the family home in need of support through their parent/s accessing the service who will receive one to one support from a dedicated Children's Worker for an average of 12-16 weeks to rebuild the child–non abusing parent relationship, which is a key focus. Since the launch of RESET in April 2025, they have received 500+ referrals, with 84 children linked to these. Over the course of the two-year MCF grant, 75 children and young people will benefit from one-to-one personalised support to improve their wellbeing, feelings of safety, and develop stronger relationships. The RESET programme has achieved sustained engagement from families and positive outcomes which will be enhanced through the work with children and young people. There is a 91% retention rate in the first 22-week behaviour change group; with 93% people reporting improved reflection; and 100% reporting positive changes in behaviour and thinking; alongside high levels of safety and respect.

DEX - Deaf Experience – Small Grant: £15,000 - 7/8/2026

Organisation Address: Deaf Experience, St Marys Street, Leeds, LS9 7DP, Leeds, LS9 7DP.

Registered Charity No.1114319. Website: dex.org.uk

Charity Applicant contact: Louise Thomas Job Title: Projects Manager. Email: louise.thomas@dex.org.uk. Tel: 07482284829

Organisation Activities:DEX is a deaf-led charity empowering deaf children and young people to thrive through British Sign Language, positive deaf role models and community. We protect BSL and deaf culture, reduce isolation, and create opportunities for every deaf young person to belong, succeed and reach their potential. It supports around 120 deaf young people aged 11-25 each year across Yorkshire, with many progressing into volunteering, peer mentoring, project leadership and trustee roles.

Most beneficiaries attend mainstream schools where they are often the only deaf pupil and have limited opportunities to use British Sign Language (BSL), meet deaf peers or develop a positive deaf identity. Many experience barriers to communication, education, employment and social inclusion, leading to loneliness, low confidence and poor mental wellbeing. The need is significant, with CRIDE data showing more than 5,000 deaf children and young people living across Yorkshire and the Humber, while research from the National Deaf Children's Society highlights higher levels of social isolation and poorer emotional wellbeing among deaf children. Demand for DEX's specialist support continues to grow through referrals from families, schools and Teachers of the Deaf. It provides youth clubs, wellbeing sessions, social activities, residential trips, volunteering opportunities, mentoring and leadership programmes.

Young people are referred through schools, colleges, health professionals, social care teams and partner organisations, with additional engagement through outreach and social media. Activities take place in accessible venues across Yorkshire and are free or heavily subsidised.

The organisation operates a BSL-first environment led predominantly by deaf staff, with all trustees being deaf and young people actively involved in designing, delivering and evaluating services. DEX works closely with

organisations including the National Deaf Children's Society, British Deaf Association, local authorities, education providers and health professionals to ensure joined-up support.

Feedback from young people and families shows increased confidence, improved wellbeing, reduced isolation and a stronger sense of identity and belonging. The grant will sustain and expand DEX's specialist deaf-led services, enabling more young people to access support, develop leadership skills and build positive futures.

Staying Put – Large Grant £60,000 (Over 2 years)

Organisation Address: 52 St. Johns Lane, Halifax West Yorkshire, HX1 2BW
Registered Charity No: 1116162. Website: www.stayingput.org.uk

Organisation Activities: Staying Put is a specialist domestic abuse and sexual violence charity delivering services across West Yorkshire, with a primary focus in Bradford, supporting women, children and young people experiencing or fleeing abuse through three integrated service strands. This grant will support a Children and Young People's Support Worker who will provide trauma-informed support to children and young people aged 0 to 18 living in refuge and dispersed accommodation across Bradford; many of them have experienced abuse directly or witnessed it within the home and have subsequently lost their sense of safety, routine, community and, in some cases, access to education. Children are automatically identified for support when they enter accommodation through established referral routes including housing teams, police, MARAC - Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference which is a confidential meeting where police, health workers, social care staff, housing officers, and Independent Domestic Violence Advisors share information to protect adults and children at high risk of serious harm or death from domestic abuse. The worker will provide regular one-to-one and group sessions, using play-based and creative approaches for younger children and structured emotional support and coping strategies for older children. Support includes helping children understand their experiences, rebuild feelings of safety, regulate emotions, maintain routines, manage school transitions and ensure their voices are heard in safeguarding and legal processes. The grant would fully fund the additional post, expanding an already established and proven service model to meet growing demand. Over the two-year grant period, the project expects to support around 65 children and aims to improve emotional wellbeing, resilience, behaviour, educational engagement and family relationships. Monitoring is undertaken through the charity's OASIS case management system, which tracks more than 120 outcome measures, alongside WEMWBS for older children and qualitative feedback from families. Existing evidence from the current service is particularly strong, including a 93% reduction in bedwetting, 89% reduction in nightmares and disturbed sleep, 90% reduction in aggressive or disruptive behaviour, and a 95% improvement in school attendance.

DEX- Deaf Experience - Small Grant £15,000.00 (1 year)

Organisation Address Deaf Experience, St Marys Street, Leeds, LS9 7DP,
Leeds, LS9 7DP

Registered Charity No 1114319. Website: dex.org.uk

Organisation Activities: DEX is a deaf-led charity supporting deaf young people aged 11-25 across Yorkshire and encouraging them to thrive through British Sign Language (protecting BSL and deaf culture) meeting deaf peer that provide positive role models, to reduce isolation, create opportunities for them to succeed and reach their potential. Many deaf people experience barriers to communication, education, employment and social inclusion, leading to loneliness, low confidence and poor mental wellbeing. More than 5,000 deaf children and young people live in Yorkshire and the Humber and research highlights higher levels of social isolation and poorer emotional wellbeing among deaf children. Demand for DEX's specialist support continues to grow through referrals from families, schools and Teachers of the Deaf. DEX provides youth clubs, wellbeing sessions and social activities in accessible venues across Yorkshire. It also provides residential trips, volunteering opportunities, mentoring and leadership programmes. Young people are referred through schools, colleges, health professionals, social care teams and partner organisations, with additional engagement through outreach and social media. Activities take place and are free or heavily subsidised. The organisation operates a BSL-first environment led predominantly by deaf staff, with all trustees being deaf and young people actively involved in designing, delivering and evaluating services. DEX works closely with organisations including the National Deaf Children's Society, British Deaf Association, local authorities, education providers and health professionals to ensure joined-up support. DEX supports around 120 deaf young people each year, with many progressing into volunteering, peer mentoring, project leadership and trustee roles. Feedback from young people and families shows increased confidence, improved wellbeing, reduced isolation and a stronger sense of identity and belonging. A grant would help sustain and expand DEX's specialist deaf-led services, enabling more young people to access support, develop leadership skills and build positive futures.

The King's Trust – Community Grant £150,000.0 - Delivery Province(s): Durham; Northumberland; Yorkshire, West Riding

Yorkshire West Riding Portion of Grant: £50,000.00 (Community Fund) – Over 2 years

Organisation Address: 53-57 Blandford Square, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 4HZ

Registered Charity No. 1079675 Website: <https://www.kingstrust.org.uk>

Organisation Activities: The King's Trust (formerly known as The Prince's Trust) is a UK-based youth charity that helps vulnerable and disadvantaged young people aged 11 to 30 build the confidence, skills, and stability they need to move into work, education, or training.

Core Mission and Support +

- Target Group: Supports individuals struggling at school, facing unemployment, dealing with mental health issues, experiencing homelessness, or recovering from trouble with the law.
- Free Programs: Offers free in-person and online training courses, personal development plans, and one-to-one mentoring.

- Employment Connections: Connects participants with major employers (such as the NHS, Marks & Spencer, and HSBC) through CV workshops and interview preparation.
- Enterprise and Business Start-up: Provides mentorship, business plan training, and funding opportunities for young people aged 18 to 30 who want to launch their own businesses.