



Organisation name	Project name	Project region	Amount agreed	Project Description
The Rural Coffee Caravan Information Project	Rural Coffee Caravan - Taking it Further	Eastern	£87,805	Expansion project based in various locations across Sussex to provide a new mobile meeting space (campervan), in rural locations. Also a new service to support those in fuel poverty. Well connected organisation who have demonstrated the effectiveness of existing activity.
The Ramblers' Association	Ramblers Friendship Walks	National	£88,870	Partnership project with Cruse who work with people who have been bereaved. They will combine their existing 'Walking for Health' group with the partner group Cruse who help bereaved people. They will try differing approaches to bring bereaved people together with walking activities using a referral system for the project.
Ideas Hub Chelmsford	To establish an information centre for Chelmsford	South East	£31,935	New project in Chelmsford, Essex using the group's existing experience of providing activities to tackle loneliness by opening an information centre to benefit individuals and agencies to support self-prescribing for the entire local community, targeting those suffering from loneliness. The provision will support Chelmsford's 28 Parishes, covering 168,000 inhabitants. The centre will be run by former beneficiaries of the service.
LD:North East	Healthy Connections North Tyneside	North East	£57,950	Expansion project based in North Tyneside, delivering sport and exercise activities leading to a healthy lifestyle and to connect people. The organisation clearly demonstrates the impact the work has had and the project is well planned with clear, appropriate detail provided. They have links to a number of relevant organisations.



Care Leavers Association	Care Experienced Connections	National	£100,000	Development of a social media platform aimed to connect care leavers of all ages who had lived in specific residential homes or foster care placements. Will establish a new updated multi-faceted digital platform, provide opportunities for care leavers to meet and develop a resource and training package for the public and voluntary sector service to help other organisations better understand care leaver isolation. The project aims to support users of the new digital platform and care leavers.
Chell Area Family Action Group	Together there is Hope	West Midlands	£98,687	Expansion project in Stoke-on-Trent. Will purchase minibus and appoint 10 volunteer social inclusion champions to support those most hard to reach and at risk of isolation.
Care Network Cambridgeshire	Cambridgeshire Action to End Loneliness	Eastern	£92,203	Expansion and development of a project in Cambridgeshire. It will expand an intergenerational project which links care homes with schools to buddy up young people with older residents to exchange skills. It will also work with local groups, parish councils and local authority services to identify people within the community suffering from (chronic) loneliness and provide members of the community with the necessary advice and support to help them.
Action with Communities in Rural Kent	Kent Coffee Caravan	South East	£66,104	Expansion project in rural Kent, providing a free pop up café and information hub. Particular focus on older beneficiaries who live alone in rural Kent and Medway. Well-connected organisation with demonstrable impact.
Action for Children	Chat and Play	National	£99,477	Expansion project to roll out and expand the current service provision nationally to over 80 nurseries and children's centres. The project offers a range of support projects to children and their families which cover mental health, short breaks for children considered SEND, buddying services for parents and providing young carers the opportunity to meet others in similar positions.



Grapevine Coventry and Warwickshire Ltd.	Self-Care Social: ending loneliness for people with long term health conditions	West Midlands	£97,261	Expansion project in Coventry, which aims to tackle loneliness for people with long-term health conditions. The approach focuses on empowering people to come together and catalyse events themselves. Will create 5-10 new initiatives.
Investing in People and Culture	Community Links	North East	£99,755	Expansion project in Middlesbrough, working with refugees and asylum seekers. Will reach refugees and vulnerable migrants through support employment, language, housing, health, legal issues and education.
Edberts House	Community Linking Project	North East	£98,059	Will scale up the work of four organisations working in partnership (Edberts House, Gateshead Older People's Assembly, CBC Health (federation representing all GP practices in Gateshead) and Gateshead Council, operating a social prescribing model within East Gateshead to include rural Gateshead. Community Link Workers will be embedded within GP practices to provide support for people who are isolated and lonely. It represents a strong model of partnership working to help people who are often furthest from support and connections.
YMCA Derbyshire	Campus Community Hub	East Midlands	£79,045	Expansion project based in Derbyshire, delivering intergenerational activities, working with young people and older people from the local community. Based at the YMCA's café and allotment site.
Byker Community Association	Everybody Welcome	North East	£30,500	Expansion project based in Byker, Newcastle-upon Tyne which provides a community centre for local people with an emphasis on supporting hard to reach communities, those affected by food poverty and young people who are NEET. It will scale up existing activities to help them set up their own community groups, offer volunteer placements with partners or in house projects and accredited training opportunities.



Idle Women CIC	Idle Women on Land	North West	£80,700	Expansion of service in the Accrington and Nelson areas of the North West offering weekly engagement for beneficiaries suffering from loneliness as well as providing specialist support to BAME women experiencing domestic abuse.
Bath and North East Somerset Carers Centre	Connecting Carers	South West	£99,947	A continuation and expansion project, the organisation wishes to build on their already successful 4 Carers Cafés and establish a further 15 Cafes within Bath and North East Somerset, which provides peer support groups and short courses to help reduce carers isolation as well as developing a digital toolkit for them. The group will also work with Bath and North East Somerset Council to develop a Carers Strategy to help ensure the project reduces loneliness locally.
Age UK Sunderland	Meaningful Connections	North East	£70,217	New project using existing delivery models in Sunderland, targeting older LGBT people. The project will provide 1:1 support, a local group and connections will be made via telephone and six social network groups will be set up. Close partnership with Sunderland Pride and other key stakeholders.
Marmalade Trust	Marmalade Helpline	South West	£45,525	Expansion project based in Bristol, South Gloucestershire, Bath and North East Somerset, Wiltshire, North and South Somerset in the South West, delivering a befriending service with volunteers. In addition, they have a loneliness helpline that extends their service and reach where and when it is needed.
Leonard Cheshire Disability	Opening Doors Gloucestershire	South West	£100,000	Expansion of existing project to Gloucester, where it will work with disabled adults, supporting them to be more engaged with the local community and to live more independently via 60 volunteer buddies. The project has a detailed focus on removal of common barriers to engaging in social activities such as transport.
Folkestone Sports Centre Trust Limited	Fit Together	South East	£87,120	Expansion project based in Folkestone, delivering activities for adults and teens who suffer isolation/have mental health issues or physical disabilities and people at transition stages in life. Also veterans and the Nepalese community.



Prisoners Abroad	Connecting Families Project	National	£99,723	Expansion to 1,000 families in Liverpool, Brighton and Colchester. Will promote and roll out online web-based family network to create a digital online community, supported by volunteers. Will increase impact by scaling up linkages with local organisations and services. Services will be co-designed.
Age UK Bath and North East Somerset	Later Life Connections	South West	£78,565	Expansion project based in Abbey/Kingsmead, Newbridge, Southdown, Tiverton and Peasedown St John. Support older people who have experienced a life changing event i.e. bereavement, loss of mobility and will provide advice, information, companionship and support.
Cross Gates & District Good Neighbours' Scheme CIO	Living La Vida LOCAL!	Yorkshire and The Humber	£73,625	Expansion project based in Leeds, to help reduce isolation amongst older people in the area. They wish to recruit additional staff to work with additional older people, delivering befriending, transport schemes, home visits and supported visits. The organisation has strong links within the local community and health services.
Furniture Reclamation and Delivery Enterprise (FRADE)	FRADE Men's Shed	North East	£81,570	Expansion project in Middlesbrough, which works with a diverse group of men, spanning age, race and disability who have low level mental health issues. The project will help them create social connections via restoration of second hand furniture.
Staffordshire Housing Association Limited	Getting Connected	West Midlands	£99,842	Expansion project based in Newcastle-under-Lyme, which provides long-term social support for older people. Will focus on working with socially isolated older people who are accessing primary care.
Empowerment Charity Lancashire	PEER 4 U	North West	£95,000	Expansion project based in Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre, delivering support for people with Multiple Complex Needs (MCN). Will recruit peer mentors to support service users to access employment, social contacts, cultural activities etc. Lived experience team works closely with users who have experienced homelessness, offending, substance misuse and mental health illness.



Resolving Chaos CIC	Connecting Conversations	Eastern	£99,989	Expansion project based in Hertfordshire and delivering a new people-led group to empower local older people with lived experience of loneliness to develop a range of initiatives. Project will support older people and will benefit an additional set of groups as a result of 'critical friend' support.
The Royal United Kingdom Beneficent Association TA Independent Age (The Campaign to End Loneliness)	Campaign to End Loneliness's Relationships and Resilience Project	National	£100,000	New England-wide project, which will gather evidence to address the key factors that are known to trigger loneliness. Will work with thousands of individual older people, over 2,000 organisations and up to 100 academics, to identify and create solutions that grow relationships and resilience over time.
Wolverhampton Voluntary Sector Council (WVSC)	The Wellbeing Partnership	West Midlands	£78,852	Expansion of an existing service in Wolverhampton that will close the gap between the range of social prescriptions currently available for people identified as lonely or socially isolated and their needs, including older men, LGBT+ communities, homeless people, people who are recently bereaved, those living with sight loss who are financially excluded, people aged 30-50 and carers. It aims to reach a further set of people per year via a range of workshops, social events, programmes, a DIY cafe and a repair cafe. It will work with Ring and Ride to design an approach that better responds to the needs of social prescribing customers, enabling them to take up the social prescription of their choice.
Worcestershire Association for the Blind	SocialEYES	West Midlands	£100,000	Expansion project based across Worcestershire, to deliver a befriending service, matching volunteers with people who are blind or partially sighted and become isolated as a result. Befrienders are matched through shared interests and the project will be signposted by a range of services. There is strong partnership working and plans are in place to sustain the project.



Saltbox	CareLink	West Midlands	£99,954	Expansion project operating in Stoke-On-Trent aimed at vulnerable people over the age of 50. The group will expand into new areas across Staffordshire, creating opportunities for face-to-face befriending with volunteers, increase the range of day-trips on offer, build partnerships with key agencies in pockets of deprivation and high need and provide more accessible travel.
Mind in Mid Herts	Creative Minds	Eastern	£56,268	This is a new project which will be delivered in Stevenage and more rural neighbouring communities, targeting those with mental health issues. Running four separate courses involving drama, poetry and pottery. Service users who have completed the courses will be linked into 10 other arts or community groups and encouraged to volunteer. Four service users will also be trained to provide mental health awareness training to at least 10 existing arts groups.
The Woman's Activity Centre	Talking Works	Yorkshire and The Humber	£72,240	Expansion in Halifax that will support older women in the Pakistani community who have been identified as unable to engage and are isolated. The project will fund the door to door transport to attend activities such as games, exercise and regular one to one counselling, developing relationships.
Mums Aid Maternal Mental Health Support CIC	The Peer Support and Social Intergration Project	London	£58,456	This group based in the Borough of Greenwich project to deliver outreach peer-support to mothers in their own homes who are isolated and currently unable to attend counselling due to agoraphobia, parenting responsibilities, and accessibility issues. volunteers with 'lived experience' to provide opportunities for mothers experiencing postnatal to socialise and access well-being and social get-together groups.
Wiltshire Community Foundation	Wiltshire Loneliness Uncovered	South West	£42,098	Expansion project based in Wiltshire and Swindon, which will bring together small grassroots community organisations and local to people to work on a project which will heighten awareness and understanding of loneliness.



Brighton Women's Centre	Women to Women Peer Mentoring Project	South East	£73,107	Expansion project based in Brighton working with women at risk or who have faced abuse, loss, trauma, poverty, homelessness and some who have been in contact with the criminal justice system. Women at the end of their support journey will be offered the opportunity to facilitate their own peer support groups and one to one support. Strong partnership links with statutory agencies and local organisations are in place
Salford Foundation Limited	Emerge	North West	£97,558	Expansion project based in Salford will support socially disadvantaged women who are isolated and experience loneliness due to multiple needs and barriers. Group based activities will be offered, with five Peer Champions recruited from women who have faced similar experiences to service users.
The Fitzwilliam Museum, University of Cambridge	Making Connections	Eastern	£83,763	Expansion project based in Cambridge, providing 'Tea and Talk' and 'Dancing in the Museum' sessions to people with dementia and their care partners and isolated older people. Sessions include talking about project artefacts as a focus for social interaction and outreach work into sheltered housing.
Stainforth4all Ltd.	Give IT a Go	Yorkshire and The Humber	£36,610	Expansion of a successful pilot project in Stainforth, Doncaster of a digital inclusion project. Volunteers will be trained as 'Digital Champions' to work with older people aged 65 plus initially at their own homes and then in small groups at the Community Centre for IT sessions. Unemployed young people aged 18-24 as volunteer 'Digital Champions' to support participants and develop their own skills towards employment with access to accredited awards.
Action East Devon Ltd.	Hi Vis: Male Carer Project	South West	£74,900	Expansion project operating in Honiton and Seaton targeting male carers. such as men in sheds, fishing trips, pub meet-ups and practical skills workshops. Having brought men together and as bonds begin to grow between participants, they may try to engage them in other services such as counselling and peer support groups.



Social Action for Health	Good Friends	London	£81,231	Expansion project based in Tower Hamlets, Greater London, delivering a befriending service to elderly who have multiple disabilities including mobility issues. The project will be promoted to potential service users. Evaluation of the project will be through storytelling and Warwick-Edinburgh Mental Well-being Scale (WEMWBS) will be used to measure participants mental well being. Key findings from evaluations will be collated into a resource and available in various languages.
Organiclea Ltd.	Roots In - Green Care Connections	London	£87,160	Expansion project based in Chingford and Waltham Forest Greater London delivering a volunteering and training placement in horticulture, a buddy scheme and a one to one mentoring service to people who are socially isolated, in mental health recovery, people with a learning disability or those in long term unemployment. There is strong partnership with many voluntary and public sector health and social care agencies within the region.
The Sycamore Project - Zac's Youth Bars	Zac's Connect	North West	£79,410	Expansion project based in Bolton in the North West delivering a listening service and peer support group to young people suffering with mental health issues. They will run short 10 week blocks of weekly activities for 3 specific groups of young people 3 times a year, for young people who have been referred and those who are self referrals.
Children's Links	Building Links	East Midlands	£87,800	Expansion project based in East Lindsey, Lincolnshire delivering befriending service to older people living in nursing homes and nursery children living in rural areas. Local volunteers will help to deliver the project by purchasing a campervan and visiting the most rural areas and delivering activities including board games, craft activities and group activities. The organisation are well connected and work with local councils, schools, children's services, police and a number of local businesses.
Kingsley Hall Church & Community Centre	The 'Our House' Project in the middle of the street	South East	£95,406	Expansion project based in the heart of the Becontree Estate, Dagenham, Greater London. The project will target isolated people including over 65s, young people at risk, carers, those with a disability or experiencing ill health. They will offer activities including, arts, crafts, food, discussion groups, befriending and life skills.



Former Forces Support	Driving Force Support Project	North West	£38,150	Expansion project based in Leigh, North West delivering inclusion programmes to ex-forces community to help them transition to civilian life and also to support the older members of ex-forces who may be widowed or living alone. The funding from Building Connections Fund will enable them to continue the maintenance and upkeep of a minibus and train volunteer drivers. The organisation are well connected.
One Community Development Trust	TLC Project	Eastern	£43,352	Expansion project based in Tilbury, East of England delivering work that involves supporting the marginalised and the unemployed. The organisation have recently won the Queen's Award for voluntary Service and have quantifiable evidence of the difference their work has made in terms of reducing loneliness and isolation. They will recruit volunteers to help run the project, running three community events to bring people together and integrate the community through volunteering to help execute the events.
Comics Youth CIC	Queer Youth	North West	£43,266	Expansion project based in Liverpool City Centre offering Youth support an additional two evenings per week to LGBTQIA individuals who are isolated and need support to address the consequence of their stigmatised statuses. The project will engage beneficiaries and encourage them to become Peer Mentors and Advocates in the community.
Dementia Friendly Keighley	Dementia Friendly Keighley	Yorkshire and The Humber	£35,936	Expansion based in Keighley will provide people with dementia and their carers additional support to reduce loneliness by providing advice, information and age appropriate activities which they aim to support via drop in sessions and outdoor activities. The organisation have strong links with key partners in the area including Community Mental Health Team and Carers Resource.
Active Plus Community Interest Company	Connecting Penzance	South West	£99,905	This is an expansion purchasing a minibus that will allow the organisation to expand its service into new rural areas of Cornwall where people are isolated and hard to reach. The project will target men aged 65 plus, women of working age and people from ethnic minorities supporting them to join groups and connect to provide services to the community which means a whole community approach is developed.



Community Council of Devon	Devon Highlights	South West	£98,900	This is a development of a new and unique partnership with Creativity Centre, Healthwatch Devon and other organisations who have a proven track record of working with people in later life. The project will engage beneficiaries in the design and development scaling up some community groups throughout rural Devon and developing new groups who will be supported to be empowered to develop their own activities.
Shine Cancer Support	Alone No More - Supporting Young Adults with Cancer to Connect	National	£98,848	This is an Expansion of an England wide project which aims to support young adults who are living with and beyond cancer aiming and link with 225 healthcare professionals. The project will offer support via cancer centres, charities and encourage individuals to join Networks and set up activities to support each other.
Hikmat Devon CIC	Hikmat Outreach	South West	£40,000	This is an expansion and will support BME communities across Devon working to reduce isolation. They run frequent activities working with local organisations such as Active Devon, Phoenix Art Centre. offering engagement programmes and introductory visits to encourage community engagement.
Community First Yorkshire	Nowt but a brew	Yorkshire and The Humber	£99,555	This expansion based in North Yorkshire will tackle loneliness by developing activities and facilitate and connect organisations to take action in their own locality, they will encourage volunteers to support delivery. The organisation is well connected and has experience of the area.
Afghanistan & Central Asian Association	Women's Tea Corner	London	£93,492	This expansion based in Hounslow West London will work with lonely and isolated Afghan and Black Minority Ethnic Refugees by offering weekly activities such as tea sessions, one to one mentoring and social events. The group have a good track record of developing activities and evidencing the impact.



Child Bereavement UK	Bringing bereaved families together across London	London	£99,867	This expansion aims to work across London to provide increased support and awareness for bereaved families and children, providing links to other existing support groups and create a network of support for people at a difficult time. The project will also launch a new Young People's Advisory Group for teenagers as well as Family Support Groups for families. The organisation have established links with hospitals and other charities.
Bradford and District Live at Home Scheme	Live at Home Connections	Yorkshire and The Humber	£93,139	Continuation and expansion project to be delivered in Bradford, to provide support, transport and activities for older people. New micro social clubs, befriending, social activities, volunteer support and transport will be delivered and will benefit new older people. Organisation has strong connections and networks within its community, good experience in running older people's support schemes.
Off the Record (Bristol)	Freedom - Building Connections for LGBTQ+ Young People	South West	£99,433	Continuation and expansion of peer support and social action project for LGBTQ+ young people from across Bristol. Will provide a supportive space and sessions including peer mentoring, social action, creative activities, an online community, and 1:1 therapy. LGBT+ young people will benefit through building connections, bringing groups and organisations together, helping young people to break down barriers and embed a learning approach.
Kent Wildlife Trust	Take Root	South East	£99,850	Expansion project delivered at the Sevenoaks Nature Reserve in Kent for those at risk of loneliness, predominantly those aged 60+ years old. Activities will include practical conservation tasks, nature and wellbeing walks, species identification, and wildlife gardening. It will engage people who will have been referred through partner organisations along with self-referrals. The project will help to establish partnership working between Kent Wildlife Trust, West Kent Mind and One You.



Bonny Downs Community Association	Active and Connected Project	London	£99,073	Development of existing work delivering a range of events, activities and services across Newham for over 50's, local children, parents and carers, young people and local people in crisis that reduce loneliness via community hubs. A new project coordinator will deliver low cost, inclusive, community-building activities including four sports groups and two skills development courses. A new volunteer-run befriending/outreach service will also be launched to visit housebound beneficiaries in their homes. The new multifaceted project will introduce an intergenerational element offering an inclusive and holistic approach to bringing lonely people together, reducing isolation and loneliness and increasing community connections.
Alive Activities Limited	Access All Ages	South East	£77,833	Development and expansion of existing service in Greater Bristol to also reach Hampshire, Wiltshire and Gloucestershire delivering an intergenerational activity programme, partnering care settings with local schools to support older people in care. Aim is to support an additional older people to become more socially active. the organisation has been engaged in loneliness prevention and reducing isolation of residents in care homes for many years and sessions will build friendships, improve wellbeing, strengthen relationships within care homes and create a deeper sense of community.
Positively UK	Gay Men's Wellbeing Project	London	£81,099	Expansion of a range of support services to communities of people living with HIV across London, predominantly gay and bisexual men. It will support a further beneficiaries via the recruitment of a programme coordinator to develop and implement individual action plans and via volunteer buddying. Emotional support to engage with the community will help them to interact and form connections with others and the organisation has provided a clear plan to offer this support and involved peer to peer work.



Caring All Together on Romney Marsh	Young at Heart - Enjoying Life	South East	£70,000	Continuation and expansion of activities run in partnership with local community groups and care homes to help reduce loneliness among older people living in the rurally isolated hamlets and villages in and around Romney Marsh in Kent. It will deliver social activities, weekly sessions, home visiting and reminiscence support to additional older people.
Body & Soul	"You are not alone"	London	£94,425	Expansion project based in Haringey, Camden and Hackney, Greater London to deliver a project in 3 parts: dialectical therapy skills group, trauma yoga sessions and weekly creative spaces.
Action Foundation	Intergration Action Drop-In	North East	£86,143	Expansion project based in Newcastle and Sunderland, North East delivering a multi agency drop in service for marginalised asylum seekers, refugees and other migrants in order to help them to connect to their local communities. The organisation have the capability to deliver the project and have a clear plan for delivery with a strong element of partnership. Monitoring and evaluation will be carried out through a variety of methods. sustainability plans are being developed.
Addaction	MAP Plus	National	£99,683	Expansion project to be delivered across north East, North West, Yorkshire and the Humber, East Midlands, West Midlands, East of England, Greater London, south East, South West (Across England). The project delivers online support service, web chats with people who were concerned about a loved one and had nowhere else to turn for support. Volunteers will be recruited to deliver the project.
West of England Rural Network (WERN)	Rural Connections	South West	£38,000	Expansion project based in North Somerset, South West delivering social activities which offer information, advice and support to help older people live independently at home, improve their wellbeing and tackle social isolation and loneliness. They work within rural areas and work with local organisations such as councils, committees, village halls etc.



Greater Nottingham Groundwork Trust	The (Re:)Generation Factory	East Midlands	£99,873	Expansion project based in Bilborough, Greater Nottingham, delivering befriending services to older residents to access social opportunities and home visits drawing on the volunteers skills, interests and abilities to deliver the project.
Shama Womens Centre	Opening Minds and Community Programme for Women	East Midlands	£86,120	Expansion project to be delivered in Leicester, East Midlands delivering wellbeing programmes for black minority ethnic women, providing interactive activities in form of workshops and budding support system.
Groundwork Northamptonshire	Connecting Corby	East Midlands	£99,180	Expansion project based in Corby, Northamptonshire, East Midlands delivering environmental, youth work and community led arts activities.
Cheshire Deaf Society	North West - Cheshire East District	North West	£46,588	Expansion project based in Cheshire East District, North West delivering afternoon tea projects to people with any kind of hearing problems and/or dementia. There is a clear focussed plan in place and have a plan for reaching out to include more beneficiaries, they are well connected and working with the University of Manchester to develop monitoring and evaluation strategies.
Birmingham Disability Resource Centre	Connecting Yardley	West Midlands	£91,445	This is a new joint project between Birmingham Disability Resource Centre and Age UK Birmingham working in Yardley, Birmingham. The project will build capacity to increase/improve community activities, address barriers to participation and work with community transport providers to pilot a new approach to making the most of underused transport assets. Project will be aimed at isolated and or lonely or at risk such as those who have been recently bereaved, diagnosed with a long term condition or disability.



Volunteer Cornwall	VIVA (Volunteering for Isolated, Vulnerable Adults)	South West	£84,726	Continuation and expansion project to improve the existing Volunteering in Vulnerable Adults programme. Working across Cornwall the four strands of the programme will find volunteering placements, signpost and refer to local activities, identify gaps in provision and refer to organisations for capacity building and support beneficiaries to become volunteers themselves. The project will support people with health issues, but target those at risk of loneliness and isolation..
Otley Road and Undercliffe Community Works	Nani Ji (Urdu for Grandma - respect)	Yorkshire and The Humber	£75,298	This is a new project, targeting older Asian women, particularly Mirpuri Pakistani, to encourage them to leave their homes, make new friends, develop skills and have new experiences. Project beneficiaries will be located in inner city Bradford.
The Community Council of Shropshire (Operating as Shropshire RCC)	Shropshire Care and Share Project	West Midlands	£63,570	Expansion project based in Shropshire. The "Care & Share" Project is run in the model of a babysitting circle and is for socially isolated carers of people with dementia. The group propose to set up 5 new groups (where dementia provision is very limited or non-existent) which will be available to family carers in isolated areas within a large rural county. This will extend building of social connections further through peer support.
South Somerset Mind CC	Somerset Wellbeing Friends	South West	£99,967	Expansion project that will work across South Somerset, North and West Dorset to increase social connections and help people build a sense of belonging within local communities by encouraging people to engage. The organisation have good partnerships within local Voluntary Sector Community Associations and will encourage inclusive activities.
St Luke's Community and Regeneration Enterprises	Take Over Project	Yorkshire and The Humber	£71,670	New project based in the Beeston Hill area of Leeds which will utilise the organisations existing charity shops to link with community groups and support those hard to reach to link with the community by providing volunteering opportunities or coaching. The organisation has good strategic partnerships in the Leeds area and will use these to help address the multi-layered issues of worthlessness, isolation and loneliness.



Staffordshire Care Farming Development CIC	Wellies Building Connections	East Midlands	£95,366	Expansion in Derbyshire of the organisations current project which deliverers alternative therapeutic learning activities for anyone suffering from socially isolating mental health. They will run additional 15-week programme.
Manchester Carers Forum	Care Support Service	North West	£76,150	Expansion in Manchester to support additional carers by offering additional activities where carers come together to share tips and provide peer networks at pop-up coffee meetings. The organisation has good links with up to 21 organisations via Manchester Carers Network and other partner organisations.
Mencap Liverpool	Connecting Sefton	North West	£99,990	Expansion project in Sefton. 40 new volunteers recruited to run social groups, physical activities, workshops and befriending support for isolated adults with mild to moderate learning disability.
The Archway Foundation	The Link Café - Creating Community for Isolated Young Adults	South East	£78,855	Continuation and expansion in Oxford. Vulnerable young people isolated due to life circumstances, learning difficulties / disabilities and mental ill health will benefit from a two hour long bi-weekly day social group.
Andover Radio Ltd.	The Love Bus	South East	£77,000	New project to scale up existing work in Andover. Will run a mobile hub bus staffed by volunteers at community events and locations benefitting 120 community members per week.
The Cares Family Limited	East London Cares	London	£100,000	Expansion into Hackney and Tower Hamlets, East London. Friendship programme matches older people 65 and over with young professionals aged 21-40 benefitting.
Learning Unlimited Ltd.	Connecting Families	London	£79,976	Expansion project working in Lambeth, Southwark and Westminster which will train volunteer parents and migrant women to engage and support local socially isolated families through a programme of family learning workshops with follow-up one-to-one support and signposting. The group has extensive and well established engagement strategies, is well connected and the project will be evaluated to cascade the model to other partners.



The Hadhari Project	Embrace	East Midlands	£90,000	Continuation and expansion in Derby. Social and learning activities for older people of Caribbean heritage expanding to include other BME groups and run more sessions to meet increasing demand for services. Newly trained volunteers and small participatory fees will help ensure sustainability.
Imago Community	CAMEO (Come and Meet Each other)	South East	£92,392	Expanding into other districts of Tunbridge Wells, Kent. 12 week programme of activities that will bring people together through learning. Attending sessions includes access to transport by minibus for older people.
Kingscare League of Friends	Kerswella - the next chapter	South West	£70,000	Expansion project based in Devon, to deliver patient support services including befriending and transport, matching volunteers with people who are referred through NHS services. The purchase of a mobility vehicle will extend their transport service, and they will also set up a shop/cafe which will become an activity hub for their other services.
Bushbury Hill Community Action Group	Bushbury Buddies	West Midlands	£92,341	Expansion project based in Wolverhampton to deliver befriending service for older residents, adding a minibus for a transport service to bring people together, and they are adding events for people to attend.
The Cambridge Housing Society Limited	Timebanking and Befriending	Eastern	£49,222	Project in Cambridge expanding to Ely and Cambourne. Uses a Time-bank to bring people together through mutually beneficial services. Includes activities such as group walking, gatherings and a befriending service.
b:Friend!	Let's b:Friend!	Yorkshire and The Humber	£97,880	Expansion project based in Sheffield to deliver one to one and group befriending services for older residents as well as adding additional events for people to attend. Setting up an office to coordinate the project, they are well connected in the community.
Southend Association of Voluntary Services	Folk Like Us Shoebury	Eastern	£98,869	Expansion project in Essex creating an additional hub in Shoeburyness. They operate a range of services for older people from the hubs, including an allotment, social activities and a befriending service. <del>There is strong partnership working in the new location and plans are in place to wind down the project.</del>



Befriending Networks Ltd	Befriending Beats Loneliness	National	£77,825	Expansion project based across England, to connect different groups who are providing befriending services. They share best practice and represent befriending groups in a number of national forums. They will deliver three events across England delivering a masterclass in befriending practice. They have good connections nationally.
The Sandwell Crossroads Care Attendant Scheme Ltd	Dementia Support for Carers	West Midlands	£99,075	Expansion project in Birmingham and the Black Country. Expanding work with people with dementia to tackle the loneliness of their carers. A pilot project based in Sandwell.
Manor and Castle Development Trust Limited	The Manor and Castle Social Prescribing and Wellbeing Project	Yorkshire and The Humber	£88,665	Continuation of a pilot project in Sheffield, with overall funding being more than double the funded budget. Will deliver services to people who are vulnerable, socially isolated, hard to engage and/or have multiple complex needs across a partnership of organisations.
Voluntary Action South West Surrey	Community Point	South East	£89,440	Project in Surrey extending into Guildford and Waverley. Aims to help people recovering from mental ill-health and at risk of isolation through a buddy system and social hubs.
B Active NB Fit CIC	Park Life	North East	£78,700	Expansion project based in Sunderland, which provides health and wellbeing services (mostly around fitness and mobility) for older people. Purchase of a vehicle will extend the reach of the service, allowing them to deliver fitness activities in public spaces.
Abbey Physic Community Garden	Growing a Healthy Community	South East	£78,630	Expansion project based in Faversham and Swale, which uses a community garden to deliver a range of therapeutic activities, peer support, training and skill building opportunities via horticulture, a community kitchen, cooking and nutrition classes, coffee cabin, craft activities and Men's Shed. The project will increase its opening hours and extend its reach to bereaved, carers and older men.



Together for Short Lives	Families Together	National	£89,331	Expansion project which works England-wide to deliver support to families of children with life-limiting conditions via a helpline telephone service, social media and outreach. The project will increase its impact of the current services and introduce new services such as web-chats. It aims to reach additional families.
Groundwork North East	Men in Sheds: Urban Heroes!	North East	£99,632	Expansion of a pilot project in Middlesbrough which provides Men's Shed sessions. It will increase its impact by engaging further individuals and introduce 32 outreach sessions to engage local men. The project will enable participants to become part of an Urban Hero taskforce working with other community organisations doing general maintenance tasks.
Glossop and District Volunteer Bureau	Glossopdale Companions	East Midlands	£80,176	Continuation and expansion project in Glossop and surrounding rural villages. Group will recruit new volunteers and staff to expand their telephone, transport and companion/befriending services reaching an additional rural and socially isolated people. The group is well established with 40 years experience, it works with over 150 VCS groups.
BEEE Creative CIC	Improvising Generations	Eastern	£75,515	Expansion project in St Albans, Hertfordshire which will extend an annual weekly cultural project to monthly workshops including residential courses using dance, live music and outdoors spaces as tools to inspire and motivate individuals to connect with other people in new ways.
The Denby Dale Centre Ltd.	Better Transport, Better Connections, Better Life	Yorkshire and The Humber	£99,610	Expansion of a community transport service which covers Kirklees in rural Yorkshire. Project aims to recruit more volunteer car service drivers, expand its Shopper Bus service, improve partner working using coordination and logistics to make best use of resources and timetabling in the local area and purchase an additional minibus.
Age Exchange	Reminiscence Arts Club (Carers and Dementia)	North West	£97,600	Expansion project in Blackley, Manchester uses reminiscence, theatre and arts to bring generations together to improve the well-being of older people. Project takes this model to EachStep Blackley a specialist dementia care service.



Nuneaton & Bedworth Healthy Living Network	Peoples Pantry	West Midlands	£87,752	Expansion project based in Nuneaton and Bedworth, West Midlands which will provide social eating projects in rural areas. 24 volunteers will be recruited and trained and will provide 120 balanced meals per week alongside pop-up activities within an unused shop. Activities will be aimed at older people and carers.
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### Funding from the Co-op Foundation to tackle loneliness among the younger generation

	Organisation	Project Description	Amount requested	Location
1	The Church of England Children's Society	They will create a national supportive network of young carer (YC) champions aged 16-24. They will co-produce the programme and attend workshops, co-deliver training to professionals, connect with local young carers, create online content and deliver awareness raising.	£79,802	Greater Manchester, Blackburn, Bradford, Birmingham, Nottingham, Wolverhampton, Tower Hamlets, Newham, Torbay, Portsmouth, and Southampton.
2	A New Direction London	Working in partnership with London's Virtual School, they will support young people in care to develop a programme of arts-based activity.	£79,450	Barnet, Brent, Ealing, Harrow



3	Barnardo's	Barnardo's will develop their project CLUB (Care Leavers Unite Bristol), and will develop a programme of peer-support, activity groups, social action/campaigns and creative local events to offer different ways for isolated care leavers to engage and develop skills	£79,828	Bristol
4	Edward's Trust	The main aim is to create a compassionate community of bereaved young people to ensure that they receive support to cope with their grief, both from professionals, but also from each other. They will deliver outreach, co-designed peer mentoring courses and creative activities. Young people will create and deliver a presentation to employers to facilitate understanding of bereavement.	£79,823	Birmingham
5	DEBRA	Developing Epidermolysis Bullosa connections groups in five cities in England, supported by young panel members. They will link participants to mentoring and peer support. They work with young people with Epidermolysis Bullosa, a severe skin condition which requires complex management and causes a lot of pain.	£72,843	Birmingham, London, Liverpool, Newcastle and Manchester



6	Health for All (Leeds)	They will develop a range of new groups to bring care leavers together. They will run a weekly care leavers group, and also develop a care leavers café in Leeds. The group will start with cooking together, and develop activities based on the interests of young people involved. They will also establish a new school group for care leavers in their final two school years, and a group for young parents.	£79,044	Leeds
7	Royal Society for Blind Children	They want to develop supper clubs for young visually impaired people across London. This is something they have delivered previously with positive feedback and want to make it available in more areas.	£78,142	Camden. Lewisham, Newham, Ealing
8	Chain Reaction Theatre Company	"Action4Gasgoigne" will support young people to plan and deliver youth social action events for their peers to overcome problems they have identified on their local estate.	£63,219	Barking and Dagenham (Gasgoigne Estate)



9	Mancroft Advice Project	They want to develop both a programme and deliver some awareness raising work. The programme will use a life coaching approach with young people in Great Yarmouth, alongside group activity. As part of the awareness raising work, they will develop workshops to be delivered in schools and young people will design a local awareness raising campaign.	£77,058	Great Yarmouth
10	City of Bradford YMCA	They will work with young unemployed people to develop and deliver a programme of "ecotherapy" activities, and help to explore barriers to employment, relationships etc.	£79,969	Bradford
11	Youth Focus North East	They want to develop groups of urban and rural young people, build relationships and facilitate exchanges between these two groups using a community hosting approach.	£80,000	Middlesbrough, Northumberland, Durham and Gateshead



12	St Luke's Community and Regeneration Enterprises	Using the Asset Based Community Development approach they intend to build on the success of their South Leeds Young People's Truth Commission which involved a group of 12 young people becoming Commissioners, identifying issues important to them which they wanted to change. They will be using this approach to focus on loneliness by creating a Connection Commission.	£79,120	Leeds
13	Asfaleia Limited	Asfaleia run tenancies for vulnerable people, including young people at risk of/with experience of homelessness. They want to deliver a programme of activity that tackles loneliness before it becomes a problem. They will provide support for young people to access local provision, build networks and develop better links to their community, and direct them to positive activities.	£75,935	Newcastle
14	Children's HIV Association	Bringing young people with HIV together during an initial residential to build friendships and create music, and then record podcasts which will be showcased. A collaboration with Turtle Arts.	£43,170	National



15	Outside Youth Association	They want to be able to expand their "pop up youth clubs" which take their work to settings young people already know, going to a wider variety of places to reach more young people. They will also deliver some work more focused on loneliness specifically.	£36,316	Evesham
16	St Werburgh's City Farm	They will run two streams of activity at the farm for 16-18 year olds. Woodland enterprise will support young people experiencing mental distress through an 8 week outdoor wellbeing programme where young people work as a group to develop an enterprise. They will then progress onto the "Tribe" - volunteering at the farm.	£73,970	Bristol
17	Ideal for All Ltd	They will co-design and run activities programmes for young disabled people, giving them an opportunity to have fun social/learning time with peers experiencing similar barriers. Partnered with Sandwell Crossroads care to facilitate the involvement of young disabled people with more complex needs.	£79,750	Sandwell



18	Scotswood Natural Community Garden	They will run 2-hour youth sessions at the Garden for the 9-13's and 14-18's groups, in a deprived area of Newcastle. They will explore what it is to be lonely and create opportunities to find solutions to loneliness including access to Duke of Edinburgh, residentials, arts and creative sessions.	£75,111	Newcastle
19	Boxing Futures Limited	They will be expanding an existing social connection programme to create a bespoke programme for young women using Boxercise/sport as a tool to begin exploring emotions and develop peer mentoring skills.	£77,388	Peterborough
20	New Horizon Youth Centre	They want to build on the work of their day centre, to develop the "Together Project" - activities designed and led by young people to compliment their core programme and designed to fit into the themes of first impressions, building communities or keeping connected.	£79,755	Camden



21	Royal Brompton and Harefield Hospitals Charity	Running beatboxing and vocal coaching for young people in hospital with Cystic Fibrosis, to alleviate the negative impact of hospital stays. Also developing tools for online singing coaching which can be accessed remotely.	£78,707	London and South East England: Royal Brompton Hospital. Harefield Hospital and across the South East
22	Gaddum Centre	Partnered with Manchester Metropolitan University, this project will use music (including emotional sensing and digital music tools) and AI technologies as a bridge to connect young carers and let them discuss and represent their feelings over days weeks and months, whilst learning new digital skills and experiences	£67,854	Greater Manchester