

Armed forces covenant (LIBOR) fund

Successful tranche two projects

The importance of the covenant to the government is highlighted by the decision of the Chancellor to transfer £35 million from fines levied on the banks for attempting to manipulate LIBOR to the MOD for use in supporting the armed forces community.

The aim of the fund is to support the two principles of the armed forces covenant:

- that members of the armed forces community should not face disadvantage in comparison to other citizens
- that special consideration is appropriate in some cases, especially for those who have given most such as the injured and the bereaved

Those projects that were successful in Tranche Two were:

- £300,000 to recreate the Bastion Memorial Wall at the [National Arboretum](#) in Staffordshire
- The [Warrior Programme for Veterans and Families](#) which will receive just over £930,000 to further their efforts to support veterans moving into civilian life. It will enable the charity to expand their programme to include, for the first time, partners and family members managing the stresses of caring for veterans struggling with mental health issues, including post traumatic stress
- Veterans Outreach Support was awarded £414,000 to expand their monthly drop in events in Portsmouth, which bring together public, private and charity sectors for one-stop assistance to service personnel
- [Reading Force](#) successfully bid for £230,000 to expand their reading programme to every service family in the UK, supporting improved communication through shared reading
- [Queen Alexandra Hospital Home](#) (£238,000) for ongoing nursing and rehabilitation services for veterans and to upgrade facilities as it enters its 95th year of service
- [The Beacon](#), a residence for homeless veterans in Catterick (£31,000) to support a therapeutic training programme
- Oxfordshire Mind (£15,000) to launch a pilot programme to foster mental health and social integration for service families at five armed forces establishments in Oxfordshire
- [Shore Leave Haslar](#) (£13,000) to support their therapy programme based in the Memorial Gardens at the former Royal Hospital Haslar in Gosport and Portsmouth
- [RAF Benevolent Fund](#) (£325,000) to build play parks at RAF Benson and Cosford, and an indoor play area at Cranwell
- [Service Children Support Network](#) (£280,000) to expand their programme in Buckinghamshire placing family support coordinators in schools to provide tailored support specifically for military families
- [Sailors Children Society](#) (£70,000) to purchase 2 additional caravans to expand their programme sending Royal Navy service families on holiday
- 30 Signal Regiment, Bramcote Station (£38,000) to create an indoor play area and skate park
- Royal Marines Barracks Chivenor (£18,300) to complete renovations of a children's play area

- The [University of Wolverhampton](#) has been awarded £205,000 to launch a programme specifically geared toward helping families of serving armed forces personnel, reservists and veterans to launch their own businesses, in collaboration with Black Country Chamber of Commerce and the army's HIVE information service
- The [Veterans Council Headquarters](#) were awarded £500,000 to create a 'one-stop shop' for accessing mental health, health and social care, and transitional services tailored specifically to the military community
- [Veterans Aid](#), who last year assisted 458 veterans in crisis, will be able to expand their substance abuse and mental health treatment programmes for homeless and in-need veterans with an award of £160,000
- [Blind Veterans UK](#) will receive £1,000,000 to refurbish their Brighton Blind Veterans Centre which provides veterans with accommodation and care services. This project will improve the quality of life for both permanent residents and those visiting on short stays.
- [Royal British Legion Industries](#) will receive £241,000 to deliver their LifeWorks for Families programme which will help Armed Forces spouses to understand the skills they have and build their confidence to sell those skills to an employer.
- [British ex-Services Wheelchair Sports Association](#) will receive £66,678 to support a programme of rehabilitation through sport.
- [North East Hampshire Domestic Violence Forum](#) will receive £59,380 to develop a Domestic Abuse strategy toolkit for use by Armed Forces and civilian services responding to disclosures and suspicions of domestic abuse involving serving or veteran families in North East Hampshire.
- [Music in Hospitals](#) will use £32,400 to provide 120 concerts for veterans in care establishments.
- [The Not Forgotten Association](#) Adventurous Activities will receive £25,000 and will provide adventurous activities for wounded serving and veterans with the opportunity to take part in three adventure activities - Cataran Trail, canoeing on the River Spey and Malta Historical Tour.
- The CHICKS programme will receive £23,520 to fund respite breaks for 32 children aged between 8 and 15 from families affected by service-related injury or bereavement.
- [South West Scotland RnR](#) will receive £30,000 to fund activity holidays to help wounded combatants recover from physical, emotional and mental injuries and experiences.
- [Dame Agnes Weston's](#) Royal Sailors' Rests will receive £133,236 to provide support to families through the employment of two Community Workers. They will also refurbish the Braeholm Family Centre – which offers accommodation, café, leisure and family/group facilities.
- [Dame Agnes Weston's](#) Royal Sailors' Rests will also receive £16,900 to upgrade facilities for various family groups around the country including Families centre Braeholm, Helensburgh Scotland, PJHQ Northwood, RM Poole, RNAS Yeovilton, CTCRM Lympstone and RM Stonehouse, Plymouth.
- RAF High Wycombe Childcare, will receive £150,000 to convert an unused building into a childcare facility and play centre for children of service personnel providing term time after-school sessions and holiday activities.
- Innsworth Welfare Centre will receive £10,000 to deliver a kitchen for use by families visiting the Welfare Centre.
- The [Army Widows Association](#) will receive £60,000 to fund an activities coordinator who will organise a range of national, regional and local activities for members.

- £27,488 will fund a horticultural therapy project at RAF Honington. Service personnel at Honington, Barnham and Swaffham camps will benefit as well as those who travel to Honington from across the country to use the Regional Rehabilitation Unit.
- [Cruse Bereavement Care](#) will receive £518,810 to develop support services for military families, including a pilot military family peer support programme and the development of self-help resources.
- The [RAF Benevolent Fund](#) will receive £75,000 to roll-out to RAF main operating bases the provision of pre-emptive professional relationship guidance for couples.