

Foreshore Trust Large Grant Programme Commissioned Grant Funding Service Specification

1. Proposed intervention

Support for Migrant and Newly Settled Communities

2. Intervention Summary

This intervention aims to improve quality of life and offer better life chances for asylum seekers, refugees, migrants and the wider BME communities living in the Borough. This will be achieved by improving access to and knowledge of local advice and support services, identifying and helping to remove barriers to positive integration, reducing the risks faced by developing as well as established BME communities across Hastings and to help and encourage all of these communities to feel part of Hastings as a town.

3. Links to proposed Foreshore Trust Large Programme themes

Migration intervention

- Source Foreshore Trust Business Plan 2019 – 2022 dated 10th December 18 – Item 13
<https://hastings.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=172&MId=3098&Ver=4>

4. Justification of the need for the intervention

This intervention addresses many symptoms of exclusion experienced by some residents and communities in the Borough. As this intervention is particularly aimed at supporting asylum seekers, refugees, migrants and the wider BME communities this will provide increased inclusion and more integrated communities.

Hastings continues to be an attractive location to settle largely because of its proximity to London but also the perception of more affordable accommodation. The increasing size of the established minority ethnic population will also attract other members of those communities to settle. It is also important to be aware of the implication of Hastings remaining an active asylum dispersal location. This will mean regular new arrivals of individuals from a range of nationality groups some of whom may well settle here once their asylum cases have been decided.

There are ranges of challenges experienced by a significant proportion of the migrants and BME residents in terms of deprivation, worklessness, access to health and welfare lack of affordable housing and improving their quality of life and opportunities.

Although these experiences will create a single community, their differing nationality and social groups will require different strategies for engagement that will have to take into account language, cultural and religious controls/identities and size. There are also challenges when it comes to integrating within already established minority ethnic communities and being able to effectively distinguish between the two.

It is critical for Hastings to continue to be as cohesive a town as possible, which welcomes and integrates new residents to all the support and services available. Building trust and ultimately ensuring positive engagement with and amongst minority ethnic communities that have chosen to settle here is a key challenge for all organisations if we are to avoid isolation

of whole communities.

Migrant communities face many of the same challenges as others in Hastings but also face additional barriers such as language, discrimination, and limited opportunities. Poor strategies by some statutory and voluntary services for inclusion plus complex referral routes to support could increase the risks that they face and leave them potentially more vulnerable.

As a result, it is vital for the town to be more aware of the changes in these communities as well as ensuring that engagement and support is available to them and the established minority ethnic communities in the town.

5. Proposed specification to support migration intervention

The successful intervention will deliver services that:

- Engage with, build trust and support the existing BME population of the Borough.
- Improve the quality of life of the BME population of Hastings by increasing their knowledge of services, entitlements and responsibilities
- Identify and support new minority ethnic communities choosing to settle in Hastings
- Help new BME communities with effective and meaningful integration to feel part of the town
- Highlight the issues faced by the marginalised and excluded BME groups (in particular new migrant groups) living in the town at a strategic level to support planning and development
- Offer training and support for frontline organisations to help improve access to their services for the local BME communities
- Are available to households accommodated in the Borough through the Syrian Resettlement Programme
- Contribute to the Foreshore Trust Large Grant Programme's 'Golden Thread' mental health and wellbeing agenda by collaborating with the other service providers funded from this programme including:
 - Attendance at network meetings
 - Sharing of good practice
 - Referrals
 - Identifying gaps in service provision and defining a service specification for the 'Golden Thread'.

It is recognised that some of these services may already be partly funded by other organisations such as ESCC, Central Government, CCG and other funding bodies. It is therefore for the applicant to propose what this grant will fund and how all the above services may be comprehensively delivered. To avoid duplication the application needs to clarify how this service both differs from and complements the services already funded from other bodies including the Syrian Resettlement Programme.

6. Target beneficiaries of the intervention

Asylum seekers, refugees, migrants and the wider BME communities.

7. Funding

The Foreshore Trust Large Grant Programme is available for services starting from April 2021 and ending in March 2024. The total grant funding available from the Foreshore Trust Large Grant Programme will be approximately £161,000 per year.

The indicative amount available for the 2021-22 Migration intervention is (TBC), and as part of the Foreshore Trust Charity's budget setting process the final programme amounts will be confirmed in March 2021 for financial year 2021-22 and again in March 2022 and 2023. An additional £20,000 will be made available in 2022-23 and 2023-24 (£40,000 in total) to fund Foreshore Trust Large Grant Programme projects to address the 'Golden Thread' mental health and wellbeing agenda between the successful Large Grants applicants at a later stage.

Applications will only be accepted from registered Charities.

8. Duration of intervention

April 2021 to March 2024

9. Proposed delivery method

It is expected that advice will be provided at accessible locations with outreach provision as needed. The successful proposal will demonstrate how the delivery organisation has supported the BME communities and openness to co-location where appropriate. This is likely to be achieved through a combination of publicity and outreach work, although innovative proposals to engage with 'hard to reach' groups.

10. Performance indicators

Proposals should quantify the indicators above where possible and propose additional indicators. In addition, proposals should offer definition of outputs and outcomes (i.e. defining the receipt of advice as opposed to an enquiry) plus define their measures (i.e. Number of people) and confirm the recording methods.

Improved understanding of size and range of nationalities of BME population living in the Borough

Improved clarity of entitlements to accessing local services for those living in the Borough who are subject to immigration control or are without English as a first language

Improved understanding by local services of barriers to accessing support/advice for BME population of the Borough

Improved access and/or provision of immigration advice in the Borough

Increased engagement with existing and new BME communities living in the Borough

Monitoring will include

- the number of people and BME communities advised
- the number of people with improved mental health