Third Sector Partnership

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Introduction to Leeds Community Foundation

Leeds Community Foundation is creating a city of opportunity for all. We work together with partners to create positive change with the communities that need it most, by investing funding and expertise to build a better future now.

As part of a national network, UK Community Foundations, we invest in these groups by distributing grants and sharing advice – acting as a catalyst for positive change. Leeds Community Foundation relies on the generosity of individuals, businesses and public sector organisations to help local people to gain the support they need now, while investing in a brighter future for all.

Leeds Community Foundation has distributed **over £42 million in grants to date** across Leeds and Bradford and beyond, enabling positive change in the lives of hundreds of thousands of people in our communities.
Our Theory of Change

Creating Cities of Opportunity for All

People are healthy and well
People and communities thrive and are safe
People are learning, working and financially well
People are experiencing and playing

Leeds Community Foundation grant-making is a conduit to increased capacity and a strengthened offer of the third sector

Increased philanthropy
Increased partnerships across and within sectors
Increased expertise in Leeds and Bradford

Foundation
Increased investment from donors enables us to connect them with the causes they are passionate about and create stronger, sustainable sources of vital grant-making funds.

Foundation
We are passionate about joining up the efforts, knowledge, resources and commitment of our public, private and third sectors, as well as our communities.

Foundation
By ensuring our expertise is robust, we can efficiently and effectively address the needs of local communities and individuals.

Pillars
These are the overarching outcomes that we want all people in our cities to be able to enjoy. They are closely related and often interdependent.

Platform
We invest in Third Sector Organisations and their expertise to help us achieve our pillars, as they are best placed to provide grassroots solutions.
Total Investment 2018/19

£4.1m
Invested as grants

634
Grants distributed

371
Third Sector Organisations supported

£5,000
Most frequent grant size
Our investment 2018-19

Grants awarded 2018-19 – Geographical split

- Amount awarded (Millions)
  - Local Authority: Local Authority Name
    - Bradford
    - Leeds
    - Wakefield
    - Other

- No of grants
  - Local Authority: Local Authority Name
    - Bradford
    - Leeds
    - Wakefield
    - Other
Our investment 2018-19

Grants awarded 2018-19 – Programmes

Programme: Programme Name
- Henry Smith
- Jimbo’s Fund
- Healthy Holidays
- Power of Communities
- Time to Shine
- Nationwide
- Youth Social Action (#iwill fund)
- Lunch Clubs
- Leeds Fund: Strategic Grants
- Other

Programme: Programme Name
- Lunch Clubs
- Healthy Holidays
- Jimbo’s Fund
- Youth Social Action (#iwill fund)
- Leeds Fund: Micro Grants
- Winter Wellbeing Community Grant Scheme
- Time to Shine
- Henry Smith
- Wesleyan
- Pears Youth Fund
- Other
Grant-making process 2018-19

1280 applications assessed

43% success rate

Success rate varies with programme:
Go Higher West Yorkshire - 29%
vs
Big Change - 90%

59,000 people supported
£835,033
Value of Grants Distributed

77
Grants Distributed

£5,000
Most frequent grant size
Healthy Holidays for thousands of children across Leeds and Bradford

**Leeds:** Investment from Leeds City Council, Jimbo’s Fund, Asda Foundation and the Department of Education

79 projects - £553,000

**Bradford:** Support from The National Lottery Community Fund, Morrisons Foundation and The BG Campbell Trust Fund

41 projects - £270,000
Harnessing the Power of Our Communities

Built on the successful £2.3m NHS-funded Third Sector Health Grants programme (2015-2017)

£250,000 additional funding through West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health and Care Partnership

9 projects focusing on some of Leeds Plan priorities: tackling health inequalities, loneliness and isolation & carer support

Currently looking to launch another similar fund (with Forum Central)
Suicide Prevention

Leeds Men’s Suicide Prevention programme
In partnership with Leeds City Council
£134,000 invested in 9 projects
3 year programme

Helping Young People to access Higher Education

Partnership with Go Higher West Yorkshire

£130,000 to 14 community organisations

Support to make informed choices around Higher Education, delivering innovative projects that develop young people’s knowledge of the benefits of Higher Education

New round recently closed
Our Theory of Change: Strengthening the sector

Impact of a small organisation on people in crisis at foodbanks

DIAL Leeds supports people with disabilities and long-term conditions. Largely run by volunteers with lived experience.

Leeds Fund Strategic Grant, enabled DIAL Leeds to work with an external consultant and measure the impact of its service providing benefits advice and peer support to people with mental health and financial problems at foodbanks.

DIAL currently has 85 cases on its books and an in-depth analysis of a sample of these showed that for every £1 invested there was a return of £7.50 in terms of direct financial benefit to the client and improved wellbeing.
**Investment across the 4 Pillars of our Theory of Change**

47% of our grants supported people to be Healthy and Well

- Children Looked After Fund
- Community Partnering Fund
- Healthy Holidays
- Henry Smith Charity
- Ideas that Change Lives
- #iWill Youth Social Action Fund
- Jimbo’s Fund
- Liz and Terry Bramall Foundation Fund
- Provident Social Impact Fund
- Solutions for an Ageing Society Awards
- Stay Well this Winter
- The Leeds Fund

24% of our grants supported people and communities to thrive and be safe

- Building A Stronger Britain Together
- Henry Smith Charity
- High Sheriff of West Yorkshire Fund
- #iWill Youth Social Action Fund
- Jimbo’s Fund
- Pears Youth Fund
15% of our grants supported people to learn, work and be financially well

Relevant programmes:

– Ann Maguire Arts Education Fund
– Community Partnering Fund
– Go Higher West Yorkshire
– Ideas that Change Lives
– #iWill Youth Social Action Fund
– Jimbo’s Fund
– Liz and Terry Bramall Foundation Fund
– Pears Youth Fund
– Provident Social Impact Fund
– St Chad’s Fund
– Wesleyan Fund

14% of our grants supported people to experience and play

Relevant programmes:

– Ann Maguire Arts Education Fund
– #iWill Youth Social Action Fund
– Jimbo’s Fund
– Pears Youth Fund
– Wesleyan Fund

– Children Looked After Fund –
10 grants to 10 Children Looked After and Care Leavers (£4,100 total in 2018-19)
Included 5 young people to attend
19-day Outward Bound Trust programme, an initiative which gives participants the opportunity to embark on incredible journeys of self-discovery on land and on water.

Up to £500 for individuals or fledgling organisations

17 micro grants supporting 500 people

Range of activities:
Creative writing course, digital literacy, getting isolated young mums to ‘Gym or Swim’, gaining edible gardening skills and creating a community herb garden in a neglected former bin yard, a school uniform recycling scheme, helping children feel more comfortable about attending school, free libraries in unexpected places and projects getting communities together and talking.

“Our pilot for a weekly cafe went so well we have continued to keep the café running and now have 20-30 people attending regularly. Everyone keeps on returning so that’s a sign that they are enjoying the event each week.” Memory Lane Café, Yeadon
Leeds Fund Small Grants (up to £2,500) – 2018-19

Investment of £80,000 in 37 projects
4,338 people benefitted (based on End of Grant reports)

Range of activities:
a youth café in Harehills, a welcome hub in Crossgates shopping centre, outings for people with learning disabilities and autism, a ‘You Forgot the Mince’ play around domestic violence and abuse and Cooking Together sessions for parents and children of different racial heritage and background in Bramley are just some of the creative approaches successfully piloted.

“She doesn’t walk around with her head down anymore. She looks at you and speaks to everyone. That may not seem much to many people, but it is a stupendous achievement for her, and we are very proud to have been part of it.” The Growing Zone, Leeds
Leeds Fund Strategic grants (up to £25,000) – 2018-19

First priority 2016-18:
Mental Health
£615,254 distributed
1,585 people supported around their mental health and wellbeing

Current priority 2019-20:
Loneliness and Inclusion
£159,068 distributed to 7 Third Sector Organisations
Supporting a range of people who are lonely and need our support from young people, older people, asylum seekers and refugees and those who may be considering taking their own lives.
“Best Community project” nomination - Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors Awards.

Safari Cubs crèche opened September 2018 so tenants facilities now fully occupied

Tenants collaboration group set up:
‘Meet Me at the Old Fire Station’ project
Season Of Light East Leeds project
First Vintage Fire Engine Day - over 900 people attended
Christmas Dinner for 100 local people (funded by ASDA)
Healthy Holidays with DAZL Summer 18 & 19 Cinema Nights – over 100 local people

Around 120-170 room hire sessions booked per month
Equality, Diversity and Inclusion at Leeds Community Foundation

Working Group set up

Trustee champion Cleveland Henry

Member of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Coalition alongside 13 other community foundations and national funders

Grants