

Appendix 1 – Homelessness Prevention Grants 2025-26 Applications and Grant Recommendations

The following recommendations are subject to the confirmation of central government funding, the Council's budget in February 2025 and, in some cases, the receipt of satisfactory information from applicant organisations (this could include projects, programmes, finances, governance etc).

Where the proposed award is less than the full amount requested, advice will be provided regarding potential alternative sources of funding. The final detail around the activity being funded will be discussed with the group and set out in a grant agreement.

Agency and Key Service Areas	Activity for Which Grant Sought	Full Cost of Activity	Grant Request	Proposed Award	2024-25 Award
Cambridge and District Citizens' Advice Bureau - provide advice people need for the problems they face, influence change for the better.	Specialist independent support, advice and representation around housing and debt issues: support with housing benefit, rent and other arrears, debt advice, crisis intervention, negotiation, legal advocacy, rights, tenures, bailiff issues.	£57,000	£45,000	£30,000	£35,000
Cambridge Cyrenians – provides a range of accommodation, support and specialist services for homeless men and women in Cambridge.	Older Homeless Floating Support Service for single people over 45 to access and maintain move on accommodation.	£85,901	£15,000	£8,500	£6,000
Cambridge Cyrenians.	Supported Housing Service - accommodation for single homeless people meeting Council local connection policy.	£22,166	£15,000	£8,500	£6,000
CHS Group (The Cambridge Housing Society Ltd) - social enterprise and charitable housing association.	Young Parent and Baby Project (YPP). Supported housing service for 8 young single parents (16-25) and their babies. To prevent and relieve homelessness. Provide education and support to young parents. Maximise chances of maintaining future tenancies. 8-12 young families supported. Continued support when beneficiaries move on.	£201,832	£29,696	£18,900	£16,438

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Cambridge Women's Aid - information, advice, support for women who have experienced domestic abuse.	Community based specialist support service for victims of domestic abuse. Advice, advocacy, practical and emotional support as well as safe and secure accommodation to women and their children. Telephone, email, face to face support and groups and social programmes. 24hr call service.	£166,388	£45,000	£40,000	£30,000
Cambridge Women's Resources Centre - specialised support, information and training for women to increase skills, confidence, self-esteem and employability.	Personalised housing support delivered by a specialist housing worker. Includes signposting to services, making direct referrals, helping to complete applications, supporting women in LA emergency and temporary accommodation placements with finances, nutrition, parenting and social inclusion.	£26,022	£26,022	£15,000	£13,000
Cambridgeshire Community Foundation - award grants for local projects.	Street Aid fund administration and marketing, grant awards, and contactless terminals.	£21,049	£19,000	£14,000	£14,000
Centre 33 - Service providing support to young people to help overcome their problems through a range of free, confidential services.	Young People's Homeless and Housing Support Service for 13–25-year-olds.	£61,270	£61,270	£40,000	£44,000
Centre 33	Housing and homelessness programme for Cambridge Schools (delivery in 10 schools, total reach 750 young people).	£7,500	£7,500	£0	NEW
Greater Change Foundation – to support as many people out of homelessness in the most efficient way possible.	Project supporting 60 people with personalised budgets to support them out of homelessness for good. Utilising a platform to promote and raise funds for individual's needs to secure longer term settlement and reduce demand on temporary accommodation.	£60,000	£30,000	£0	NEW

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Hope into Action UK - 35 bed spaces and support for those experiencing homelessness.	Funding of an Empowerment Worker to support residents of eight Hope into Action homes. (19 bed spaces for single men, single women and one family).	£228,555	£17,500	£15,000	£15,000
It Takes A City – a network of people and organisations working together to end rough sleeping due to homelessness in Cambridge.	Communication and education activities, including editing and maintaining the Street Support Cambridgeshire website, ITACs social media channels and the production of a quarterly newsletter. Comm's support also provided regarding the provision at Crossways, the Survive to Thrive service, the Community Land Trust, for the 'the Haven' off-street facility for vulnerable women, and for the development of the Cambridge Homelessness Charter.	£70,888	£25,000	£0	£10,000
It Takes A City	Provision of support to rough sleepers in private sector accommodation. Survive and Thrive service for anyone in self-contained or small shared accommodation with a recent history of rough sleeping or homelessness who do not have a confirmed support offer: tenancy sustainment and resettlement support, meals, food parcels and practical help, rapid moving-in service, mentoring and befriending service employment outreach service, pastoral care and welfare, supported modular housing.	£76,320	£35,000	£35,000	£25,000
It Takes A City	Funding for a Women's Services Coordinator for 30 hours per week. With the intention of providing support at The Haven over night off street facility, for two nights per week should the pilot continue, or to provide specialist advice and support in another format if the Haven does not continue.	£105,000	£29,700	£29,700	NEW

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Jimmy's Cambridge - emergency accommodation and supported housing for homeless or vulnerably housed people.	Support for residents of 22 modular homes including financial support, encouraging positive activities, building new relationships, signposting to specialist support, and acting as mentor/friendly face via weekly visits.	£77,236	£38,618	£38,618	£28,000
Jimmy's Cambridge	Nutrition Project: One year pilot project: appointment of a nutritionist to support residents of Jimmy's.	£113,710	£66,210	£0	NEW
TellJO Limited – private limited company which offers digital wellbeing checks to people in housing rent arrears.	Funding for digital wellbeing checks and follow up support for residents on Cambridge City Council's housing register, those in temporary accommodation and those with council tax arrears. Aim to prevent those at risk of homelessness from deepening crisis through tailored support.	£130,000	£130,000	£0	NEW
Wintercomfort for the Homeless	Funding for a Crisis Intervention Project Worker. To engage with rough sleepers and those at risk of homelessness. Focus on two key areas: 1) One-on-one support to challenging, hard to reach rough sleepers. 2) Outreach (local foodbanks and community spaces) to assist individuals who are at risk of homelessness. Tailored support and early engagement. Approx. 50 rough sleepers	£41,028	£32,511	£19,000 for one-to-one support element	NEW
Discretionary Rate Relief	Cambridge Women's Aid x 3 properties Jimmy's x 2 properties Wintercomfort x 1 property Cambridge Cyrenians x 1 property		£9590	£9590	£8392

Summary

Total grant available	Total grant bids	Offers	Set aside for award under contractual agreements	Remaining
£441,808	£669,165	£321,808	£120,000	£0

