

Strategic Fund Awards and Transition Funding 2024-2025

Organisation	Amount Awarded	Project Explanation	Primary Delivery Wards	Funding Priorities
Trinity	£55,000 Strategic Fund + £17,134 Transition Funding	<p>Trinity is a transformational 'Place of Change' for people who are homeless and vulnerably housed, including victims of domestic abuse. We offer integrated services that combine to support clients to develop skills and confidence. We work closely with WCC to provide outreach services to prevent homelessness and to stop sofa-surfers becoming entrenched rough-sleepers. We do this by acting quickly, to get people off the streets and linked to our services. Trinity is the only open access day centre in Winchester District, although most of our service-users come from Town wards. Trinity runs 24/7. It operates a Drop-In service on five days a week, offering nutritious hot meals, bathing, and laundry facilities. Through this gateway clients can access Trinity's fully trained and experienced Homelessness Practitioners who provide structured 1:1 consultations in a positive and non-judgemental environment to give advice and information in areas such as housing, benefits, and employment. Trinity's specialist Women's Services are led by women in a discrete area of the building away from the main drop-in centre. We offer the nationally recognised Freedom Programme for women escaping domestic abuse as well as a confidence-building empowerment programme and other activities to combat social isolation. Trinity offers a wide-ranging Learning Programme that includes regular Job Clubs and IT classes to help clients back into work. Trinity also provides comprehensive in-house health services, with GPs, nurses, dentistry, chiropody and opticians available on site. Over the past two years we have added 19 units of accommodation based on Housing First principles, following a successful £1.5m capital appeal.</p>	<p>Badger Farm &amp; Olivers Battery, Bishops Waltham, St Barnabas, St Bartholomew, St Luke, St Michael, St Paul Ward, The Worthys</p>	<p>Isolation, Low income, Homelessness, Mental health</p>
The Winchester Beacon	£13,000 Strategic Fund	<p>Our mission is to help break the cycle of homelessness by enabling people to rebuild their lives through independent living. Our vision is to transform lives, inspire hope and end homelessness. We provide emergency and move on accommodation along with counselling and other support. Our values are reflected in our working ethos, honesty, and openness, as well as providing a safe and supportive environment with a caring staff team.</p> <p>We focus on supporting single people faced with homelessness, aged 18 and over. We operate 24/7, providing safe accommodation and a caring environment for up to 22 people per night in 4 different venues. We offer more than just a place to sleep with each resident receiving wraparound bespoke personalised support one to one to help them to use their strengths to move forward to achieve their goals. Support is shaped around the needs of individuals and includes help with housing benefits, job applications, employment advice, tenancy training, counselling, peer mentoring, psychotherapy, and addiction support. Stays averaging from 4 to 24 months with people only moving on when they are ready to do so.</p> <p>We help residents find the most appropriate move-on accommodation to suit their needs and equip them with vital life skills, enabling them to move-on from homelessness for good. We work hard to prevent loss of any tenancies by trying to maintain contact and offering regular support to those needing it after they have left us.</p>	<p>Alresford &amp; Itchen Valley, Badger Farm &amp; Olivers Battery, Central Meon Valley, Colden Common &amp; Twyford, St Barnabas, St Bartholomew, St Luke, St Michael, St Paul Ward, The Worthys, Wonston &amp; Micheldever</p>	<p>Isolation, Low income, Homelessness, Mental health, Physical inactivity, Digital application, services &amp; products, Sustainability, environmental quality, green technologies, Creative &amp; innovation, Business growth</p>

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Play to the Crowd	£147,000 Strategic Fund + £23,000 Transition Funding	<p>Play to the Crowd runs Theatre Royal Winchester and Hat Fair with a community engagement programme now called Playmakers. We work in strategic partnership with Winchester City Council to deliver shared goals including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing a high quality cultural offer to a growing, increasingly diverse population, ensuring we can meet the cultural and access needs of residents as new housing is developed locally and across the district</li> <li>• Supporting the cohesion of local communities by sharing stories and experiences and combating isolation by bringing people together</li> <li>• Contributing to a desirable and vibrant place which people want to visit, and work and live in, helping drive business growth</li> <li>• Championing the health and happiness of local residents by providing creative, stimulating, 'feel good' and physical activities to support active communities and mental good health and well being</li> <li>• Offering employment and volunteering opportunities</li> <li>• Partnering with others in the City to offer strategic, imaginative and entrepreneurial solutions to shared challenges and aspirations.</li> </ul> <p>We present over 300 performances a year at Theatre Royal Winchester and many more as part of Hat Fair and associated activities, attracting a total of well over 150,000 people a year. These people come from across the whole district of Winchester and also from wider Hampshire and well beyond too. We also deliver over 500 participatory events a year enabling over 8,000 attendances from local people getting involved - often young people or older people wanting to engage creatively and keep active for their own well being. In addition we support over 40 local schools to connect with creative activity and provide a professional platform for more than 30 local community organisations.</p>	Alresford & Itchen Valley, Badger Farm & Olivers Battery, Bishops Waltham, Central Meon Valley, Colden Common & Twyford, Denmead, Southwick & Wickham, St Barnabas, St Bartholomew, St Luke, St Michael, St Paul Ward, The Worthys, Upper Meon Valley, Whiteley & Shedfield, Wonston & Micheldever	Isolation, Low income, Mental health, Physical inactivity, Digital application, services & products, Sustainability, environmental quality, green technologies, Creative & innovation, Business growth

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Citizens Advice Winchester	£195,000 Strategic Fund + £14,566 Transition Funding	<p>CAWD is a highly-regarded advice agency providing free, independent, confidential, impartial and high-quality advice to local people on their rights and responsibilities. We offer a holistic approach supporting clients with a range of complex/multiple advice issues. 2022 marks our 70th anniversary.</p> <p>Nature: We give free advice on a range of issues. The highest demand areas are: money and finance, followed by housing, relationships and employment. During the pandemic we primarily gave advice via phone or email, but also continued to offer face-to-face services for vulnerable people throughout this time. Demand for face-to-face services has been growing steadily as Covid restrictions have eased.</p> <p>Profile: In 2020-21 we helped 7321 people with 17,910 issues. We generated £1.78m in income gains for clients. The proportion of clients that have a disability and/or long-term health condition have increased recently to 50% (from around 40% pre-pandemic), and 20% of our clients are aged 65 and over. We help a high proportion (in relative terms, 12 %) of people from Black or Minority Ethnic backgrounds. We are champions of equality. We undertake regular fact-based community profiling to assess the demographics of the locality to ensure that we understand the need as best we can.</p> <p>Reach: We deliver services to clients from all over the district. In 2020-21, this was proportionately 43% from 'Town' (city) and 57% clients were from 'Wider District' (elsewhere). We deliver face-to-face services in Winchester City Centre and Bishops Waltham, and on a 'project' basis, services (subject to funding) in Alresford, Wickham, Denmead, HM Prison Winchester, Melbury Lodge (mental-health unit), and Royal Surrey County Hospital. We also deliver advice over the phone and via email .</p>	Alresford & Itchen Valley, Badger Farm & Olivers Battery, Bishops Waltham, Central Meon Valley, Colden Common & Twyford, Denmead, Southwick & Wickham, St Barnabas, St Bartholomew, St Luke, St Michael, St Paul Ward, The Worthys, Upper Meon Valley, Whiteley & Shedfield, Wonston & Micheldever	Isolation, Low income, Homelessness, Mental health, Digital application, services & products
<b>Total</b>	<b>£464,700</b>			