

Grants to the Voluntary Sector

<https://www.middlesbrough.gov.uk/community-support-and-safety/community-grants>

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Process

- Programme determined and panel put together
- Criteria and application form developed
- Programme launched
- Application forms submitted
- Assessment and due diligence taken place
- Panel meeting
- Offer letters sent and returned
- Payment raised
- Monitoring

Totals 2021/22

664 grants processed

532 Approved

80% successful

Amounts awarded

- 2018/19 £290,950
- 2019/20 £303,293
- 2020/21 £1,342,664
- 2021/22 £2,287,739

Current projections:

2022/23: £581,821 + HAF allocation

2023/24: £195,000 + HAF allocation

Programmes delivered 21/22

- Community Grant Fund
- Covid Recovery Grant Programme
- Covid Communications
- Covid Champions Network Development
- Holiday Activity Fund (HAF)
- Dementia Grant
- Carers Grant Programme
- Staying Included
- Befriending
- Short Breaks

Core Grants

Middlesbrough Voluntary Development Agency

Allocation: £41314 + £38250 = £79564

St Marys Centre

Allocation: £12625

Citizens Advice Bureau

Allocation: £87314 + £46000 = £133314

Citizens Advice Bureau

No of enquiries	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Benefits	1589	1588	1801	1776	6754
Debt	601	698	840	853	2992
Housing	129	203	230	224	786
Employment	298	172	186	167	823
Consumer inc utilities	645	377	479	587	2088
Community care	178	135	133	90	536
other	285	513	784	708	2290
total	3725	3686	4453	4405	16269

Hub Advice & Benefit Take Up

Tel: 01642 802303

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Benefit Take Up / Hub Advice Service

- Hub Advice commenced Sept 2013 – Big Lottery funded
- CAB, Age Concern Teesside, CHAC delivery partners
- Weekly advice sessions at fixed venues
- Lottery funds ceased June 15, – MBC funded to June 16
- FIG initiated benefit take up campaign 2014 – non advice partners invited
- Above partners plus Welfare Rights, MBC's Democratic Services and Actes.
- Successful and public health funded to end of June 2016
- Executive approved July 2016 - £200k annually for integrated benefits advice service

Offering pre / post Covid

- Pre Covid – Hub Advice and Benefit Take Up offered at fixed weekly advice sessions at some venues & one off sessions at range of venues
- Due to Covid, sessions telephony only – reduced no. of residents using service
- Sessions re-opened following Covid restrictions - appointment only
- During 2021 one off sessions ceased due to increased risk of Covid infections and reluctance of venues to open
- All receive full interview inc form completion, help to challenge adverse decisions, benefit entitlement calc's
- Service now provides weekly sessions at the following:

Offering Pre / Post Covid cont.

Venue	
Grove Hill	Hemlington Library
North Ormesby Hub	Breckon Hill Community Hub
Easterside Community Hub	Live Well Centre
Neptune Centre	Hope Foundation
Streets Ahead	Contact Centre
Thorntree	Newport

People Outcomes

CLIENT NUMBERS				
Number of Clients Accessing Service in The Time Period	QUARTER 1	QUARTER 2	QUARTER 3	QUARTER 4
	188	303	274	300

CLIENTS BY AGE AND GENDER				
AGE	QUARTER 1	QUARTER 2	QUARTER 3	QUARTER 4
Under 18		1		
18 to 24	10	9	5	14
25 to 39	50	63	53	61
40 to 49	32	61	44	47
50 to 59	38	70	72	65
60+	53	91	87	99
Unknown/Not specified	5	8	13	14
GENDER				
Female	107	162	147	170
Male	78	132	121	129
Unknown/Not specified/Other	3	9	6	1

Financial Outcomes

- 1065 residents supported during 01.04.21 – 31.03.22
- Total benefits identified £5,156,759
- Large spectrum of benefits identified - mainly:
 - Personal Independence Payments
 - Universal Credit
 - Pension Credit
 - Attendance Allowance
 - Employment Support Allowance

Moving forward

- ❖ Welfare Rights team part of Resident and Business Support as from December 2021
- ❖ Review of all financial assistance, advice and support as part of welfare strategy – all centralised.
- ❖ Discussions commenced with CAB – ensure no duplication
- ❖ Outcome to be clarified with CAB by end of Nov 22
- ❖ Formal contract as opposed to grant offering

Any questions

