



Armed Forces Covenant

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UK Engagement

- **Armed Forces Covenant –**
 - no disadvantage to the military community
- **Armed Forces Community Covenant –**
 - all 407 UK Councils have signed
- **Armed Forces Corporate Covenant -**
 - Employers pledging their support to the military community





UK Engagement

- **Community**

- Work with councils, CMPB and events

- **Youth**

- Cadets, Adult Volunteers, FE colleges
- Army Outreach Team

- **Employer**

- Looking at ERS and Corporate Covenants





Armed Forces Community

- Serving Personnel
- Reservists
- Veterans
- Spouses





Armed Forces Covenant Fund

A £10 million government fund which will fund community projects that create strong links between the Armed Forces and civilian communities





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2 Application Routes:

- Small grants for projects up to £20,000
- Large grants for projects between £20,000 and £500,000

Full guidance on how to apply, criteria and eligibility on [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk)





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The themes for 2015/16 priorities were as follows:

New priorities are out Mar 16

- Local Armed Forces community integration projects
- The coordination and delivery of support to the Armed Forces community
- Veterans in the criminal justice system.





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What Makes a Good Bid?

- Is this a good project?
- Does it fit with local priorities?

Main Criteria

- How well the project addresses one of the three priorities and how it will meet the specific requirements of that priority
- Evidence of the **need** for the project ***
- Engagement, partnership working and collaboration ***
- How well the project is likely to be delivered
- To what extent the project represents value for money
- To what extent we can have confidence that the project will have lasting impact, delivering changes that last beyond the funding period





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Who can apply?

- The lead organisation can either be:-
 - a registered charity – GWT, RBL, SSAFA, ABF
 - or a statutory body – LA or a school
- If the application is not led by an Armed Forces Charity it must have it as a key partner
- All projects must be not for profit





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- **Submitting an Application**

- **Visit** <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/covenant-fund> for full details and guidance
- It is highly desirable that applicants engage with the local covenant partnerships in the area in which they are proposing to deliver a project, for a number of reasons:
 - Connecting applicants and projects with other relevant services
 - Ensuring that there is no duplication of effort and that new services complement existing services
 - Improving the quality of applications





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When can you apply?

For applications up to £20,000:

- Round 1 bids completed and awarded.
- Round 2 bids currently being considered with results in Mar 16.
- Round 3 bids likely to be May/June but with new priorities.

Guidance notes and FAQs are still available on the guidance page on GOV.UK though, so you can continue to develop your small grant application in the meantime

For applications between £20,001 and £500,000:

- Round 1 bids closed and currently being considered. Successful applicants were invited to Stage 2 and given advice on how to develop their bids for further consideration. Results of Round 1 bids announced Mar 16.
- Round 2 of large grant applications likely to be May/June but with new priorities. Guidance notes and FAQs available on GOV.UK





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Regional/National Panel

- Decisions on both small and large grants will be made by a national panel based on the recommendations of regional panels.
- Regional panels made up of representatives from Army, Navy, RAF, charities and LAs

Second Round Applications

If you have submitted an application for Round 2, you will be contacted Mar 16.





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If you are an applicant and have any queries or questions about the application process that is not covered by the guidance notes or 'frequently asked questions', then contact the MOD team at

COVENANT-GrantTeamMailbox@mod.uk

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GOV.UK Website

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/covenant-fund>





BURNT OAK, BARNET ENGLISH COURSE





- The classes, at Barnet and Southgate College's Colindale campus, are being paid for by the Armed Forces Community Covenant scheme
- 30 adults from the Nepalese community in Burnt Oak learning English twice a week
- Traditional syllabus has been heavily adapted to include word and number recognition to assist students' day-to-day living





The first registrations





- Most students are over sixty, and are a mix of ex-servicemen and family members of former Gurkha soldiers settled in Burnt Oak under the 'right of abode' scheme for retired soldiers of the Brigade of Gurkhas
- A college spokeswoman said: " Attendance has been outstanding and the teachers have been impressed by how keen the students are to learn.
- "One of the more senior students told her teacher through a translator that this was the first time she had ever been in a classroom in her life, and she was pleased to be taught how to use a pen."
- Only absence has been because of hospital appointments, and through earthquake-related visits to Nepal





An early class





Younger community members assist as translators





Students hard at work

