

Outline Thoughts – Community Recovery Fund/Asylum Dispersal

Project	Responsible officer	Timeline	Comments
REVENUE SPEND			
Consultation & Engagement			
Community Cohesion 'Honest Conversations' - first stage of understanding communities	JS	By end of March 2025	ELT 6/11/24 Requested documents to be forwarded and contacts LG – 13/11/24
Community Engagement & Comms officer	JS	1 year fixed contract to work with comms team	Draft job spec to be in place by December 2025
Spacehive – Crowd Funding Platform – Minimum 3 years contract	JS/KC/SI	In place by January 2025 £30,000 per year	Agreed commencement on 1 December 2024 – community and business engagement Community projects designed for community cohesion to attract crowd funding Delegations to be finalised on 21 November Cabinet
Voluntary Sector/Community grant funding to match and contribute to Spacehive projects around community cohesion	KC/KI	In place by January 2025	Approved retention of £90,000 from MHCLG Criteria for community cohesion projects to be finalised following 21 November Cabinet Platform to be established – community project proposals – to encourage businesses to be involved to contribute (potential to increase funding investment for projects to £120,000 per year
Commissioning of specific projects identified through the honest conversations	JS	To March 2026	Actions from honest conversations eg:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteering for all • Community webpages (Link to County)
Additional community cohesion work arising from the Honest Conversations		To March 2026	Opportunity to link to Belong Network training, frameworks and activities for all VCSE, businesses and community groups
SPORTS/ARTS/CULTURE			
Community sports activities (including asylum seekers and other minority groups)	JS/HP/	Summer 2025 and onwards	Explore links with Tamworth Football Club Expand existing bookings for Anker Valley
Community Lottery set up and operate	JS	Summer 2025	Proposed idea

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Potential ethnic food festival – delivered by community groups	Arts and Events	Summer 2025 (pre spend retained)	Proposals need to be developed with community groups/asylum support
Community Music festival	Arts and Events	Summer 2025	Combined above?
EDUCATION & AWARENESS			
Shining a light on hate crime / disorder issues / educating the public and businesses (their employees) on managing cultural tension and building community cohesion. Running workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Utilising the College for training to be delivered to businesses. Work with chamber of commerce to support minority groups to start businesses within the community, as well as locate individuals and workforces who can support skills gaps in existing businesses – project to bridge employment and skills gaps while merging minority groups and diversifying work forces within local economy. 	Economic Dev	Throughout 2025	Potential for work here with the Belong Network and USAH Workshops to educate, raise awareness and bridge gaps in skills and workforce as well as having on the ground advisors to assist businesses in filling skills gaps and locating skills
Projects around community/diversity and Tamworth history	Castle	Summer 2025	
Journey of Asylum seekers - exhibition	Castle/Ass ems	Summer 2025	Potential for touring around the town – libraries/schools etc
'Shine a Light' - Celebration of other religious festivals, through light	JS/AMc	Ongoing -	'Shine a Light' series of light themed events, working with Arts and Events, and markets teams. Draw inspiration from Light Night. Diwali Lunar New Year

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			<p>Kwanzaa Hanukkah Lantern Festival Northern Lights, Norway – to be projected and featured in Ankerside? / Snowdome Joint project. Winter Solstice, Saxon themed midday – evening event / Lantern procession. Also brings in heritage and collaborative working with Castle. Food festival of foods around the world. Can utilise celebrity chefs as a draw in.</p>
Community cohesion/Prevent work/Hate Crime work in Schools	JS/AMc working with schools and SCVYS	March 2025 onwards	<p>Countering social media, hate crime, Small Steps engagement – peer mentoring Asylum seekers stories in schools School ‘swap’ project – visiting schools in other areas</p>
Work with Families First (Staffs County Council)			Exploring family dynamics, targeting support
Asylum seekers volunteering projects (combine with Asylum Dispersal Fund)			Explore skills of the asylum seekers to encourage volunteering opportunities with businesses
Work in schools exploring diversity/ethnic cultural influences	JS/AMc	Spring 2025	<p>Workshops/consultations/lived experiences Annual school ‘We Love Tamworth’ and valuing place we live</p>
CAPITAL			
Hot desking and VCSE collaboration space in Marmion House	ZW/PW/JS	January 2025	Capital scheme to enhance hot desk and meeting space for VCSE
Work with the muslim community at Park Farm to improve community facilities	PW/JS	Spring 2025	To be contacted to determine what work can be done to improve facilities and centre for wider community uses – community projects
Seek to work up plans for other TBC assets for community use	PW/JS	Spring 2025	To work with Paul and team

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Criteria for fund spend:

It is in response to the violent disorder that took place between July and August 2024 and is on, or in connection with:

- i. Immediate action to safeguard life or property
- ii. To prevent suffering or severe inconvenience
- iii. To reduce the risk of further disorder in the future
- iv. To rebuild social trust and promote cohesion between communities

Spend to be confirmed following detailed costings for projects and committed by 31 March 2025 (subject to MHCLG confirmation)