

**BID FOR FUNDING FROM AREA COMMITTEE LEGACY FUND BUDGET
PRO FORMA**

The Legacy Fund has been set up to provide funding for **one off** projects that will leave a lasting legacy across the Borough. The Council, specifically the Council's Legacy Fund, must be acknowledged as a funder in any publicity relating to the project.

1. **Project title:** Community Wellbeing & Counselling Legacy Project
2. **Bid submitted by:** Hayley Murphy, Centre Manager
3. **On behalf of (please include contact details):**
 - ☐ Contact: Hayley Murphy
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 - a) **Does your organisation have a constitution?** Yes
 - b) **Does it have a board of governors/directors or a committee that oversees its work?** Yes – Board of trustees
 - c) **Does your organisation have its own bank account?** Yes
 - d) **How many signatures are required to authorise a payment from your bank account?** Two
5. **Is your organisation VAT-registered?*** No
6. **Amount requested:** £1000
7. **Total amount of project:** £1000
8. **Is there match funding for the project from elsewhere?**
If so, please give details: No
9. **Brief details of project:** Colne Citadel is seeking £1,000 to create a lasting legacy by expanding the resources used within our free counselling service and peer-led wellbeing groups.
The funding will purchase therapeutic resources, sensory and mindfulness equipment, group activity materials, emotional wellbeing toolkits, and portable furniture to improve the experience of people accessing support. These resources will be used across our counselling sessions, MenKind male support group, women's wellbeing groups, bereavement support, and community mental health activities. In 2025 – we saw 378 local community referrals through our counselling service. The highest numbers in Pendle with the lowest amount of Counsellors. (12)

As permanent assets, the resources will continue to benefit local residents for many years and strengthen the quality of mental health support available within the community.

10. Main outcomes to be achieved:

- ☐ Improve the quality of free counselling and therapeutic support for local residents.
- ☐ Increase engagement in peer-led wellbeing groups through accessible and inclusive resources.
- ☐ Reduce social isolation by creating welcoming, supportive group environments.
- ☐ Leave a sustainable legacy of therapeutic equipment that will benefit hundreds of people each year.

11. When will project be implemented?

Start Date: 1st Oct 2026

Expected Completion Date: 31st Oct 2026

12. Who will undertake the project works?

The project will be delivered by Colne Citadel's Centre Manager, qualified counsellors, group facilitator, and volunteer wellbeing team. Resources will be purchased and integrated into existing services immediately

13. Are there long-term revenue consequences and how will these be funded?

The project has very low ongoing costs. The equipment and therapeutic resources are durable and will be maintained through Colne Citadel's unrestricted charitable income and fundraising, ensuring they remain available to the community for the long term.

****Please note that grants inclusive of VAT will only be awarded where the organisation is not VAT-registered and is unable to reclaim VAT***