

West Riding Masonic Charities Limited

Your Charity working for Freemasons and in the Community

Brethren this is the fourth WRMCL information sheet posted on the three Provincial websites. It gives details of grants awarded during June to charities and organisations across the Province. Its aim is to ensure that all Brethren and their families within Yorkshire, West Riding are aware of the work that WRMCL is doing to support our masonic family and those within our communities during the pandemic.

Since the last update [1 June 2020] the PGM's Fund has made the following grants;-

£3,000 to Connaught Court – York – The friends of Connaught Court hold an annual 'summer fete' to raise funds specifically for the benefit of the residents. Due to the current situation it will not go ahead this year. The grant of £3,000 will match fund £3,000 from the Mark Province of West Yorkshire and £3,000 from the Mark Province of North & East Yorkshire.

£2,500 to Harrogate Scrubbers— are a collective of home sewers and supporters working to produce scrubs and gowns for the NHS staff.

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For the Love of Scrubs (Re-Furnish) is a group in **Doncaster** who normally provide recycled furniture.

During the Covid pandemic they have redirected their efforts and are providing materials and volunteers who are washing material, cutting to size and sewing to provide PPE.

*An application was made directly to the **MCF COVID 19 Fund** and a grant of **£2,000** has been agreed.*

£2,000 to Swinton Lock Activity Centre which is a community based registered charity providing facilities to various community groups including a Foodbank which is providing for the elderly, self isolated and the vulnerable in the community. Due to the pandemic they are providing services to an increasing number in need. A team of volunteers provide and deliver food parcels and services 7 days a week.

£2,000 to Cystic Fibrosis Care. The largest Cystic Fibrosis paediatric and young adult centre in Yorkshire based at **Leeds (G I)**. A registered charity providing essential services, equipment, practical help and support for children, young adults and their families. They also provide equipment to specialist care centres so that, where possible, children can be treated at home. The charity does not provide assistance directly to patients but is funding psychological support for those patients who are not coping well in the lockdown.

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£2,000 to Kellingley Community Hub (registered charity). Following the closure of the Trussell Trust Foodbank in Knottingley, Kellingley Miners Welfare Scheme and Social Club and community volunteers have established an emergency Foodbank to meet the needs of the local community. It has been established as a standalone arrangement to support the vulnerable and needy in the community particularly with long life, nutritionally balanced items to sustain families over an extended period.

£3,000 to Music and Arts Production Leeds provides Music & Arts Projects for young people not in mainstream education. They host in house events providing facilities and space for complementary activities and have relied on the income which has now ceased. Loss of income to date £10k. COVID-19 is having a significant impact on MAP and the young people it supports. They are continuing to run their education programme via online and face to face tuition for some of the most marginalised young people in Leeds.

£2,000 to Doncaster Deaf Trust (a registered charity) owns and manages a nursery, a school, a college and a children's care home. All dedicated to the education, training, care, welfare and support of children and young people who are disabled. As restrictions relax and the pupils return the trust have had to put safety measures in place. This includes the use of PPE for staff and students and additional daily 'deep-cleaning' of each classroom and area used,

£2,000 to Horsforth Community Aid Project is a group of community volunteers providing a shopping and foodbank service to needy local residents and those unable to leave their homes due to restrictions. They currently support 92 local residents and provide a further 80 telephone requests a week. HCAP relies upon its volunteers and donations in order to operate which have reduced considerably in recent weeks as demand increases. The grant will be used to purchase food and allow them to continue for the next 2 - 3 months.

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**The generosity of Yorkshire, West Riding Freemasons and their Families is truly breathtaking.
Our grateful thanks for your continued support of WRMCL**

£2,000 to The Leeds African Communities Network (LAC) is currently applying for charitable status. The Network was established to support African families in Leeds who are adversely affected due to lack of employment. The network supports over 200 African families living on the breadline, by providing them nutritious food products. Poor nutrition is a contributor to the disproportionate representation of BAME communities in the Covid-19 pandemic. LAC is seeking to cover the weekly costs of food items, sanitation, toiletries and hygiene products, for the next 3 months.
An additional £1,000 was approved from the Meal Appeal Fund.

£2,000 to Memory Lane Day Care Ltd. is a not-for-profit Care in the Community Hub initiative. The Hub offers care and stimulation to people living with Alzheimer's and Dementia. The principal users are the elderly, the socially isolated or those with physical or mental health issues, as well as the clients from the day care centre. Whilst the pandemic persists, foodbank and home care support services as supplied by a team of volunteers. A Community café and fundraising events have all been forced to stop due to COVID-19. They also act as a foodbank delivering food parcels every week to an increasing amount of local elderly and vulnerable people. The grant should sustain their operations for 3 months.
An additional £2,000 was approved from the Meal Appeal Fund.

£3,000 to West Yorkshire Medic Response Team a registered, independent Charity which has been voluntarily providing pre-hospital specialist trauma and medical critical care to the public of West Yorkshire since 2009. Operationally, the critical care team includes a senior Doctor, already trained in pre-hospital care, and a senior Paramedic. Team members work as unpaid volunteers and the charity receives no remuneration for its work, relying only upon charitable donations to cover its running costs. During 2018/2019, funds were raised for the purchase of a new emergency response car in 2020 but the purchase and upgrade of specific items of medical equipment had to be put 'on hold'. Donations and funding from community events, business and industry have seen a dramatic fall.. There is an urgent need for an 'oxylog 3000' ventilator which can be used both in hospital and outdoors. It has a wide range of ventilation modes and monitoring options thus improving patient care and outcomes. The £2,000 cost of PPE for the unit has been supported by the West Yorkshire Mark Masons.
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**This information sheet gives details of the grants awarded to charities and organisations through the
'Provincial Meal Appeal Fund'**

£4,000 Yorkshire Air Ambulance As with all charities, the impact of the pandemic on both YAA activities and fundraising has already been significant. After a temporary 3-week suspension of service during April, when medical teams were seconded back to the NHS frontline, YAA were quickly responding to 999 calls again across Yorkshire.

However, with the safety of aircrews and patients in foremost, teams are now trained to respond using full PPE. This ensures the doctors and advanced trauma paramedics can still safely carry out life-saving emergency procedures when needed. Also both helicopter cockpits have had to be adapted with a protective plastic screens that shields the pilots as far as possible.

£1,000 Vision Support Harrogate [registered charity] who support and advise those suffering sight loss. They operate a drop in centre offering activities which help encourage independent living. They also offer a telephone helpline and befriending service and also home visits. Due to the pandemic the centre has been closed and in anticipation of re-opening following restrictions being eased, VSHD will require PPE. They are seeking funding to purchase 100 washable face masks.

£3,000 Halton Moor and Osmondthorpe Project for Elders (HOPE) Leeds [registered charity] supports independence for the elderly living in the local community HOPE helps to relieve poverty, isolation, sickness and assist in the provision of facilities for general welfare with the object of improving the condition of life. Most service users are vulnerable and shielding from Covid-19. The cost of Masks & gloves for 10 volunteers is £200 per month. Provision of 50 activity packs for shielding and vulnerable adults is £300. Additional funds

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are also required to help towards the increasing costs for Food Hampers for vulnerable users and the provision and delivery of Afternoon Tea by the Stroke & Friendship Club.

Additional grants were made to the following organisations. [See PGMs Fund Grant information for full details]

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