

## Emergency funding available to support vulnerable veterans- guidance and application form

Cobseo is working with the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust (the Trust) on a grants programme to provide immediate support for vulnerable veterans with reduced social contact, through the ***Veterans Should Not Be Forgotten Programme***.

The programme is seeking projects from organisations that worked with vulnerable veterans in your community before the COVID-19 outbreak. You will know how to reach these veterans and you have already provided support or services to them that they value and trust.

The programme will fund activities that are ready to support older or vulnerable veterans. Your activity must be able to start quickly – if the Trust awards you a grant, they will let you know before the end of May. Your application will need to be submitted to the Trust by **noon on 30 April 2020**. **No late applications will be accepted.**

You can apply to the Trust for up to £20,000 for a six-month project focused on supporting veterans who are isolated and unable to access services or have limited social contact during the period of self-isolation and restrictions relating to the pandemic.

### Who can apply?

This is a targeted programme being delivered quickly. You can only apply if you are:

- a member of ASDIC
- a local Age UK with experience of working with veterans and veterans' organisations such as SSAFA
- a member of Cobseo that is also a small, local organisation providing direct support to vulnerable veterans in your local area.

You can only apply if your organisation is in one of these three categories. Funds are limited and it is possible that not all applications will be funded.

### How to apply?

Read the attached guidance carefully.

When you are ready to apply, click on this link, to apply directly to the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust for a grant under the ***Veterans Should Not Be Forgotten Programme***.

Link here: [The online application form](#)

If you have not applied to the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust for a grant before, then you will be asked by their system to set up an account.

On the system, you can save a draft application form to complete later or send a draft copy to colleagues. You can also access copies of the application that you have submitted at any time. When you submit your application, you will receive an email confirmation. If you do not receive this, then you have not applied.

The Trust highly recommends you plan to submit your application before the deadline to avoid the risk of missing the cut-off because of technical or other unexpected problems. It will also help them to assess the applications if they start receiving them before the deadline. You will receive a decision before the end of May 2020.

If you have any queries after you have read the guidance, please contact [r.price@cobseo.org.uk](mailto:r.price@cobseo.org.uk) Please contact us rather than contacting the Trust directly.