

Annual Report 2017-18

Grant Aid

Sheffield City Council's three-year commitment to a city-wide grant aid fund is recognition of the vital contribution Sheffield's local voluntary, community and faith (VCF) sector makes to life in the city. The wide range of organisations invested in gives a feel for the range of voluntary sector contributions in the city from the small but mighty lunch clubs to practical help to enable people to set-up a home, to crucial welfare rights advice to support for

other VCF sector organisations. Grant aid is targeted at groups that support the strategic priorities of Tackling Inequalities and Better Health and Wellbeing. All groups, regardless of size and activity, make life better for Sheffield people. This report together with the accompanying Impact Reports produced by each grant recipient provide an overview of the positive impact this grant investment has made in the city during 2017-18.



£1,598,087
Grant Aid
invested



64
organisations
received a grant



Grant recipients
supported a total of
31,695
individuals



Grant recipients*
employed a total of
285
staff



Grant recipients
had a total of **1,890** volunteers contributing **215,820** hours

equivalent to (real living wage) salary costs of **£1,888,427**



Most recent accounts for grant recipients*
showed a collective income for the city of

£11,796,540

*not including Lunch Clubs, accounts are for the period 2016-17

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Grant Aid investment across Funds

£1,159,847

72.6%

Core Service Grants

£91,630*

5.7%

Tackling Inequalities Fund

£175,750

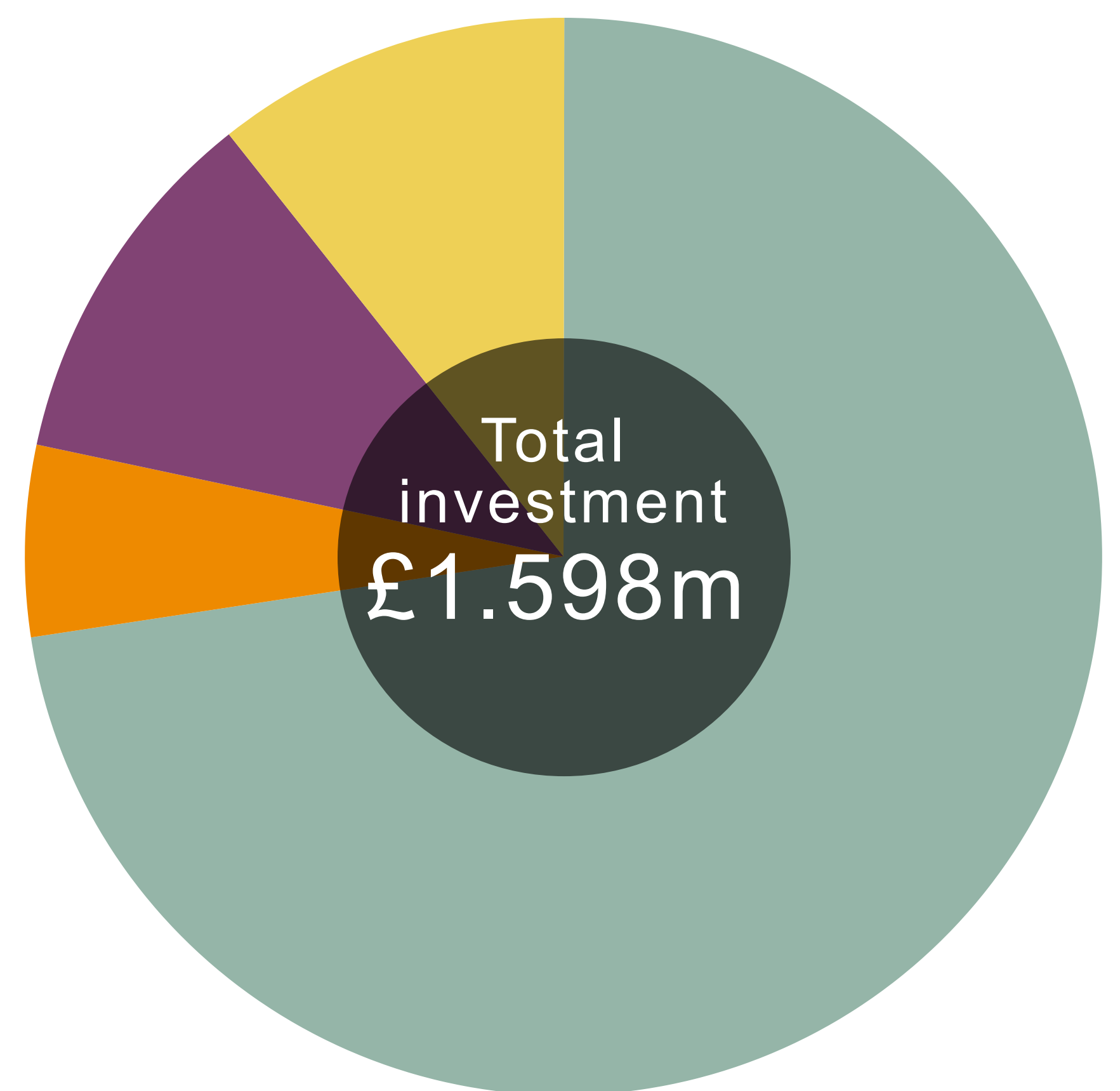
11%

Infrastructure Fund

£170,860

10.7%

Lunch Club Fund



Core Service Grants



8 grants awarded



27,198 individual beneficiaries

Tackling Inequalities Fund



4 grants awarded



991 individual beneficiaries

Infrastructure Fund



1 partnership grant awarded



1,951 individual beneficiaries
589 groups supported

Lunch Club Fund



52 grants awarded



1,555 individual beneficiaries
66 groups supported

Additional Funds: These funds are managed alongside Grant Aid investment but are from different Council service budgets.

Equality Hub Grants



£73,025 invested



7 grants awarded to
6 organisations

BME Elders Fund



£39,976* invested



2 grants awarded to
4 organisations

*These two figures include £9,976 transferred from the Tackling Inequality Fund to the BME Elders Fund

Core Service Grants

This grant aid investment illustrates how the work of the Council and the voluntary sector is intertwined in the city to enable all people to live well and enjoy life in the city. Core Service Grants were awarded to organisations that demonstrated a good track record in service delivery and where there was a strong link to public sector services and helping people to overcome disadvantage.

Tackling Inequalities Fund

A strategic priority for the council is to reduce inequality and tackle the causes of inequality in the city. All the groups supported by this Fund are working with people to help them remove barriers to wellbeing and reach their potential.

Infrastructure Fund

Infrastructure support is vital for a strong, well-run and sustainable voluntary sector that can adapt to a changing world. This grant investment is aimed at securing a strong foundation for capacity building across the whole of the city's voluntary sector including engaging with and supporting groups to; recruit and retain volunteers, diversify income streams and measure and articulate impact.

Lunch Club Fund

This Fund provides small grants for lunch clubs across the city supporting them to help reduce loneliness and isolation for older people. These small grants contribute to the club's on-going costs including rent, transport and other running costs. In addition to these small grants, part of the Fund is set aside to support a lunch club development service which provides help, advice and training to clubs in the city.

The majority of grant awards were made for three years with the aim of providing an element of stability to grant recipients. Most were a contribution to core costs with a handful of grants for specific projects. With the exception of the lunch club small grants, all grant investment was outcome focused and aimed at supporting organisations in the delivery of positive change for the people that accessed their services. These 'beneficiary

outcomes' form the basis of the Council's grant agreement with each organisation and at the end of each grant year grant recipients produce an Impact Report to demonstrate the positive impact of their work. Below is information about each grant award and grant recipient including some headline statistics giving a snapshot of what the organisation achieved in 2017-18. A link to each Impact Report is provided at the end of each grant recipient entry.

Grant Recipients

CORE SERVICE GRANTS

BEN'S CENTRE

£59,015

2017-18
Grant Amount

3 year

Grant Agreement

Ben's Centre is the only damp day-centre and outreach programme in Sheffield. They support street drinkers with any issue that they face including wider social issues such as health, homelessness and housing. Established in 1996 Ben's Centre offers a safe place to go for street drinkers where they can receive hot nutritious meals, clean clothes, a shower and information, advice and guidance. Ben's Centre also provide advocacy and an outreach service that supports clients with issues such as sustaining tenancies, accessing benefits/ employment, developing positive structured lives and physical health and well-being and developing links and interests.



4,411
meals
provided



120
full sets of
clothes provided



97
clients supported
to engage with
services



8
clients volunteer
at the Centre



22
clients gained
employability
skills

FUNDED BENEFICIARY OUTCOMES

The grant to Ben's Centre was a contribution to the following outcomes:

With a focus on harm minimisation, beneficiaries experience a reduction in the impact of chronic alcohol abuse and are supported to make positive changes to their lives.



Click here to read Ben's Centre's 2017-18 **IMPACT REPORT**

ST WILFRID'S CENTRE

£24,400

2017-18
Grant Amount

1

year
Grant Agreement

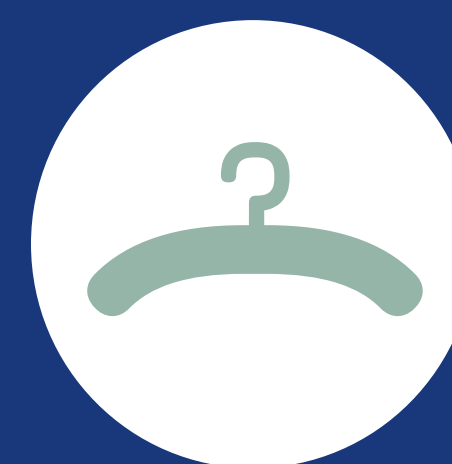
St Wilf's provides welfare services and activities 5 days a week to support vulnerable people from across the city. It welcomes clients with mental health issues, clients with learning disabilities, those who are homeless/ rootless, recovering from addictions or those that are finding it difficult to cope generally and are socially excluded. Activities range from literacy and numeracy classes, drama and music groups, IT sessions and work on their allotment, to one-to-one mentoring and skills workshops. A café is open every day and many users also have volunteer roles within the centre. Their rough sleeper service offers free access to showers, laundry facilities, meals, clothing and food parcels.



326
individuals
supported



4,660
sandwich/ soup
meals provided
in the cafe



39
individuals
used the
clothing store



148 volunteers
contributed

14,664 hours
over the year



455
advice & advocacy
sessions provided

FUNDED BENEFICIARY OUTCOMES

The grant to St Wilfrid's Centre was a contribution to the following outcomes:

Identify the range of positive benefits/ outcomes individuals experience as a result of accessing services and support from the Centre and establish a system for measuring and recording these.

Progress work to review, consolidate and develop policies, systems and processes across the Centre.



Click here to read St Wilfrid's Centre 2017-18 **IMPACT REPORT**

ST VINCENT DE PAUL FURNITURE STORE

£64,020

2017-18
Grant Amount

3 year

Grant Agreement

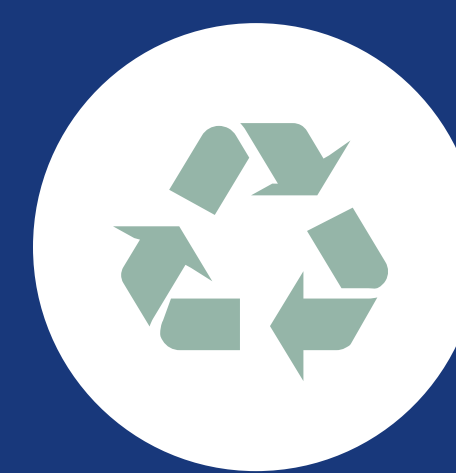
St. Vincent de Paul Furniture Store is a local branch of an international charity founded in 1986. They take donations of household furniture and redistribute the furniture free of charge to vulnerable people and those coming out of homelessness in Sheffield. They support people in financial hardship, those being discharged from hospital, people escaping domestic violence and those with mental ill-health.



950
families
received
furniture



2,103
individuals
benefited



130
tonnes of
furniture recycled



6,819
household items
and furniture
distributed

100%
of urgent
deliveries made
within 2 days



56%
of referrals made
by Sheffield City
Council

FUNDED BENEFICIARY OUTCOMES

The grant to SVP Furniture Store was a contribution to the following outcomes:

Families/ individuals referred to the furniture store for support, have the furniture items they need, delivered to their home, in a time-frame that reflects the urgency of their referral.

Access to essential household items enables individuals/ families to manage a crisis or to move forward.

In addition to beneficiary outcomes, being able to refer clients to the Store has a number of subsidiary benefits specific to the referral agent themselves.

The recycling of furniture makes a positive contribution to Sheffield's recycling agenda, which aims to minimise the amount of waste going to landfill and the likelihood of fly tipping.



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NEW BEGINNINGS delivered by Volunatry Action Sheffield

£17,400

2017-18
Grant Amount

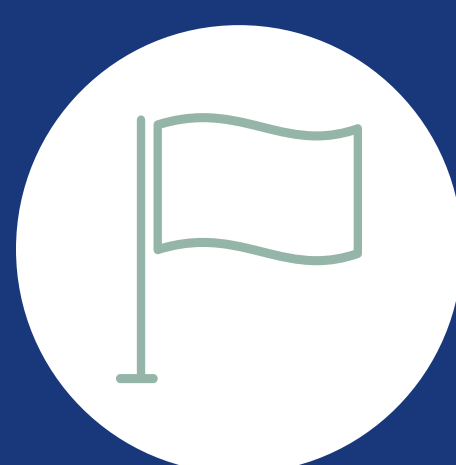
3 year

Grant Agreement

The New Beginnings project welcomes refugees and asylum seekers to Sheffield, supports them to integrate and empowers them to access opportunities that will improve their well-being and increase their independence. They primarily support refugee and asylum seekers to access education, training, volunteering and employment opportunities along with mentoring and social activities. They do this by developing relationships of trust with their clients. They offer one-to-one support to coach people through personal barriers (such as language and confidence), structural barriers (unfamiliar systems and processes) to enable people to access opportunities and help them develop.



498
refugees
supported



49
nationalities
represented



101
people
started training



96
people started
volunteering



40
gained
paid work

FUNDED BENEFICIARY OUTCOMES

The grant to New Beginnings was a contribution to the following outcomes:

Refugees and Asylum seekers improve skills and reduce isolation through volunteering and work.

Host organisations benefit from involving vulnerable migrants



Click here to read the New Beginnings 2017-18 **IMPACT REPORT**

Sheffield Association for the Voluntary Teaching of English (SAVTE)

£42,411

2017-18
Grant Amount

3 year

Grant Agreement

SAVTE provides a range of opportunities for individuals to learn English, by recruiting and training volunteer English tutors, from across Sheffield, to provide either one to one lessons for people unable to access mainstream ESOL or facilitate community based conversation groups. The home based personal tuition is the first step towards engaging with learning for a large proportion of SAVTE's learners, and the lessons not only build language skills but also confidence and self-esteem. SAVTE's ethos is about empowerment and integration, and their learners are supported to progress into formal ESOL classes, some of which SAVTE deliver directly, or onto other learning or volunteering opportunities in the city.



116 volunteer tutors
contributed

12,000+ hours
over the year



353
learners
supported



183
qualifications
gained



93
learners
supported
at home

FUNDED BENEFICIARY OUTCOMES

The grant to SAVTE was a contribution to the following outcomes:

Individual learners improve their English language skills.

Learners improved English language skills have
a positive impact on their lives.

Volunteers receive measurable benefit following
involvement in the volunteer programme.



Click here to read SAVTE's 2017-18 **IMPACT REPORT**

ROSHNI

£43,601

2017-18
Grant Amount

3 year

Grant Agreement

Roshni is a language and female specific resource centre that provides a range of services and activities for vulnerable Asian women from across Sheffield. Their services include: one to one advocacy support, a counselling service, elders' café, a weekly sewing class, an ESOL Entry level 1 class (delivered by Sheffield College) a weekly conversation/ drama and a range of cultural and information events and activities.



658
women
supported



23
women accessed
the counselling
service



300
women accessed
advocacy support



62 volunteers
contributed

6,292 hours
over the year



20
volunteers gained
employment or
entered training

FUNDED BENEFICIARY OUTCOMES

The grant to Roshni was a contribution to the following outcomes:

Women accessing Roshni's services have improved wellbeing and mental health.

Women accessing Roshni's services take control over their own life and take responsibility for their own wellbeing by making good life choices.

Women accessing Roshni's services become more active citizens.



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CITY OF SANCTUARY

£45,000

2017-18
Grant Amount

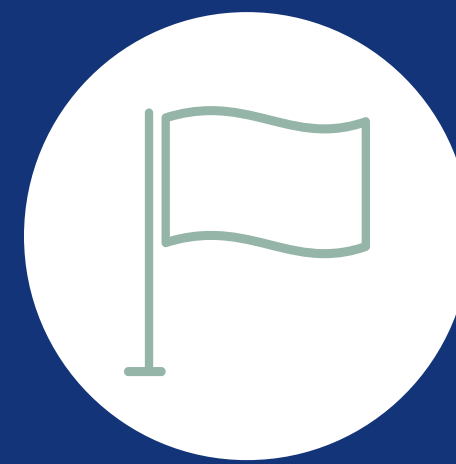
3year

Grant Agreement

City of Sanctuary seeks to build a culture of welcome for refugees and asylum seekers in Sheffield. They co-ordinate a weekly multi-agency drop-in which brings together a comprehensive range of services for asylum seekers and new arrivals in one place. City of Sanctuary have new premises where asylum seekers and refugees can attend for support, advice or to simply as a safe and relaxing space. City of Sanctuary also raise awareness of refugees and asylum seekers across Sheffield and the issues they face.



1,297
individuals
accessed the drop-in



73
nationalities
represented



35
different languages
spoken

with less than **6%**
of clients identifying
as English speakers

FUNDED BENEFICIARY OUTCOMES

The grant to City of Sanctuary was a contribution to the following outcomes:

Successful delivery and development of the Victoria Hall Drop-in that meets and responds to the needs of Asylum Seekers.

Supporting a successful Refugee and Migrant Forum.

Recommendations of the Refugee Needs Assessment are delivered.

Volunteers are well supported for their roles.



Click here to read City of Sanctuary's 2017-18 **IMPACT REPORT**

CITIZENS ADVICE SHEFFIELD

£864,000

2017-18
Grant Amount *

3 year

Grant Agreement

Citizens Advice Sheffield offer a range of free quality-assured advice service to people in Sheffield. They offer a face-to-face appointments at a variety of venues across the city, telephone advice line and British Sign Language appointments for people from Sheffield and focus predominantly on issues around benefits, debt, employment, housing and immigration.



23,152
people
advised



£7.158m
income gained for
people in the city



£4.185m
debts
written off

44%

of clients had a
disability or long-term
health condition

30%

of clients were
Black, Asian and
Minority Ethnic



151 volunteers
contributed

57,304 hours
over the year

FUNDED BENEFICIARY OUTCOMES

The grant to Citizens Advice Sheffield was a contribution to the following outcomes:

Sheffield People have access to a quality
assured advice service.

Advice beneficiaries receive financial benefit that
improves their financial situation (and alleviate the
effects of poverty).



Click here to read Citizens Advice Sheffield's 2017-18 **IMPACT REPORT**

* In 2017-18 Sheffield Citizen's advice received an additional £33,000 so that families referred through the Building Successful Families programme had access to fast tracked appointments and £58,000 for improved access to advice for users of Foodbanks across the city.

TACKLING INEQUALITIES FUND

ASSIST

£14,000

2017-18
Grant Amount

3 year

Grant Agreement

ASSIST Sheffield are a Charitable Incorporated Organisation that helps destitute asylum seekers by providing accommodation, advice and other support to those in most need or distress. It is the only charity in Sheffield focused on destitution among asylum seekers and helps asylum seekers when their initial claim has been rejected. ASSIST also seek to advance the education of the public and raise awareness about the plight of asylum seekers in Sheffield.



13,772
bed nights
provided



1,442
client advocacy
appointments



160 clients
received long-term
welfare payments
or bus passes



393 volunteers **36,960 hours**
contributed over the year

FUNDED BENEFICIARY OUTCOMES

The grant to Assist was a contribution to the following outcomes:

Destitute asylum seekers in Sheffield experience improved quality of life.

Increased sense of resilience, confidence and understanding (of their situation) amongst destitute asylum seekers.



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EMMAUS

£15,000

2017-18
Grant Amount

3

year
Grant Agreement

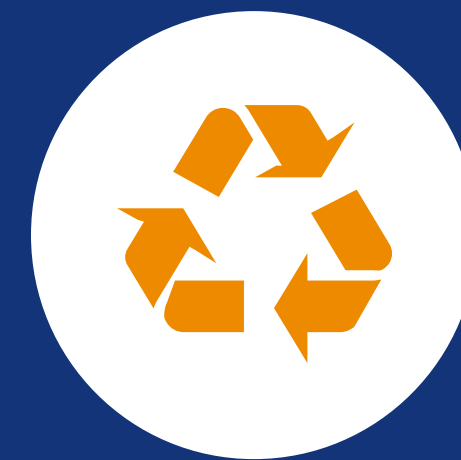
Emmaus is a homeless charity providing a safe, welcoming community for people who were once homeless. They provide a safe-home, support and work for companions for as long as the individual needs. The community includes quality, self-contained accommodation, communal living spaces, training and counselling facilities, workspace and shop for the on-site Social Enterprise and off-site training and work experience. They aim to provide meaningful work for companions and increased skills, confidence and self-reliance enabling people to move on to independent living.



25 companions supported



estimated **£700,000** saving for
statutory bodies (based on Cambridge University formula)



150
tonnes of
furniture recycled

FUNDED BENEFICIARY OUTCOMES

The grant to Emmaus was a contribution to the following outcomes:

Companions living in the Community report increased self-confidence, exhibiting improvements in self-reliance, restoration of dignity and creation of friendships.

Companions receiving support report feeling more positive about overcoming difficulties, exhibiting increased motivation to make plans for independent living.

Companions involved in meaningful work in the Community report feeling improvements in their self-worth and their prospects for employability.

Companions having access to training report increased confidence and skills, feeling better equipped to make informed decisions and life choices.

Companions move on from the community
in a positive and planned way.



Click here to read Emmaus' 2017-18 **IMPACT REPORT**

NOMAD

£37,654

2017-18
Grant Amount

3

year
Grant Agreement

NOMAD Opening Doors are a local housing charity that provides guidance, support and advice to homeless people and those threatened with homelessness. They provide the Personal Transitions Service (PTS) pilot which is part of a National Innovation Partnership of six partner agencies taking on a new asset-based approach to help bring about change in the homelessness sector. The PTS helps people become part of their communities and to build positive and lasting support networks while reducing reliance on statutory services and building long-term resilience and improving mental health. Information gathered during the pilot will be used to feed into commissioning intelligence to support better commissioning of homeless services.



37
people
sustained
stable
accommodation



17
people
engaged with
employment,
education, training
or volunteering



34
vulnerable people
have not used high
cost service as a
result of engagement
with the pilot

FUNDED BENEFICIARY OUTCOMES

The grant to Nomad was a contribution to the following outcomes:

70% of clients engaged in the PTS project will sustain their accommodation.

All clients engaged with the PTS project have increased assets that lead to increased wellbeing.

35% of individuals will engage in employment, education, training or volunteering.

Of those who have a history of mental health issues, 27% will reduce their usage of high cost services.



Click here to read Nomad's 2017-18 **IMPACT REPORT**

CHINESE COMMUNITY CENTRE

£15,000

2017-18
Grant Amount

1

year
Grant Agreement

Sheffield Chinese Community Centre is a charity and limited company by guarantee who provides services and give support to Chinese people particularly those who are disadvantaged, isolated and in poverty and help them integrate into mainstream society to live more independent lives free from barriers. They provide a range of services to meet the health, social, welfare and development needs of the Chinese community helping them to achieve a better quality of life and better access to services acting as a vital bridge between public services and the Chinese Community.



2,000+
people engaged with
Chinese cultural events



183
community
activities held



769
people accessed
services at the
Centre



574
health workshops
held

FUNDED BENEFICIARY OUTCOMES

The grant to the Chinese Community Centre was a contribution to the following outcomes:

The Sheffield Chinese Community centre will be more financially sustainable and able to demonstrate impact



Click here to read the Chinese Community Centre's 2017-18 **IMPACT REPORT**

INFRASTRUCTURE FUND

The following two organisations received a partnership grant award to reflect their joint application to the Fund:

SY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

£54,370

2017-18
Grant Amount

3 year

Partnership
Grant Agreement

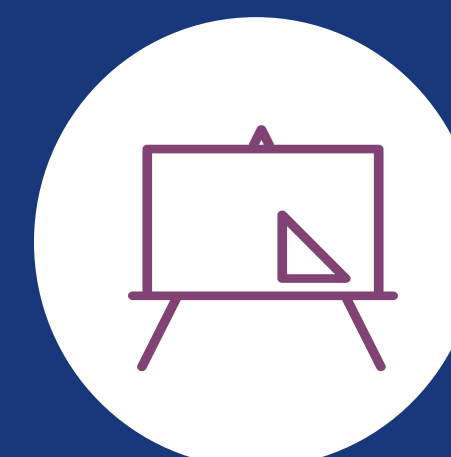
South Yorkshire Funding Advice Bureau (SYFAB) is a service offered by South Yorkshire Community Foundation to give funding advice and support to groups in South Yorkshire. The aim of the project is to support groups to maximise and diversify their income streams to develop a more sustainable local voluntary sector. As part of this service they offer bespoke support, subsidised training and online resources to groups based in Sheffield. Only data for Sheffield is shown below.



443
groups
supported



2,505
people received
the weekly funding
news e-bulletin



133
people
attended
training

42%

of groups supported
were BAME groups

42%

of groups supported
had no paid worker



£877,953
was raised by the groups
supported with fundraising

FUNDED BENEFICIARY OUTCOMES

The grant towards SYFAB was a contribution to the following outcomes:

Organisations are able to improve their prospects of developing and maintaining a diverse income base in line with the existing and emerging opportunities available to the sector.



Click here to read SYFAB's 2017-18 **IMPACT REPORT**

VOLUNTARY ACTION SHEFFIELD

£121,380

2017-18
Grant Amount

Voluntary Action Sheffield (VAS) supports voluntary and community action so that it is sustainable and brings about positive social change. As part of this the newly established Development Team was set up in 2017 to bring renewed focus to their work supporting small groups and volunteering, particularly around demonstrating impact. They provide groups with support around issues such as governance, risk and volunteering and help recruit and match volunteers with or organisations through the Volunteer Centre.



146

groups engaged
with the
development team

18

reported an
improvement in
volunteering

17

reported an
improvement in
risk management

16

reported an
improvement in
governance

22%

of groups supported
were BAME groups

29%

of groups supported
had no paid worker



245

organisations
advertised

1,292

volunteer roles with
the volunteer centre

FUNDED BENEFICIARY OUTCOMES

The grant to VAS was a contribution to the following outcomes:

Organisations are able to recruit the volunteers they need and to develop their skills and knowledge to manage volunteers to best practice standards.

Organisations have the skills and capacity to develop tools to demonstrate the impact of their services/ activities.

Organisations can manage and respond to internal or external change by means of adapting their ways of working and/or embarking on partnerships, collaboration and mergers or where appropriate winding up.



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LUNCH CLUB FUND



Visit our web pages to read our [Lunch Club Fund Annual Report](#)

Who benefited from Grant Aid?

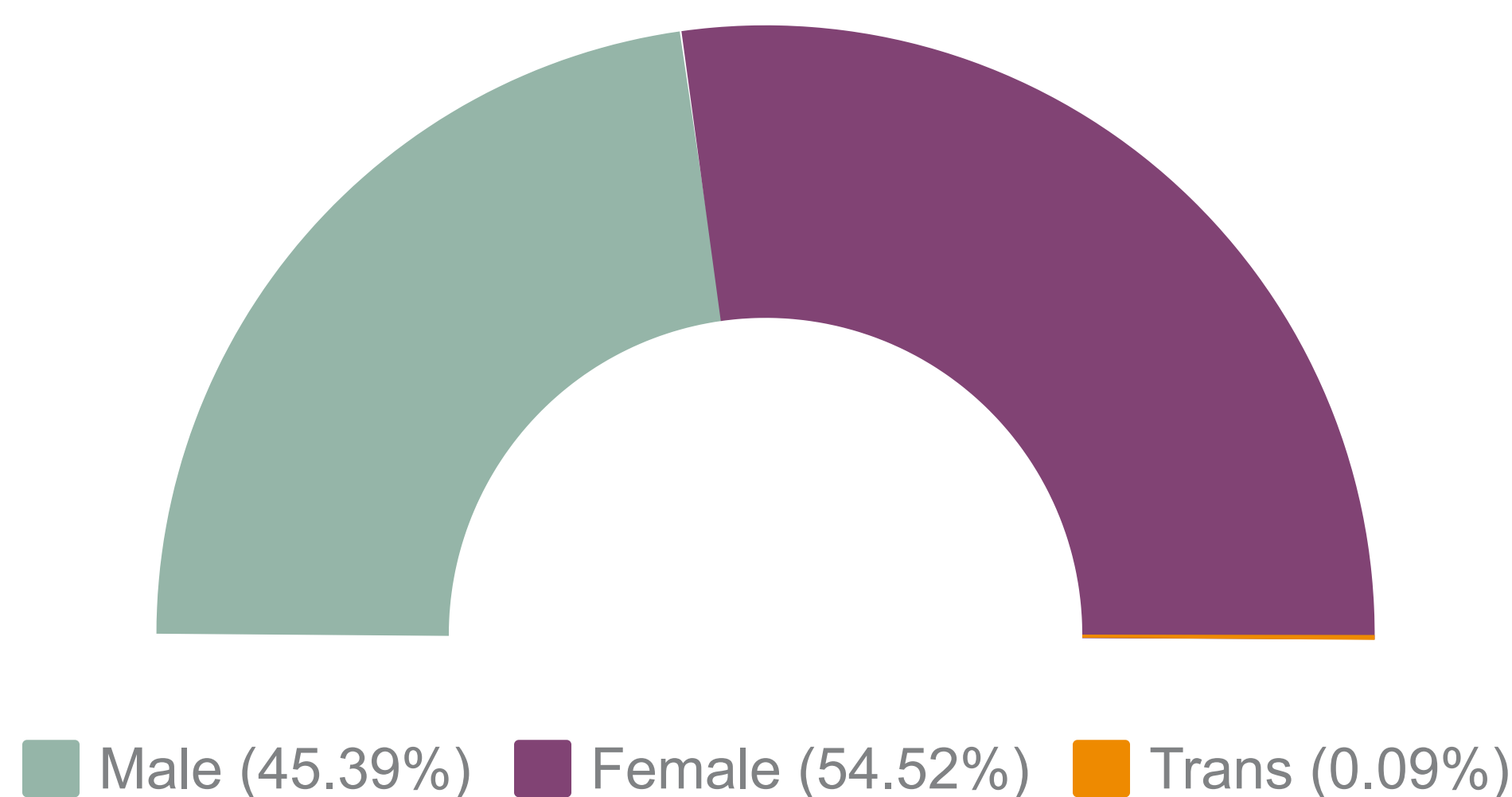
64 VCF sector organisations received grant investment
and **31,695 individuals** and **655 groups** across Sheffield
benefited from the services and activities delivered by these organisations.

Diversity of individual beneficiaries

Note: Percentage figures for each diversity category excludes any individuals where the data was not recorded by the grant recipient.

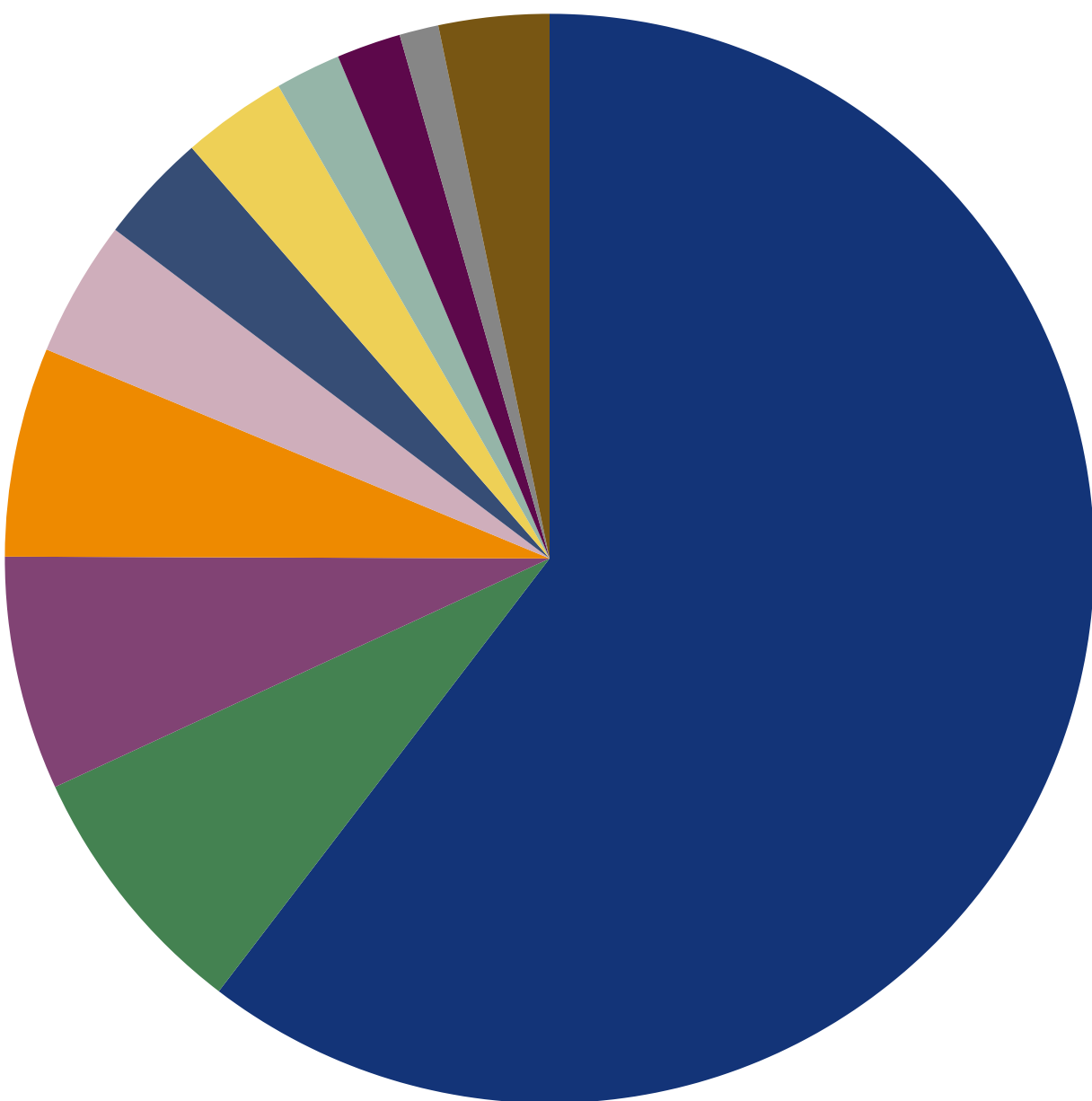
40% reported having a **disability or long-term condition**

Gender breakdown



39% were **BAME** Black, Asian, Minority Ethnic

Ethnicity breakdown



White British (60.38%) Other White (7.73%) African (6.94%) Pakistani (6.21%) Chinese (4.04%) Arab (3.28%) Other Asian (3.12%) Dual heritage (1.94%) Carribean (1.91%) Bangladeshi (1.16%) Other (3.28%)

Note: The three grant recipients working specially with Refugees and Asylum Seekers do not record ethnicity data and instead track country of origin. These groups supported:

1,749 Refugees and Asylum seekers

these new arrivals came from 88 different countries

the most common countries of origin were



Iran	17%	Libya	3%
Sudan	14%	Ethiopia	3%
Eritrea	13%	Pakistani	2%
Iraq	10%	Kuwait	2%
Syria	6%	Somalia	2%
Afghanistan	4%	Other	24%