

Application form: £10M WINTER PRESSURES FUND

Local Authority: Nottingham City Council

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Application overview:

1. Please provide a high-level summary of your proposal (400 words max). Including:
 - a) how it will fit within your existing rough sleeping pathway
 - b) how you will mobilise interventions at pace
 - c) expected timelines for delivery

This proposal contains the spot purchase of nightly paid self-contained accommodation to respond to the additional demand for direct access off-the-streets accommodation that is not currently being met by the RSI provision.

The bid also includes funding to cover the costs of extending the day centre opening hours to respond to the outreach shift and ensure that there is a place where identified rough sleepers can access safety and warmth until services open in the morning. This will not only offer shelter in the early morning but allow a seamless transition of support and engagement, minimising the risk of losing people in the gap between identification and later assessments.

Through this funding we will inject capacity into the statutory service to enable flexible assessment and targeted caseloads focussed on move on from short term rough sleeping supported accommodation provision.

This proposal also contains a flexible fund to cover costs incurred in tenancy set up and the transition to independent living as well as transition payments to prevent a return to rough sleeping pending alternative accommodation arrangements.

- Access to services will replicate the same referral pathway as into existing RSI accommodation services (but with authorisation from Housing Aid Service Manager and Rough Sleeping Coordinator for the nightly paid accommodation).
- The flexible move on fund will be available across all of the existing RSI provision to ensure system wide throughput.
- Winter Pressures providers are existing RSI delivery partners. This will enable the Winter Pressures measures to be a cohesive bolt-on to the existing services and systems. Furthermore, the partners are experienced in mobilising within tight timescales and have knowledge of pathways processes and people.
- Every effort will be made to second existing staff into any new posts and backfill their roles to enable services to begin delivery as quickly as possible.
- Nightly paid arrangements will be made on an ad-hoc basis and it is anticipated that they will be readily available.

2. Please summarise your proposed spend and activity using the form below:

General interventions		
Spending category	Amount (£)	Details

Off the street accommodation (including Hotels and B&Bs)	£99,703	Description (please include start and end dates of planned activity): 29 November 2021 – 31 March 2022 Cost (not including VAT) of securing self-contained nightly paid accommodation for 6 individuals each night for the duration of the period. At a maximum length of stay of 14 days, it is anticipated that this provision would support a minimum of 54 different people during the winter season. Costs include the room charge, additional damages and cleaning as well as a pro-rata assumption about additional onsite support.	
		Cost per unit:	£16,617 (54 people sheltered at a per person cost of £1,846)
		Has housing benefit been included in calculation and what percentage have you calculated your HB recovery rate?	Yes at 60% of 2011 LHA rate
		How many bed spaces per night will this fund?	6
Staffing costs	£41,841	Description: £29,988 staffing costs to cover the extension of the Emmanuel House opening hours 5am-9am Monday-Sunday. This is to ensure that following outreach, identified rough sleepers can be taken to a place of shelter, safety and warmth whilst waiting for services to open and ongoing engagement and support can be provided. There will be 2 x support workers and 1 x team leader present during the extended opening hours for 122 days covering the period 29/11/21 to 31/03/22. £11,853 staffing costs for a Housing Aid Officer focussed on rough sleepers to complete flexible statutory assessments and prioritising move on intensively managed personalised housing plans.	
		Staffing – roles and FTE:	Emmanuel House Support Workers 6 x 0.24 FTE Emmanuel House Team Leader 1 x 0.24 FTE 1 X FTE Housing Aid Officer
Other (please specify)	£39,688	Description: £12,688 operating costs to open Emmanuel House for an additional 4 hours per day, including: Building costs: £6,100 Taxi for staffing to arrive at work at 5am: £3,660 Food and drink: £2,928 £27,000 transition / resettlement costs at £500 per person for 54 individuals. Personalised budgets to be used as landlord incentives, to cover costs associated with tenancy start-up and to prevent a return to repeat homelessness during a transition from one form of accommodation to another.	
		Cost per unit:	N/A
		How many people will this support?	54 people with personal budgets 8 individuals per day at EH

Total	£94,283	£181,232 total cost of interventions, minus £27,315 (Crashpad underspend) and £59,634 (Wellesley underspend) at £86,949 = £94,283
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Interventions to support non-UK nationals with restricted eligibility		People from abroad will be able to access the above provision and there is no distinct additional provision being sought within this proposal.	
Spending category	Amount (£)	Details	
Off the street accommodation (including Hotels and B&Bs)		Description:	
		Cost per unit:	
		How many bed spaces will this fund?	
Support workers		Description:	
		Staffing – roles and FTE:	
Other (<i>please specify</i>)		Description:	
		Cost per unit:	
		How many people will this support?	
Total	£		

1. How do these plans build on and support existing winter provision and/or existing RSI4 interventions?

Our existing RSI system of services are built upon principles of prevention, identification & engagement, assessment & support, provision of emergency shelter and sustainable move on accommodation. The measures included within this proposal bolster the ability for existing parts of the system to engage, assess and support rough sleepers by providing immediate, guaranteed access to safety and shelter and importantly continuity, following identification on outreach. This proposal also anticipates a boost in capacity to deliver statutory assessments that are responsive and flexible and the ability to intensively case manage personalised housing plans to ensure a focus on move on and resettlement. Flexible funding will enable unique needs to be addressed system-wide, unblocking barriers to move on and supporting people to accept accommodation arrangements, as well as opening up options during transition periods.

2. Please outline plans for stepdown or continuation of activities at programme end (31 March 2022) :

The accommodation based element of this funding proposal will not be offered on an indefinite basis but as an emergency measure pending a move into alternative provision. Any individuals occupying the provision during March

will be subject to an intensive individual move on plan and use of the provision will be withdrawn in accordance with a pre-prepared stepdown plan.

3. Please outline how impact and delivery will be monitored and recorded. Use this space to detail specific outcome targets, including for non-UK national numbers if appropriate, which you will use to report against once interventions have concluded.

All RSI services receive a monitoring template for completion and submission to the Homelessness Strategy Manager and the Rough Sleeping Coordinator. These services will be added to that monitoring regime and use of the flexible budgets will be included within existing services returns. Our quarterly RSI service leads meeting will meet fortnightly during the winter months to ensure that the system is operating as an adherent unit. Nottingham City Council will complete any additional monitoring requirements imposed by DLUHC.

4. Which other organisations will you be working with on delivering your programme? (e.g. Charities, local public health teams, health and care providers, central government departments i.e. Home Office)

Local hotel providers
Emmanuel House
Framework Street Outreach Team (and RSI accommodation provision)
Nottingham City Council Public Health
Nottinghamshire CityCare – Homeless Health Team
Nottinghamshire HealthCare Trust – Mental Health Specialist Practitioners
Framework – Specialist Substance Misuse Practitioners

Please send the completed template to rsi@communities.go.uk The final deadline for template submissions will be 14 January. We are accepting bids on a rolling basis from 3 November and will endeavour to notify applicants of an outcome within 10 working days of receiving your bid.