

Record of operational decision

Decision title:	Decision to Award Support for Ukraine Community Integration Grants for 2026
Date of decision:	2 nd December 2025
Decision maker:	Director of Community Wellbeing
Authority for delegated decision:	<p>The Support for Ukraine Cabinet decision made in October 2022 approved that authority is delegated to the Corporate Director for Community Wellbeing to take all operational and budgetary decisions in relation to their proposals and the implementation, including the use of contingency sums and budget variations within the overall approved budget. And the Decision to extend the Support for Ukraine Community Integration Grant scheme funded through the Homes for Ukraine Sponsorship Scheme published in August 2022, in which the Director of Community Wellbeing delegated the Senior Responsible Officer (SRO) for the Homes for Ukraine scheme approval of all grants and sign off of all offer letters made as part of this grant scheme.</p> <p>The decision to further extend the Support for Ukraine Community Integration Grant scheme funded through the Homes for Ukraine Sponsorship Scheme to end on 31st January 2027 was published on 16/10/2025.</p>
Ward:	Countywide
Consultation:	The grant scheme was developed through consultation with council services and voluntary and community organisations. Information on the grant has been published on the council's website and open to any voluntary sector organisation to deliver services and support to Ukrainians relocated to the county under the Homes for Ukraine scheme.
Decision made:	<p>Grants have been offered to the following organisations for the period 1/2/2026 to 31/1/2027:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diocese of Hereford - £55,686 • Ethos (The Living Room)- £44,513 • HALO Leisure Services Ltd - £14,957 • Herefordshire Football Association - £3,725 • Hereford Help for Ukraine (AUGB project) - £24,151 • Hereford Help for Ukraine (Ukraine Warehouse project) - £65,791 • Herefordshire MIND - £36,071 • Hvoss (Children and Young People's Wellbeing) £31,016 • Hvoss (Ukraine Integration Project) - £60,231 • St Peter and St James Church - £26,309
Reasons for decision:	The Homes for Ukraine Sponsorship Scheme was launched on the 14th March 2022. The scheme enables people living in the UK to offer accommodation in their own homes or property they own to individuals and families displaced from the Ukraine due to the war with Russia. To

	<p>date over 800 Ukrainians have arrived in Herefordshire through the scheme, with about 30% aged 18 years old or younger. There are still more Ukrainians seeking to move to the UK, but this is limited by the number of hosts who are available.</p> <p>Government guidance to local authorities makes it clear that supporting the integration of Ukrainian families within their local communities is an important part of the scheme. As the war continues in the Ukraine the grant which funds support and activities for those who have relocated to the county continues to play an important role in community integration.</p> <p>The applications have been appraised by a panel and applicants asked to amend their applications if necessary. Once agreement is reached an offer letter is signed by the Senior Responsible Offer and sent to the applicant.</p>
<p>Equality Considerations</p>	<p>The community integration grant scheme seeks to foster good relations between people already living in Herefordshire and people from the Ukraine as they resettle. The aims of the grant scheme for round four are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secure more host and supporting the host / guest relationship • Provide targeted employment support – particularly focusing on employment which recognises existing skills and experience • Address housing issues, including homelessness / alternative accommodation options / advising hosts and guests on housing options • Address barriers to learning English • Support the most vulnerable, including those with physical / mental health issues, in financial hardship, lacking support networks • Encourage self-help and mutual support
<p>Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:</p>	<p>All of the cost detailed in this decision will be met by funding provided by the Government to facilitate and support the Homes for Ukraine Scheme.</p>
<p>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:</p>	<p>There are no other financially viable options available.</p>
<p>Details of any declarations of interest made:</p>	<p>None</p>

Signed..... Date:

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