

TFN Impact Report

Name of your Organisation:	Rhondda Hub for Veterans
Date of TFN event which you pitched at?	4/7/2018
Name of the project TFN funded:	Rhondda Hub for Veterans start-up
Were you able to undertake your project as you outlined in the application?	Yes
Can you describe and/or demonstrate the specific impact that TFN funding has had against your initial objectives?	<p>This time last year we only had an empty office, rent-free for 12 months. Now we have an equipped office with 4 volunteers working there on a regular basis, and since our launch on 17 May we have moved on from the preparatory start-up work of making contacts and equipping the premises (which the TFN grant of £4,937 helped us fund) to begin our core activity of finding accommodation in the local private rented sector for veterans who are or who were in danger of being homeless, and have already housed a number. We also have a grant to employ a part-time resettlement worker. It has been a long hard year, due to there being just myself.</p> <p>We have a board, waiting on CIO Status, unfortunately they are all in full time work, and I currently have adverts out for a Chairperson/Trustees.</p>
What portion of the project did TFN fund?	21%
How many direct beneficiaries did the TFN funded project reach?	5
How many indirect beneficiaries did the TFN funded project reach?	7
Were you able to leverage further funding as a result of TFN support?	Yes
If yes, how much were you able to raise and from whom?	<p>Lottery Fund Award for All (£10,000). Community Fund in Wales Social Provident Impact Fund (£5,000) - (on hold until we receive Charity Status) Rhondda Cynon Taf Council Social (Enterprise Fund (£279) UnLtd £3000</p>
Did you receive any pro-bono support, volunteer offers or introductions as a result of the event?	No
How important was TFN funding in helping you achieve your objectives?	We would have found it difficult to achieve our objectives without TFN funding

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<p>Since presenting at TFN, has your organisation undergone any other significant changes?</p>	<p>Only that, as mentioned above, we have moved on from starting up to being operational.</p>
<p>Do you have any other comments or feedback on the experience of the TFN process?</p>	<p>TFN processes are straight forward, if there was something that I did not understand someone was always willing to speak with me.</p>
<p>Can you tell us any personal stories to highlight the value of the project?</p>	<p>A gentleman walked into our office, head down shoulders bent over, and even though he was not a referral, I took him aside, is issues not being dealt with included debt, mental health, benefits, and housing (sleeping in a camper van for a year). Following an assessment, I contacted Step Change (Debt Charity), and a debt management plan is now in place. We then contacted his support for mental health, to find there is up to a year wait to be seen by a psychologist, I decided that this was not good enough. I contacted Change Step (Veteran Charity) who immediately came to our office, met with the gentleman, and he now has an appointment with Veteran NHS Wales, with regards to PTSD/BI-Polar. He also has had a meeting with Welfare (Army) officer, which has determined he is and has been entitled to further assistance, and accommodation has been offered and accepted.</p> <p>He came back asking if he could volunteer for us, as he is doing so well. More importantly, his shoulders are no longer hunched over, and there is a light in his face. While we would like to employ him unfortunately we cannot afford to, however he has found accommodation to house new people.</p>