

Local Welfare Scheme Funding for Refugees

1. Up to £100k will be made available to support 3rd sector organisations in working with refugees and asylum seekers. Organisations to be supported are those whose principle activity is providing assistance to refugees and asylum seekers.

Funding will be made available for the following purposes:

- To increase capacity to provide advice and support;
- To fund goods and essentials that help asylum seekers refugees settle into Leeds;
- To deliver greater co-ordination of support across the network of organisations providing services to RAS; and
- To help address/improve community relations issues

The basic criteria for funding will include the following:

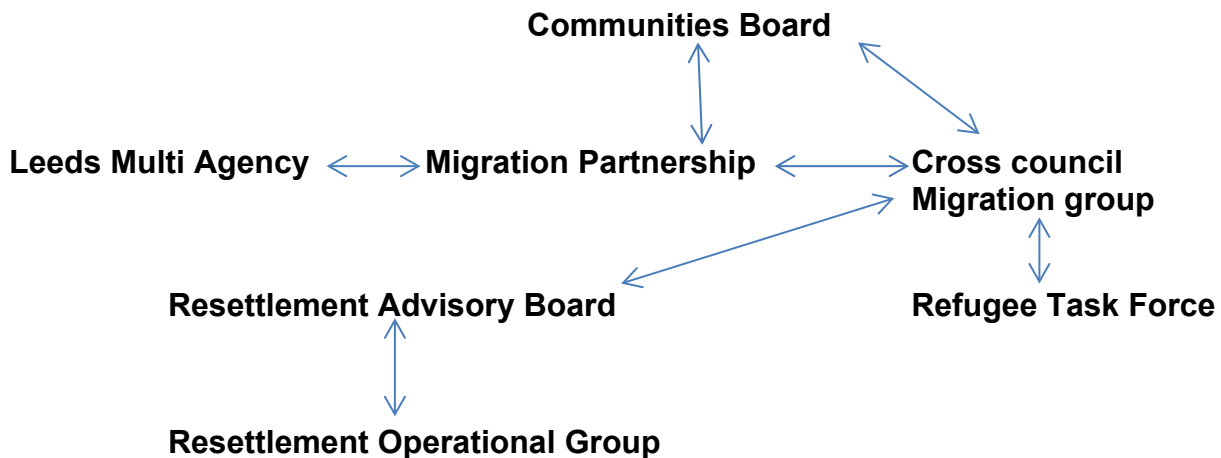
- The funding is to increase current provision
- Organisations need to be established and financially viable
- Organisations need to show how they will respond when funding stops (preference may be given to those that use funding to grow service delivery beyond the funding period)
- As part of the aim of helping to deliver greater co-ordination of support, it will be helpful for organisations to show how they will work in partnership with other organisations to increase current provision

As a guide, funding will normally be limited to £10k to enable more organisations to access the funding. Bids above £10k may be considered where:

- a) There are exceptional reasons for a higher bid;
- b) The organisation is critical to the delivery of support to Syrian refugees; and
- c) The bid is supported by other organisations in the network

The bidding process will be kept simple with decisions agreed at Citizens and Communities Leadership Team.

Main Groups with Oversight of Migration Work



Communities Board – Partnership group which is chaired by Cllr Coupar. It has a focus on providing an overview and understanding of communities, including discussions around migration. The Migration Partnership Board formally reports to this Board.

Migration Partnership – Currently chaired by the third sector with support from the council, with a combination of third sector and public bodies participating. The aim is to encourage strategic work in relation to migration.

Cross council migration group – includes representation from each directorate and is chaired by James Rogers. This group formally reports into the Equality Board and works closely with the Migration Partnership.

Resettlement Advisory Board – Set up to manage the Syrian/ Afghan resettlement programme to Leeds. Board includes representation from police, DWP, housing, ASC, health and chaired by Liz Cook.

Resettlement Operational Group – set up to deliver the Syrian/Afghan resettlement programme in Leeds. Membership replicates that on the Board at an operational level and is chaired by Charlotte Cook, Migration Yorkshire.

Leeds Multi Agency Meeting – a third sector led group which focusses on provision of services/advice and guidance for asylum seekers. Although council not formally involved there is cross over with the Migration Partnership.

Refugee task force – set up to provide strategic leadership to address the challenges currently being created by the refugee crisis. It includes representation from council directorates and is chaired by James Rogers.