

Annual Impact Report

2024-25

LHF

London Homelessness Foundation

LHF supports organisations improving the lives of people experiencing homelessness. We achieve our impact by working through others, sparking new ideas, building networks, and embracing risk. We back innovation as well as promoting proven approaches.

Our aim is to sustainably reduce homelessness in London while driving better solutions across the sector.



£767,000

spent directly on our charitable activities

£480,000

grants supporting homelessness agencies

£287,000

supporting the development of the homelessness sector in London

Source – LHF audited financial statements

GRANT GIVING

LHF awarded grants to 12 organisations.

Each year, LHF directs most of its income toward projects across London that support people who are homeless or at risk. We fund initiatives that are early-stage or higher-risk, those which others may not yet be ready to support.

By giving these projects the chance to prove their potential, we often help them unlock further investment.

Our funding also prioritises collaboration across the sector, encourages consolidation, and supports targeted international work.





CHANGE PLEASE

LHF awarded Change Please, an agency tackling homelessness through the power of social enterprise by training people to become baristas, a grant of **£43,500** to support nine people with lived experience of street homelessness. All nine completed 12 weeks of training.

Four participants went on to secure internships, and three are now in employment.

"I'm starting my new job next week as a chef. The programme gave me the confidence and mindset I needed - I finally feel like I can do something with my life." **Course Graduate**

DEPAUL INTERNATIONAL

LHF provided **£113,000**

£50,000 for core costs and **£60,000** towards the Ukraine humanitarian response.

In addition, **£3,000** was granted to support the development of a residential programme in the Lika region of Croatia. LHF also continued its long-standing support for Depaul Croatia, providing advice on the development of projects to prevent homelessness amongst people leaving prisons. Depaul Croatia's leader, Sr Veronika, visited the UK where we facilitated meetings with NACRO staff and arranged a prison visit to explore best practices.



THE PEOPLE'S RECOVERY PROJECT (TPRP)

TPRP were awarded **£60,000** in total as part of the incubator grant over two years.

The project has made significant progress in establishing a new, lived experience-led pathway into specialised residential detox for people experiencing homelessness. Their focus has been on intensive community engagement, building trust with individuals, and preparing them for long-term recovery journeys.

So far, one person has successfully completed a six-month residential programme, two others have entered detox, with one continuing into rehab. Three more are preparing for treatment in the coming months. While these numbers are modest, they reflect the complexity and time required to support this high-need population effectively.

The project is now in contact with 45 individuals at various stages of readiness and has seen growing interest from external services and peer referrals.

CONSULTANCY AND CAPACITY BUILDING

LHF provided consultancy to Prisoners Abroad and Boost Up, offering strategic advice and hands-on support.

"The support was invaluable. It helped us shape our direction and gave practical advice on HR, recruitment and funding."

Lucien Lawrence, Boost Up

RESEARCH AND INFLUENCE

In response to concerns about sustainability for service providers acting as Managing Agents to provide supported housing, LHF collaborated with Thames Reach to deliver a rapid research project and convene a roundtable discussion.

Data was gathered from 14 organisations, covering almost 8,000 bedspaces - two thirds of provision in London. The findings highlighted significant issues and are now being used to influence discussions with the GLA and national government.

"This work has underpinned critical conversations with policymakers,"

Bill Tidnam, Thames Reach

HIGHLIGHTS

POSTGRADUATE LEADERSHIP COURSE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH LSBU

Seventeen managers and future leaders graduated from cohort 11 in 2024, representing 16 organisations.

The majority of graduates go on to secure more senior roles within the sector - including over three quarters of those who graduated in the first seven cohorts. Graduates reported increased confidence and career development.

"I now feel much more capable as a leader. It was invaluable to learn from others in the sector."

Student, cohort 12

We also hosted several events for our alumni and wider network.

In Conversation with Polly Neate, CEO of Shelter, drew 22 attendees:

"Polly was honest, insightful and incredibly well-informed. It really made me think."

Event attendee

Securing Senior Roles, hosted by Clare Miller, Chief Executive of Clarion Housing and featuring James Tickell, Founding Partner at Campbell Tickell which attracted 19 attendees:

"Very relevant and eye-opening—prompted a lot of reflection."

Event attendee

ATLAS

In partnership with Homeless Link, LHF maintains the LHF Atlas, an interactive website that maps services tackling rough sleeping in London.

The site averaged over 300 users per month. A survey confirmed that professionals across the sector use the Atlas to guide strategy and improve coordination.

"I refer to it constantly to co-ordinate and improve responses to homelessness and rough sleeping in London."

Michelle Binfield, London Councils

THE LONDON HOMELESSNESS AWARDS

In December 2024, six outstanding organisations were celebrated at the prestigious London Homelessness Awards. Housing Justice's Night Shelter Lettings Network, Lambeth Council, and Treasures Foundation shared a **£60,000** prize fund.

Over 100 attendees joined the high-profile awards event, representing 35 organisations.

"Having flexible funds with no strings attached meant we could offer a more compassionate, human response to people in crisis."

Fran Busby, SLAM Start Homeless Outreach Services



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