

Sherburn Relief in Need Fund 2023-24

Introduction

County Durham Community Foundation (the Foundation) has delivered grant funding programmes on behalf of Sherburn House Charity since 2017 to help and support people living in poverty and in crisis across the North East (the Region). These are:

- o The Sherburn House Charity Relief in Need Fund (RiN Fund) which aims to reduce the hardship and distress faced by individuals and families living in poverty within the Region, by providing grants of up to £300 for the purchase of essential domestic equipment, furniture, household items and critical clothing, such as school uniforms.
- o The Sherburn House Community Grants Fund (Grants Fund) providing funding

Facts and Figures

Total awarded 2017- 2024

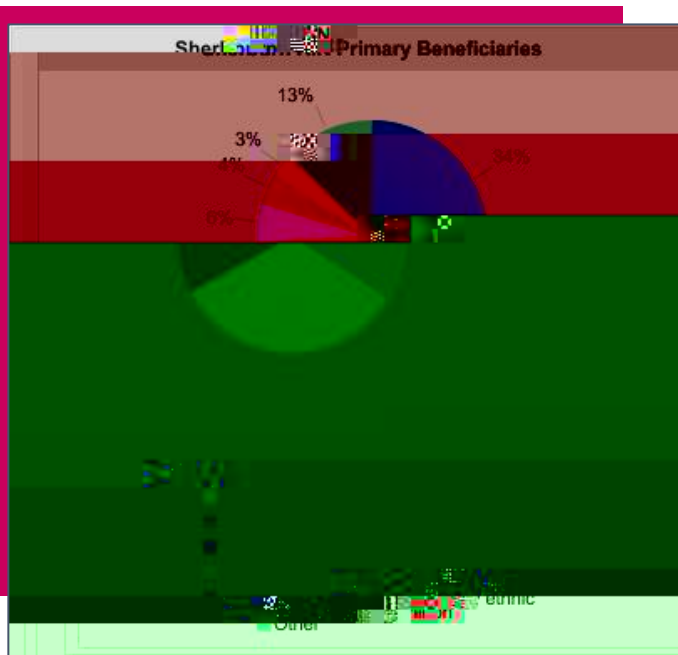
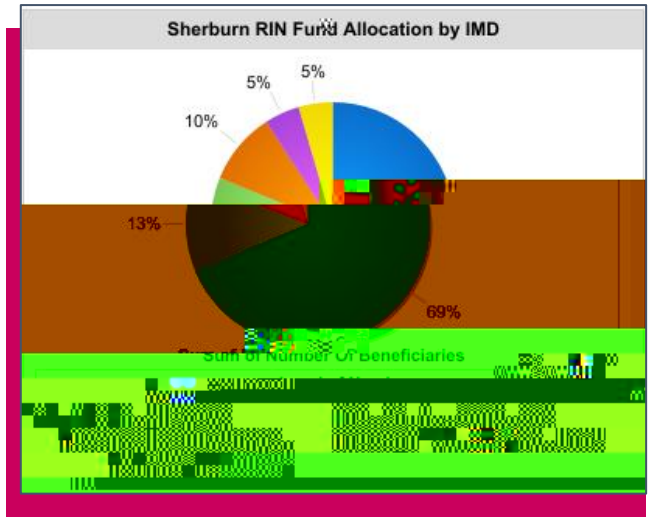


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Areas of poverty

More than two thirds (69%) of the funding was awarded to people living in the 20% most deprived areas of the country. In total, 539 beneficiaries (82%) were located in the 30% most deprived areas of the country. The geographical data reveals that the Fund met its aim to provide relief to people facing significant hardship and living in poverty.

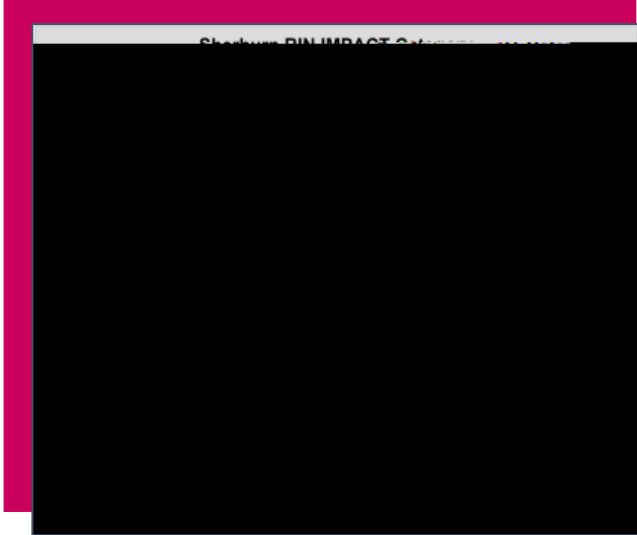
This is not to discount the hardship faced by individuals living in the least deprived areas, as poverty exists in pockets across the region, particularly those who are living in isolation.



Who received help?

In 2023-024, the Fund largely supported lone parents and children. The statistics along with stories of change (see case studies) show that hardship and poverty have a

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The impact

A notable proportion of the grants were awarded to 'advance people's physical and mental health, wellbeing and safety', demonstrating the importance of the Fund in immediately improving people's circumstances and daily lived conditions.

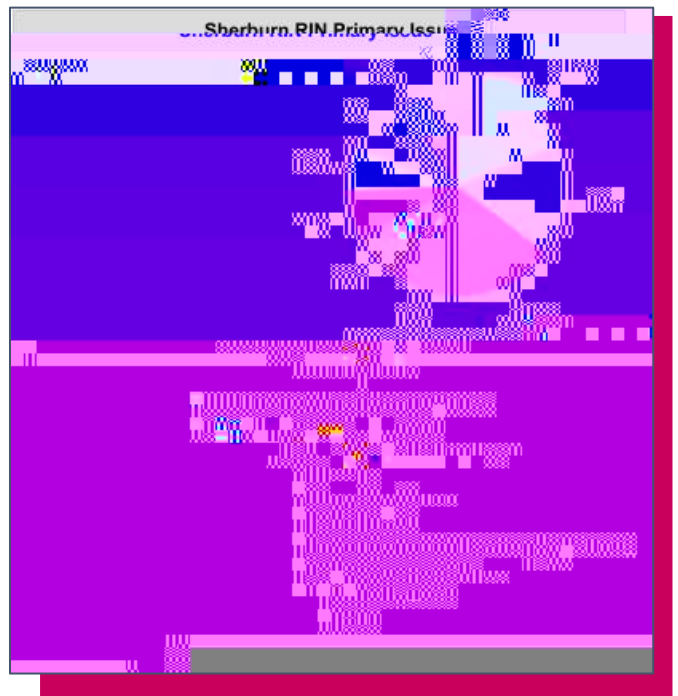
Examples of this type of support include contributions towards carpets for the safety of children, mattresses and bedding for those with mobility issues, and kitchen appliances which allow beneficiaries to store and cook healthy meals. The Fund also helped individuals access further educational and employment opportunities, for example through the funding of uniform, clothing, or even a bed frame to ensure a good night's sleep and promote school attendance.

The main issue

The main issue highlighted in applications to the Fund was to support improved health and well-being, and support family life. These, along with poverty and disadvantage, are the three foremost issues addressed by the Fund - and consistent with the objectives of the Fund to urgently address issues affecting daily lives.

The grants awarded have tackled various other difficulties faced by beneficiaries, such as deterioration of home and living conditions, mental health illness, and support for victims of domestic violence.

In all, the Relief in Need Fund had an extensive effect on recipients who are facing wide-ranging problems caused by poverty.



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Refugees / Asylum / Immigration
S and his family were claiming asylum

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Case Studies



Poverty and Disadvantage

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Appendix

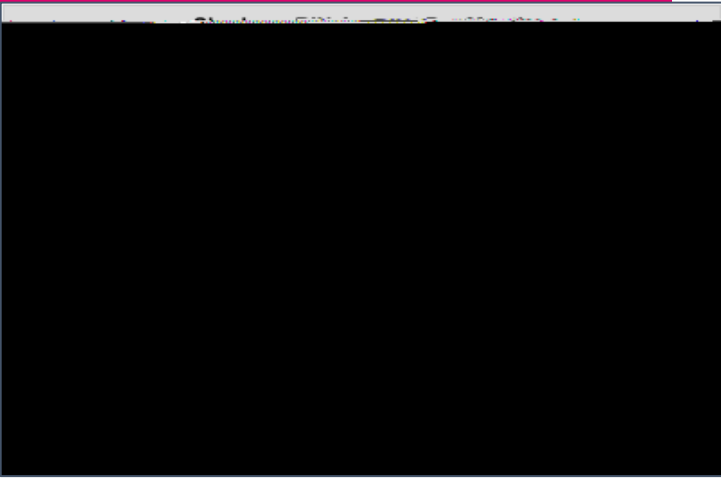


Figure 1: Amount Awarded per Month 23/24

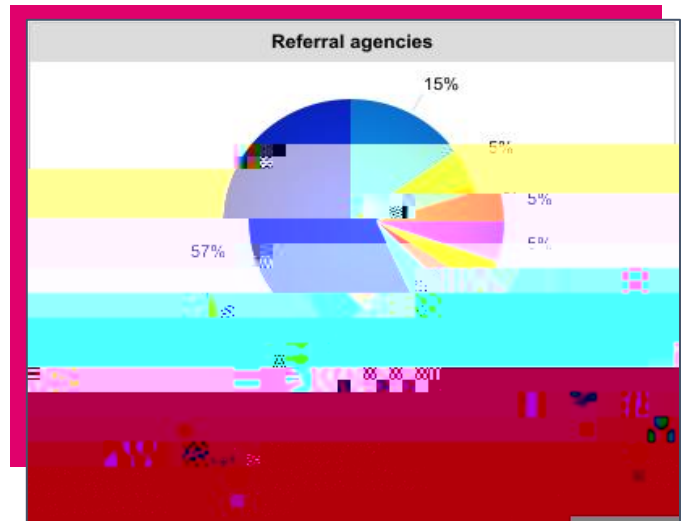


Figure 2: Percentage of Grants Awarded by Referral Agency

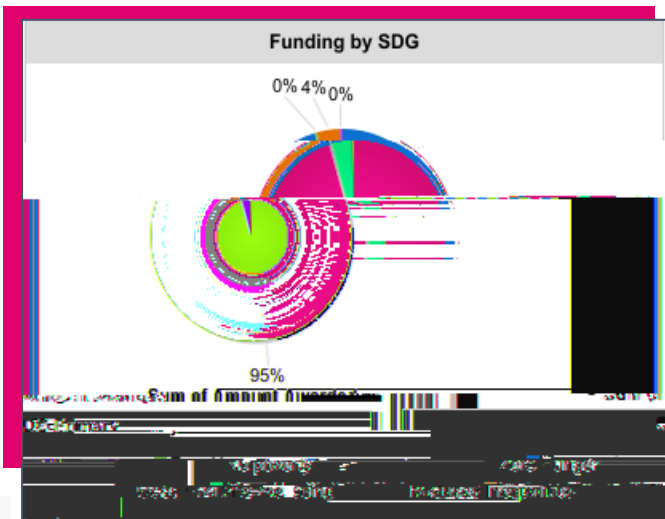


Figure 3: Amount Awarded by Sustainable Development Goal