

## **Appendix 5 – Assessment of Housing Related Grant Schemes 2019- 2022**

### **Cambridge Re-use**

Although this proposal does not directly provide an accommodation option, the proposal fits with the wider remit of preventing homelessness by allowing families on low income to furnish their accommodation. The service is well used – as evidenced by the monitoring information but also via direct feedback from the Housing Advice and team who regularly work with households on low incomes who cannot afford to furnish their accommodation without the aid of the Re-Use scheme.

The proposal represents good value for money with good revenue streams from the sale of second-hand goods, providing additional revenue streams and sustainability for the future.

**Total score 25/25**

### **Cambridge Women's Aid**

This proposal meets the required standard in all material aspects. Over the last 3 years 'violent relationship breakdown' has been the third highest cause of homelessness within the district. Women's Aid is able to provide both advice and shelter/refuge and is a service that the Housing Advice and Options Team refer to on an ongoing basis. It is the main provider of domestic abuse support/services in the area.

The service represents good value for money. Demand for the service continues to increase annually. The service is very reliant on grant funding but the manager is proactive in seeking and maximising these opportunities to ensure the service's ongoing viability. Receipt of local authority funding is seen as a positive lever to allow the organisation to access additional funding sources. The impact of not funding the service would leave a gap in much needed service provision.

**Total score 25/25**

### **Cambridge Cyrenians**

This proposal does not directly provide accommodation, but is part of a holistic package to hard to reach/vulnerable clients accommodated by Cyrenians. It helps prevent homelessness because it allows residents to access IT in their supported accommodation units. Without this access, it would be harder to submit benefit claims, search for work etc and the risk of benefit loss would be greater. The requirement to access benefits and fulfil work availability criteria online is a requirement of Universal Credit. Without the ability to access IT in a supported environment it is anticipated that the risk of income loss to each individual would lead to an increase in homelessness for a client group that already have complex needs and find it difficult to sustain accommodation. For this reason the proposal fits within the wider remit of homeless prevention.

Robust finances indicate a sustainable future.

**Total Score 25/25**