

St
Martin
in
the
Fields

Charity



Vicar's Relief Fund

Impact Report 2018/19



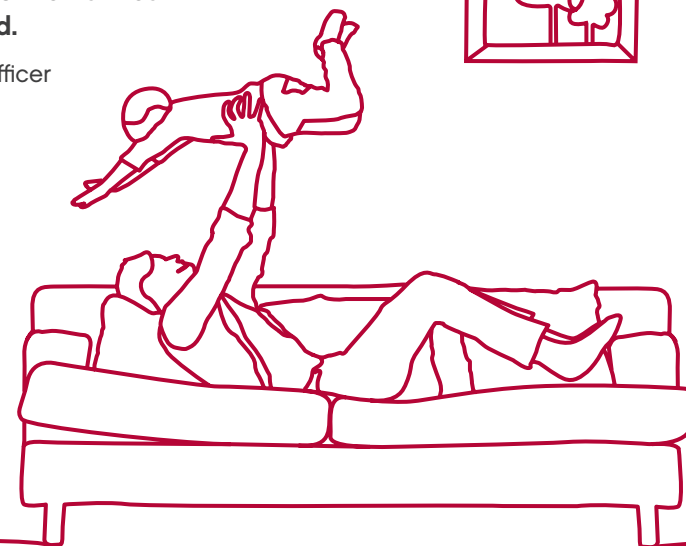
The St Martin-in-the-Fields Charity helps people who are experiencing or at risk of becoming homeless.

We are best known for our annual BBC Radio 4 Christmas Appeal with St Martin-in-the-Fields. The money we raise directly supports people through The Connection at St Martin-in-the-Fields and across the UK through the Vicar's Relief Fund (VRF) and the Frontline Network.



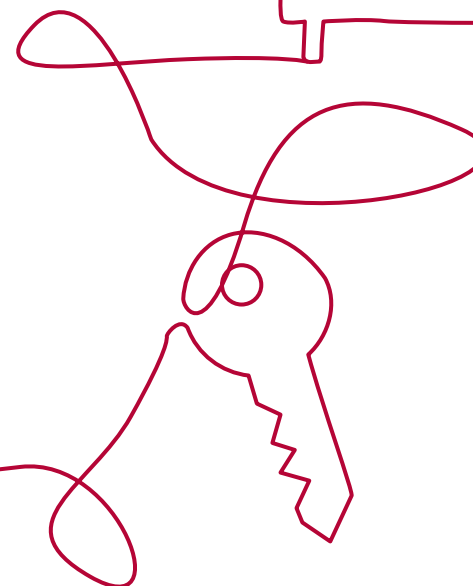
Just to say this client is so very happy in his flat and the support shown by yourselves has made a fantastic difference to him being safe and secure as well as getting back into society. His mental health has greatly improved.

Housing Association Officer
Sussex



The VRF (Vicar's Relief Fund) helps people experiencing homelessness through small, quick grants that prevent eviction or help people access accommodation.

We award grants of up to £350, and we usually process grant requests in 1-3 days. We give grants to people across the UK through frontline workers.



Our year in numbers

We awarded

3,827
GRANTS



Which helped

5,988
PEOPLE

Accessing accommodation

Grants given to individuals and families

2,886

Preventing eviction

Grants given to individuals and families

941

Maximum grant amount

£350

Total value of all the grants given in 2018-19

£1,156,805



Support workers who had applied on their client's behalf and were awarded grants

1,569



Average grant decision turnaround time

2 WORKING DAYS



Breakdown of grants

Accessing accommodation

B&B accommodation whilst waiting for accommodation to be ready

28

Removal costs when moving on from temporary accommodation

35

Moving into new accommodation

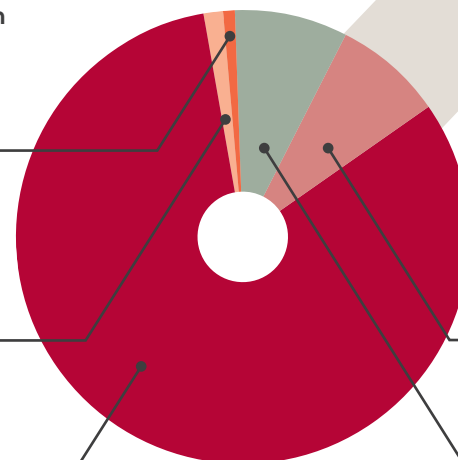
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Clearing rent arrears to access social housing

232

ID to access accommodation

223



Preventing eviction

Rent arrears

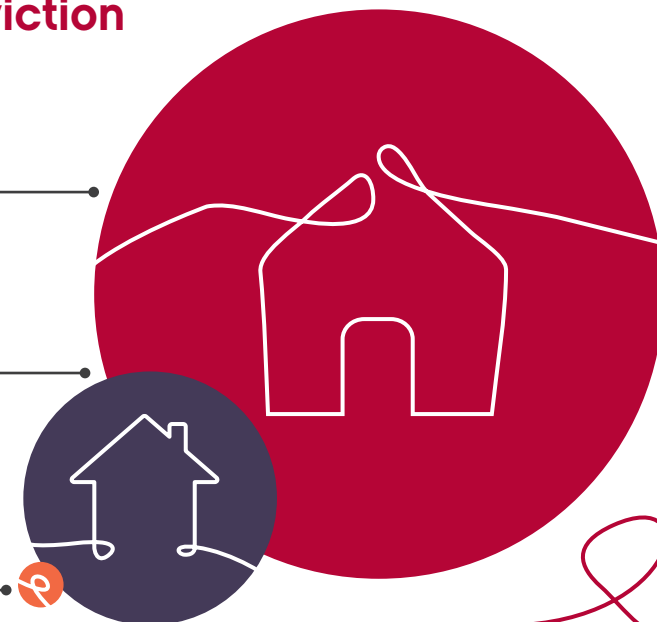
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Service charge arrears

155

Costs of a deep clean to prevent eviction

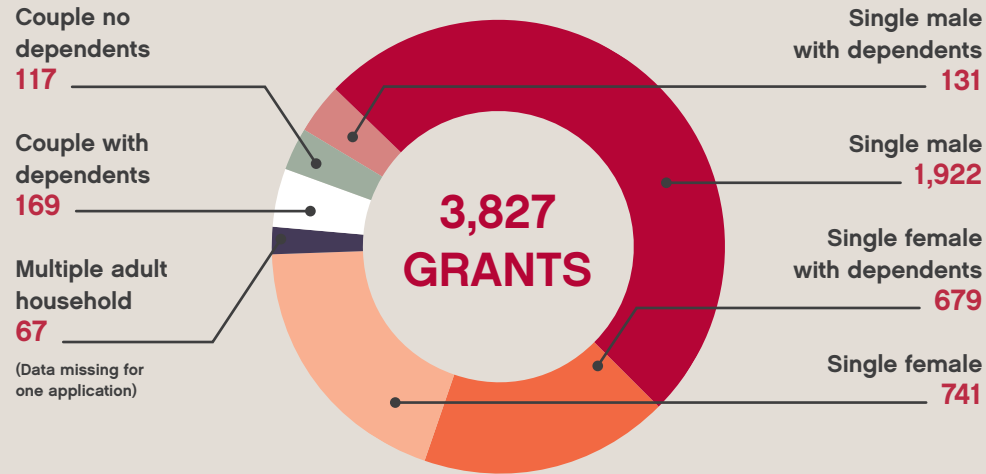
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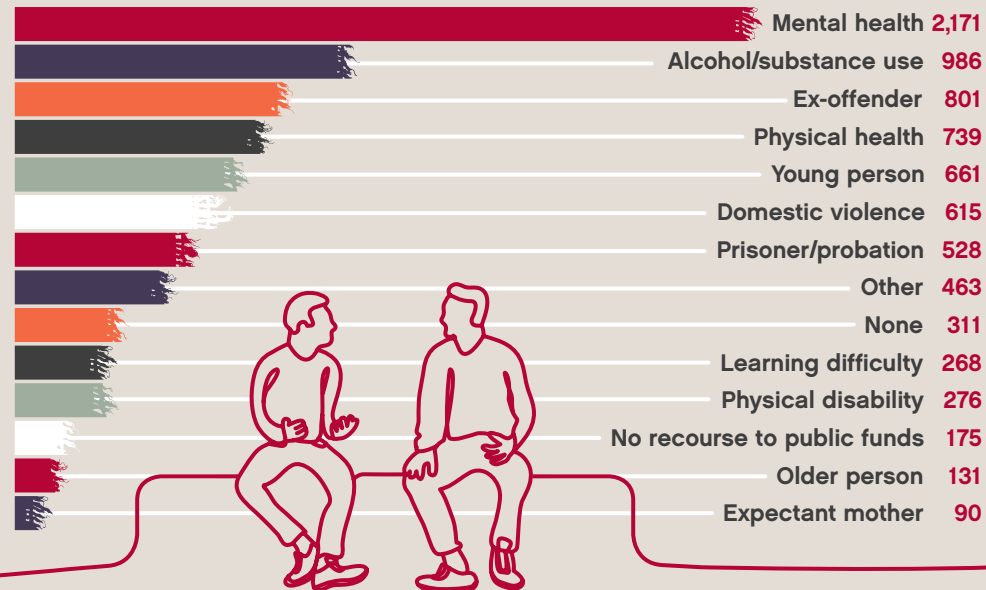
Beneficiaries



Household circumstances



Support needs*



Grants awarded by region

- A. Scotland 236 6.17%
- B. North East 92 2.40%
- C. North West 916 23.94%
- D. Northern Ireland 180 4.70%
- E. Yorkshire and the Humber 304 7.94%
- F. East Midlands 470 12.28%
- G. West Midlands 207 5.41%
- H. East of England 81 2.12%
- I. Wales 576 15.05%
- J. Greater London 261 6.82%
- K. South East 105 2.74%
- L. South West 399 10.43%



Looking forward

We will continue to be guided by the voice of frontline workers and the people they work with.

Our work continues to be supported by the BBC Radio 4 Christmas Appeal.

To find out more or to donate go to: smitfc.org/donate



We work housing people from prison or Approved Premises. I really do believe lots of my clients would not get housed without the support of VRF and would ultimately end up back in prison. With secure housing we are preventing the cycle of the client returning to prison. [My client] asked me to thank you for your help – ‘nobody has helped me before, I am going to make this work’.

Project Worker, Lancashire

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