

# Moving On Up Fund Impact Report



# Every young person deserves their own home

We know that young people who can't live at home face specific financial barriers that make it hard for them to grow into a thriving future. In November 2023, young people responded to our *Big Questions* survey to tell us that the cost of living was their biggest concern and a significant barrier in moving on from Foyers into lower support or independent accommodation.

The Foyer Federation's mission is to inspire young people to realise their power and purpose – and sometimes, that means providing financial support. In October 2022, we partnered with LandAid on the **Moving On Up fund**. The goal was to provide grants of up to £1000 to enable young people move on, and to make that next step a positive and sustainable one.



“The grant has helped me financially with a deposit. It will help me feel comfortable once I'm there and it gave the landlord initiative to let me secure the property”

– Moving On Up grant recipient

262

Nominations

220

Applications

117

Grants awarded



# Geographical reach

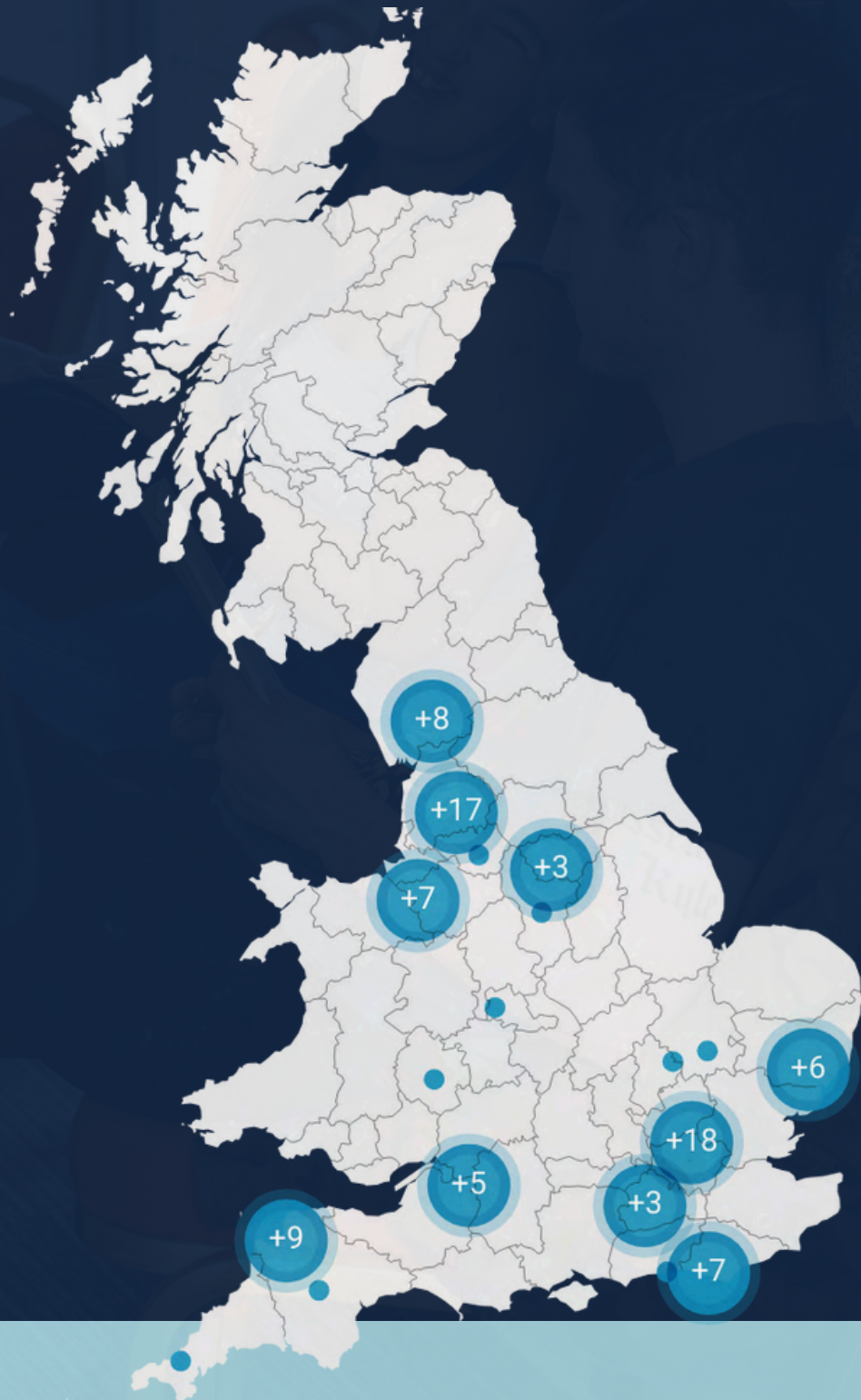


The geographic impact of the Moving On Up fund extends across the length and breadth of England. The fund has supported young people from 22 counties to move on into independent housing.

The Moving On Up Fund applications are weighted by need and readiness. This is to ensure that each grant reaches a young person who is ready and able to sustain a tenancy long-term, and can most benefit from access to additional resources.

We believe this approach contributes to preventing the recurring cycle of homelessness.

We hope to secure future funding to continue to grow the project's reach across the UK.



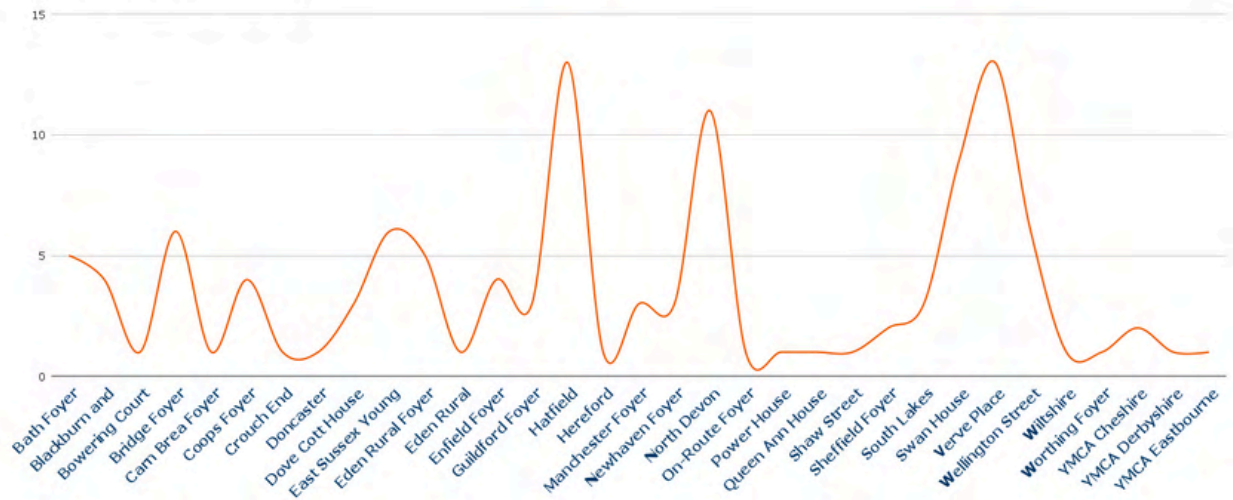
## Summary

22 UK counties

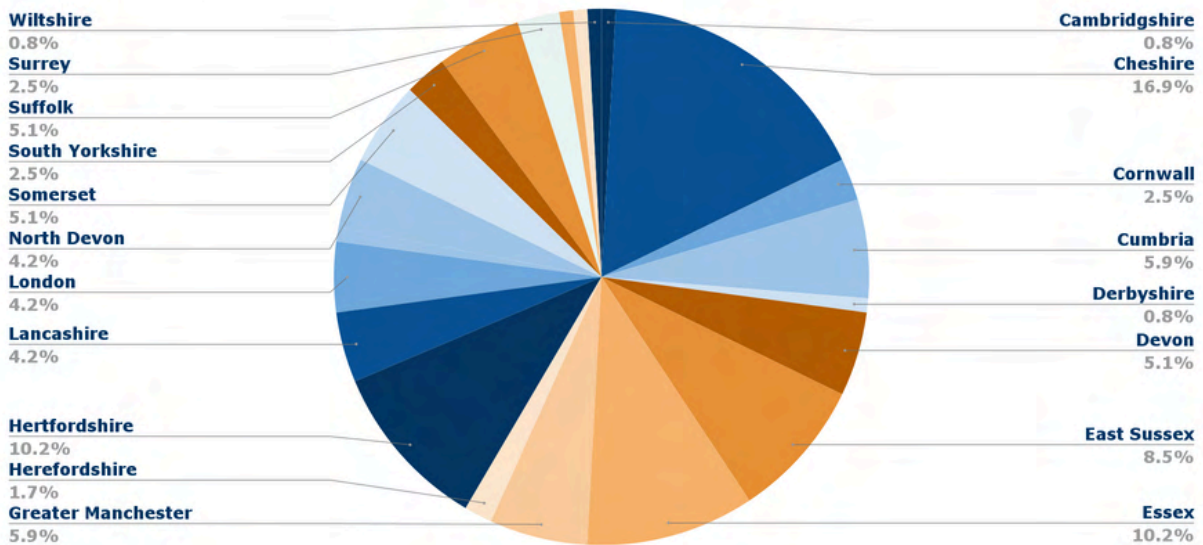
# Reach breakdown



## Count of Service



## Count of Region



# Grantee demographic



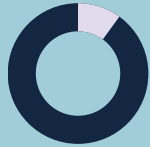
27%

of grantees are parents – either the sole carer, part-time carer or expecting



12%

of grantees have a disability



10%

of grantees have experience of care



8%

of grantees have experience of the criminal justice system



6%

of grantees are young carers

Young people who can't live at home face specific barriers in education, employment and housing. They often have complex personal circumstances that make it challenging to access opportunities. Offering targeted support with fewer restrictions can increase accessibility and gives people the freedom to utilise support in the ways that best meet their needs.

# Managing independent living



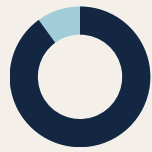
## Young people ready to move on



**89%**

of applicants were ready to move into independent accommodation

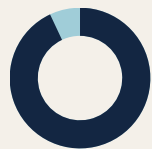
## Young people with a plan



**90%**

of applicants had worked with their service to establish a clear move-on plan – and the other 10% were nearly there

## Young people with the support they need



**93%**

of applicants told us they had the support needed to move on

## Young people connected to community



**80%**

of applicants said they were connected with a positive community outside of the Foyer

## Young people growing their skills



**52%**

of applicants said they can manage housing related matters independently, and 45.7% need some support

## Employment



**71%**

expressed confidence in handling job-related matters independently, with 22.6% acknowledging a need for some support

## Personal Development



**75%**

said they feel they can manage independently, while 23.1% need some support.

## Education



**68%**

were confident managing their education on their own, and 12.9% said they need some support

## Finance



**62%**

of young people said they can manage their finances independently, with 36% needing some support in this area

**Young people applying for the fund showed high levels of independence in key areas of their lives, with some acknowledging a need for specific support during and following move on. The support available following move-on differs between services, localities and individual circumstances.**

**However, young people moving on from Foyers have shown both an appetite for and ability to enter employment, return to education and/or build new skills to continue living independently.**



# Growing our impact

The data and stories shared with us through applications to the fund show that young people who can't live at home benefit hugely from the Foyer approach and the wraparound support these services provide to help young people get ready to move on positively.

It showed the ability – as well as the confidence – young people have in managing important aspects of their lives.

**Young people demonstrate they have what it takes to manage their own homes, lives and futures, but they're held back from moving into independent housing due to the financial burden.**

This 'blocking' of young people who are ready for independence has a knock-on effect, reducing the availability of bed spaces, and therefore Foyer support, for young people in the community who need it most. It shows the benefits of programmes like Moving On Up – not just on individuals, but on the wider youth supported housing pathway in each locality.

Just 117 of 220 applications were able to be funded, though the data shows that nearly all applicants were eligible, in need and ready to maintain a tenancy. **With continued funding, we can support even more young people to move on into independent homes, freeing up Foyer bed spaces for those who need it next.**

*Between March and June 2024, the Foyer Federation will conduct detailed research and analysis to assess the longer-term impact of the fund and understand how we might improve our approach to grow the impact.*



# We'd like to thank LandAid for their generous support



**"We cannot thank the Foyer Federation enough for the Moving On Up Fund. This grant has enabled our young person to transition from Supported Housing into his own Shared housing tenancy. Without this, they would not have had the funds to afford his first month's rent, or some of the essential items needed to make a place a home. Many thanks!"**  
*Support Worker, Oliver Bradshaw, MSV Housing*

**"I am currently still living in my move on property. The grant helped me in So many ways! It genuinely helped me and other people be able to move on debt free and feel comfortable in our new homes"**  
*Kayleigh Long, young person*

**"I think what this fund does is fantastic for young people. Thank you again, this has really helped our young person and her daughter get settled in their new home."** *Katie Mayhew, Project Worker*