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Colchester Borough Homes Tackles Homelessness

Colchester Borough Homes (CBH) is working with multiple agencies to reduce the number of homeless people in the Borough and is offering a Homeless Prevention Grant to local organisations to support this.

Local organisations are being invited to bid for a share of the £90k grant for projects to develop options for both families and single people finding themselves at risk of homelessness. Bids from groups providing services to those experiencing mental health problems are particularly welcome to ensure hard to reach people are not missed by key services.

Nicorum Flaherty, Housing Options Manager at CBH said ***“We have been working very hard to reduce homelessness over the past year and we have seen the number of street homeless people in Colchester significantly reduce from an estimated 35 last year, to two at our recent count in November. Keeping homelessness at bay for vulnerable people in Colchester is only possible by us working with local organisations and I hope many will bid for a share of this grant”.***

Applications for the Homelessness Prevention Grant can be made by requesting an application form from housing.options@colchester.gov.uk. Applications need to be submitted by Friday 27 March 2015.

To find out more about homelessness prevention in Colchester visit www.cbhomes.org.uk/homeless

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Notes to editors

For more information please call 07943 737487 or email communications@cbhomes.org.uk