



End of Grant Report

It is a requirement of the Grant Funding terms and conditions of Wolverton & Greenleys Town Council that you complete an End of Grant Report. This report will be presented to the Town Council at a Full Council Meeting.

Please complete the form, and return to Dianne Bowyer, Projects Officer, Wolverton & Greenleys Town Council, Creed Street, Wolverton, Milton Keynes MK12 5LY, along with any additional evidence and any unspent grant money within the next 14 days.

Event or Project title: Furnishing a room in the new Milton Keynes YMCA

Name of Organisation, Committee or Single Applicant: Milton Keynes YMCA

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a) Please remind us of the aims of the grant and how this has been fulfilled.

Wolverton and Greenleys Parish Council generously awarded a grant of £2500 to fully furnish one room on the new YMCA campus. The furniture chosen is robust and durable, coming from a provider of university furnishings, to ensure it will withstand many years of use.

The order for the furniture was placed in September and the first delivery was received in early January. We are absolutely delighted with the quality and fit of the rooms and our young people are really looking forward to the new start.

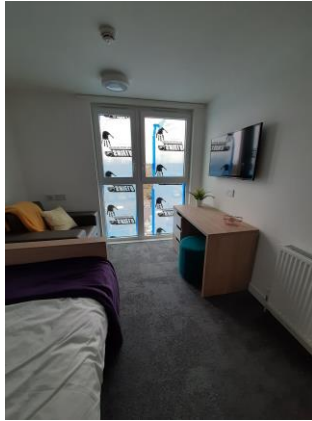
b) Have all the aims been met? If not, what part of the project failed to deliver (to include activity, materials or supplier) what was expected?

The project of furnishing a room using the grant provided by Wolverton & Greenleys Parish Council is complete. Internally the building is looking fantastic and we are busy preparing and furnishing the building ready for the residents to move in.

The building was due to be completed in September but setbacks to the construction timetable delayed this. As external works are being completed in winter rather than summer the weather further slowed completion. We are delighted to now have confirmation that we will begin moving into the building from 16th March 2020.

c) Please include your end of project evaluation. Is this what you hoped for? Please feel free to include pictures of your event.

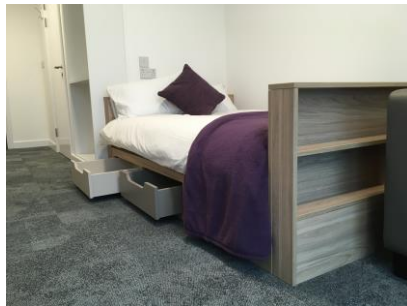
We are absolutely delighted with the quality and fit of the rooms, the photos below illustrate how the rooms look.



**Furnished Stage 2 Room
on our new campus**



**Sturdy desk with soft-close
drawers & poof seat**



**Double bed with end &
under-bed storage**



**Arm-chair with easy-clean
faux leather finish**



**Robust wardrobe with shelf & large
storage drawer**



**En-suite shower room with
hand basin & toilet**

The furnished rooms look and feel absolutely fantastic and our young people are really looking forward to the new start.

In the meantime, other aspects of the project are continuing as scheduled. The Activities Coordinator, Employment Manager and Personal Development Coaches are now all in post and are supporting our residents with independent living skills, confidence building and residents that will move into the Stage 2 accommodation are beginning to have one-to-one employment discussions.

d) Please evidence the number of people that the project / event has reached. This would include planning, participants, project leaders etc.

There are 199 rooms to be furnished in total, with 79 residents planning to move from the current YMCA hostel and flats. We will then be turning to our waiting list and working with Milton Keynes Council and the Probation Services fill the remaining Stage 1 rooms. We already have a waiting list for our available Stage 3 rooms. These will also be advertised externally as affordable social housing for young people.

We were keen to involve residents in the furnishing of the rooms, with a team of 5 staff and 2 residents receiving and unpacking the furniture, before construction and fitting by the furniture supplier.

e) Please include any feedback that you may have been given, publicity that you may have acquired or produced.

Feedback from residents when they have visited the show flat or attended building tours has been extremely positive, our young people can not wait to move-in. We are currently surveying all residents using the Warwick-Edinburgh Mental Well-Being Scale to assess their well-being before they move the new campus and will re-assess this regularly during their time with us.

f) Please attach a final set of financial accounts for the project that include proof of expenditure, such as receipts and invoices.

Signed: 

Position: Trusts Officer

Date: 30/01/2020



Please tick this box to agree for your details to be held for a period of 6 years subject to the Freedom of Information act.