

ORIGINATOR: HEAD OF COMMISSIONING

DECISION NO. 28 - 2020

REASON FOR SUBMISSION: FOR DECISION

SUBMITTED TO: POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

**SUBJECT: COVID-19 EXTRAORDINARY FUNDING FOR DOMESTIC ABUSE
AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE SUPPORT SERVICES IN SUFFOLK – ROUND 2**

SUMMARY:

1. This report seeks approval from the PCC to award a number of grants utilising Round 2 of the Ministry of Justice Covid-19 Extraordinary Funding for Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Support Services.
2. The award process administered by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) is set out in this report along with a schedule of recommended grants and funding amounts, totalling £148,600 (Appendix A).
3. The funding will support providers of domestic abuse and sexual violence services where they continue to experience short term income disruption; increased demand for their services; and/or additional costs in sustaining their activities due to the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic between 1 November 2020 and 31 March 2021.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. It is recommended that the PCC approves grant awards using Ministry of Justice Covid-19 Extraordinary Funding for Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Support Services – Round 2 to the value of £148,600.

APPROVAL BY THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

The recommendation set out is agreed.

Signature



Date 1.12.2020

DETAIL OF THE SUBMISSION

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report summarises the impact of the first round of Covid-19 Extraordinary Funding for Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Support Services and proposes new grant funding using 'Round 2' funding announced by the Ministry of Justice (MOJ) in November 2020.

Round 1

- 2.1 In May 2020 the Government announced a package of £76m extra funding to support victims and survivors of domestic abuse (DA), sexual violence (SV), vulnerable children and their families during the Covid-19 pandemic. The Police and Crime Commissioner for Suffolk was able to secure £208,411 from this funding for 13 organisations in Suffolk following an open application and assessment process. [PCC Decision 15-2020](#) provides a summary of the process and successful applicants.
- 2.2 The OPCC administered the funding using a grants process and applicants provided data monitoring for the grant period. Organisations supported by this funding:
- Received 1,968 new referrals from 24 March to 31 October;
 - Supported 3,619 victims of domestic abuse and sexual violence;
 - Helped 342 victims report crimes to the police;
 - Recorded that 1,141 victims had been helped to cope and recover within the time period.
- 2.3 In the funding guidance the MOJ said that PCCs must ensure DA organisations that provide tailored services for particular groups such as LGBT, disabled and BAME victims are included when establishing local need, and ensure they are proportionately represented within funding allocations. The monitoring data from services funded in Suffolk indicates that within the period they supported a higher proportion of BAME victims (9.7%) than the proportion in the Suffolk population as a whole (4.8%).
- 2.4 Three organisations have a small amount of funding remaining from Round 1 which can be utilised up until 31 March 2021.

Round 2

- 2.5 In September 2020, the OPCC submitted a report of 'anticipated funding needs' from providers of DA and SV support services in Suffolk to the MOJ. On the basis of this the MOJ were able to provide additional funding for the period 1 November to 31 March 2021.
- 2.6 The offer of £148,600 from the MOJ did not represent the full amount of funding requested but nevertheless will help meet the additional costs registered charities and social enterprises continue to incur in adapting their services and coping with demand increases during the pandemic. The funding has been allocated according to MOJ guidelines with priority given to those organisations most in need.
- 2.7 It is recommended that the PCC distributes the new funding in accordance with the provisions in the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 which allows the PCC to provide or arrange for the provision of services that are intended to help victims or witnesses of, or other persons affected by offences through a grant with any conditions (including conditions as to repayment) that the PCC thinks appropriate.
- 2.8 A full list of recommended grants can be found in Appendix A and the successful grant recipients will be published on the PCC's website.

- 3.1 Organisations will be provided with conditions of award which will reflect the MOJ requirements and include monitoring arrangements. Recipients of funding will be required to provide data to enable the OPCC to report the MOJ by 30 April 2021.

- 4.1 Funding of £148,600 for these grants is provided by Round 2 of the Ministry of Justice COVID-19 Extraordinary Funding for Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Support Services. The MOJ has awarded this to the Suffolk PCC through Grant Addendum Notice Number 1 for onward distribution.
- 4.2 This funding is in the form of a one-off grant to support extraordinary requirements arising from the Covid-19 pandemic. There are no further obligations on the part of the MOJ or PCC to fund organisations for the impact of Covid-19 after 31 March 2021.
- 4.3 The MOJ stipulates that all Covid-19 funding is distributed to providers by 31 January 2021. This will require payment in advance of delivery. Any funding that has not been utilised will need to be returned to the MOJ.

- 5.1 There are no major implications or risks associated with this decision paper.
- 5.2 In addition to the assessment of eligibility and criteria, an assessment of risk was undertaken as part of the award process to look at organisation status alongside the values of the grants, the duration of delivery and ability of each provider to deliver. All grant recipients have provided monitoring data on Round 1 of funding.
- 5.3 The MOJ have also provided information to cross check bids and ensure there is no duplication of ask across different 'Covid-19' funding streams. The OPCC has completed this cross check and confirmed to the MOJ that funding offered will not result in duplicate funding.
- 5.4 Should there be any risk to the service being delivered, each organisation is required to notify the PCC as per the conditions of award.

- 6.1 It is recommended that the PCC approves grant awards using Ministry of Justice Covid-19 Extraordinary Funding for Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Support Services – Round 2 to the value of £148,600.

ORIGINATOR CHECKLIST (MUST BE COMPLETED)	PLEASE STATE 'YES' OR 'NO'
Has legal advice been sought on this submission?	Yes
Has the PCC's Chief Finance Officer been consulted?	Yes
Have equality, diversity and human rights implications been considered including equality analysis, as appropriate?	Yes
Have human resource implications been considered?	Yes
Is the recommendation consistent with the objectives in the Police and Crime Plan?	Yes
Has consultation been undertaken with people or agencies likely to be affected by the recommendation?	Yes
Has communications advice been sought on areas of likely media interest and how they might be managed?	Yes
Have all relevant ethical factors been taken into consideration in developing this submission?	Yes

In relation to the above, please ensure that all relevant issues have been highlighted in the 'other implications and risks' section of the submission.

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT TO THE DECISION-MAKER

Chief Executive

I am satisfied that relevant advice has been taken into account in the preparation of the report and that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the PCC.

Signature:



Date 30.11.2020

APPENDIX A

SCHEDULE OF RECOMMENDED GRANTS 'ROUND 2'

Provider/Service	Funding area	Summary of service	Award Value
ONE VOICE 4 TRAVELLERS	Domestic Abuse	Funding will support additional office costs and staffing for continuing work with Gypsy, Roma and Traveller women in Suffolk who are experiencing domestic abuse to understand their options and services available to them.	£3,827
PHOEBE	Domestic Abuse	Funding will support additional hours and training for existing staff who support BAME women and children in Suffolk who have experienced domestic abuse.	£17,060
LEEWAY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND ABUSE SERVICES	Domestic Abuse	Funding is to support staff for the multi-lingual DA service (Project SafetyNet+) for minority communities in Suffolk and the advice and support line which has seen increased demand during the pandemic.	£20,000
ORWELL HOUSING ASSOCIATION	Domestic Abuse	The funding will contribute to the additional resource and materials required to support online delivery of the Freedom Programme more widely.	£8,850
ALUMAH CIO	Domestic Abuse	Support for victims of DA in North West Suffolk through continuing the online Freedom Programmes and bespoke support for young people.	£2,650
LIGHTHOUSE WOMEN'S AID	Domestic Abuse	Funding will contribute to the cost of additional support and administration, increased needs, unfunded Senior Management due to loss of income and equipment costs to support remote working.	£12,702
BURY ST EDMUNDS WOMEN'S AID CENTRE LIMITED	Domestic Abuse	Funding will be used to support the DA outreach team addressing an increase in demand.	£5,895
ANGLIA CARE TRUST	Domestic Abuse	Funding will be used to support the domestic abuse money advice service in Suffolk (Freedom from financial abuse) to address the increase in demand during Covid-19.	£6,300

WAVENEY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & ABUSE FORUM	Domestic Abuse	Funding will contribute to additional staffing and increased hours to meet demand, training and supervision of new staff, new equipment costs, additional PPE and restructuring of group programmes to run safely.	£7,500
SUFFOLK RAPE CRISIS	Sexual Violence	Funding will enable premises to be made Covid secure for the workforce and clients so that face to face counselling for victims of sexual violence can resume alongside their online services.	£10,000
FRESH START NEW BEGINNINGS	Sexual Violence	Funding will support services to children and young people who are victims of CSA through additional counselling hours to deal and ensuring safe working practices such as PPE and clinical supervision.	£31,000
RESTITUTE	Sexual Violence	Funding will support staff costs and counselling sessions for survivors of sexual violence who also have caring responsibilities.	£13,666
COMPASSION	Domestic Abuse	The funding provides for additional resource and technology to support the continued online delivery of the Freedom Programme in Babergh.	£4,150
HOME START MID & WEST SUFFOLK	Domestic Abuse	Funding will contribute to staff and volunteer costs to ensure practical and emotional support for families where domestic abuse has been an issue in the past as well as the present. Fund raising in 2020 has been more difficult because of the Covid-19 pandemic.	£5,000