



Supporting victims and witnesses

Ministry of Justice Funding for Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Support Services

April 2022

Introduction

The Ministry of Justice (“MoJ”) has announced ringfenced funding of £15.7m for 22/23 for domestic abuse and sexual violence support services. This funding will be distributed via Police and Crime Commissioners and their offices through local processes.

Successful recipients will be provided with three-year funding ending March 31, 2025.

An indicative total funding award for provision across the whole county has not been provided. The MoJ will allocate funds based on an assessment of local need. However, for context victim services funding for the county is usually based on a population formula of 1.44 per cent. This translates to £226,080 (from a £15.7m pot) – organisations are asked to take this into consideration when spending time developing their bids.

The MoJ requires local Police and Crime Commissioners to carry out ‘due diligence’ of all organisations who bid, any who are not already funded through the OPCC will be subject to a fraud risk assessment.

The Cambridgeshire Process

In Cambridgeshire and Peterborough any organisation wishing to be considered for funding is asked to:

- **Email an Expression of Interest to the OPCC** (email below) – this needs to provide a very brief summary of what they intend to bid for and an indicative amount. This enables the OPCC to provide swift feedback and support.
- **Complete the Application Form** answering each element in turn. We have translated a complex Excel document into a Word doc and will have to paste all submissions into a Master Form so please keep responses succinct using bullet points where possible.
- **Submit the Application Form by 9am on Tuesday May 3** to:

Cambs-pcc@cambs.police.uk for the attention of Nicky Phillipson, Director of Commissioning

Any bids received after this deadline cannot and will not be considered.

Due Diligence

The MoJ requires local Police and Crime Commissioners to carry out 'due diligence' of all organisations who bid.

Therefore, all organisations must be willing to:

- Engage with due diligence processes (including financial checks) carried out by the OPCC.
- Sign a Grant Agreement with the OPCC which commits them to providing regular outcome and financial monitoring information. Payments will be withheld by the OPCC for organisations not meeting submission deadlines.

Funding Criteria

Is my organisation eligible for this funding?

Organisations do not need to be a registered charity, a charitable incorporated organisation, or a social enterprise to be eligible for this funding. However, if you have not been in a funding relationship with the Cambridgeshire OPCC previously you will be subject to due diligence checks which will include a Fraud Risk Assessment. This will also require you to demonstrate that you have robust and safe operating practices, governance and management arrangements in place to support vulnerable victims of crime. It will also require you to submit copies of last year's financial accounts.

Organisations **MUST** provide **tailored support services to help victims of domestic abuse, rape, sexual violence or sexual abuse and their families** cope with the impacts of crime, and, as far as possible, recover from the harm they have experienced. These victims must live in the county.

Honour-based abuse falls within the government definition for domestic abuse.

Stalking carried out by a former intimate partner or by a family member falls within the government definition for domestic abuse

Any organisation that provides tailored support to victims of domestic abuse and their families is recognised as a domestic abuse support service.

Please note unlike with the Covid-19 extraordinary funding, this funding can be allocated to other public bodies, as well as to third sector organisations and to fund directly commissioned posts, as long as this can be justified within the local needs assessment and funding criteria.

What can I bid to spend this money on?

The provision of emotional and practical support for victims of domestic abuse and/or rape, sexual violence and sexual abuse and their families. This includes adults and children. The

funding can be used to support existing clients as well as new referrals for services delivered from April 1, 2022.

For example, court or family support; face to face or remote counselling for individuals and/or their families; and support for particular groups such as BAME/Disabled/LGBT/male victims.

The MoJ is keen to encourage bids from small organisations that support victims with protected characteristics.

It is possible organisations will be offered a reduced sum based on the part-funding percentage they provided on their application form.

What is excluded from the funding?

This funding cannot be used to provide accommodation or the support services within it. Funding for support for victims of DA in safe accommodation is subject to a separate funding process run by Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC).

The funding cannot be used to support victims of any other crime type.

Perpetrator interventions are not in scope for this funding opportunity.

Funding must not be used for capital works e.g. building repairs but can be used for other capital costs such as ICT equipment to enhance communications and help reach local people.

Funding allocated for 2022/23 cannot be used to pay for goods or services that have been bought or ordered before 1 April 2022 or after 31 March 2023.

Funding cannot be used to pay for any outstanding debts prior to 1 April 2022.

Funding must be used to support victims who live in the county.

What conditions will be put on the funding?

All funding will be provided by the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough OPCC. This means recipients will be required to:

- Sign a Three-Year Grant Agreement with the OPCC and adhere to the conditions within it. A template Grant Agreement is available upon request for any organisation not familiar with it.
- Provide Financial and Outcome Monitoring data by a specified date every six months.
- Attend a three-monthly mobilisation meeting and six-monthly outcome monitoring meetings as a minimum via Teams or by attending the OPCC Offices in Huntingdon.
- Provide details of underspends each year and make arrangements for its return to the OPCC. Funding cannot be carried between financial years.

Timelines

Organisations will be notified if their bids have been successful on Monday May 23. Grant Agreements will be distributed to organisations by the second week of June, earlier if possible. Funding will be released on receipt of a signed grant agreement. These dates are dependent on the Police and Crime Commissioner receiving confirmation that the proposals to fund locally are approved, in a timely way from the Ministry of Justice.

A list of all bids to the fund will be displayed on the Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Commissioner's website. www.cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk

