

DMPC Decision – PCD 1327

Title: Home Office Grip Funding 2022-2025

Executive Summary:

This paper seeks approval for the acceptance of Home Office funding of £7,988,282 for each of the financial years 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25, and an additional £700,000 in 2022/23 only. The funding is in support of the existing Grip Violence activity and can only be used for Hot Spot patrols and developing Problem Oriented Policing (POP). The funding will be used to make grants to the British Transport Police (BTP) of £150,000 and the Jill Dando Institute of £283,382 in support of their contributions towards these activities.

Recommendation:

The Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime is recommended to:

1. Accept the receipt of the Home Office Grip funding into the MPS and the associated conditions as set down in the grant agreement. The funding is combined total of £24,664,846 broken down as follows:
 - a) 22/23: £8,688,282
 - b) 23/24: £7,988,282
 - c) 24/25: £7,988,282
2. Approve provision of two specific grants in 2022/23 funded by the HO Grip Violence Grant Agreement. They are:
 - a) *Approve* the allocation of £150,000 grant from the Home Office Grip funding to British Transport Police (BTP). This allocation is to fund their contribution towards the delivery of operational activity in their areas of responsibility in London.
 - b) *Approve* the payment of a grant to the Jill Dando Institute (JDI) to the value of £283,382 from within the grip fund. This grant will enable increased capacity at the institute and will enable them to share expertise with MPS officers

Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime

I confirm I have considered whether or not I have any personal or prejudicial interest in this matter and take the proposed decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct. Any such interests are recorded below.

The above request has my approval.

Signature

Date 23/11/2022

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PART I - NON-CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE TO THE DMPC

1. Introduction and background

- 1.1. MOPAC has previously approved the acceptance of Home Office grant funding for Grip Violence activity – see PCD 1070.

2. Issues for consideration

- 2.1. The Home Office has made a multi-year grant offer of £7,988,282 for each of the three financial years 2022/23 to 2024/25. This is the maximum the MPS were eligible to bid for from the Home Office. As this is less than the grant funding last year there will be a reduction in the additional patrolling activity. In addition there is one- off grant funding for 2022/23 of £700,000 for Community Insight Fund activity (£200,000) to evaluate the community impact of GRIP, and Innovation Fund (£500,000) to undertake randomised control trial of two methods of hotspot policing.
- 2.2. The MPS assure that the funding supports strategic aims in reducing violence across the entire capital, and it provides significant opportunity to engage with critical stakeholders and key service providers, outside of policing, to deliver a truly joined up and community focused approach to reducing violence.
- 2.3. To support the hot spot activity a grant worth £150,000 is proposed to be made to British Transport Police (BTP) as a number of serious violence hotspots in London are in the vicinity of major transport hubs for which BTP have responsibility.
- 2.4. To support the work on Problem Oriented Policing (POP) a grant worth £283,382 is proposed to be made to the Jill Dando Institute is to enhance the delivery of problem oriented policing activity across the MPS.

3. Financial Comments

- 3.1. The total grant funding for acceptance is £24,664,846 over the three year period 2022/23-2024/25. The Home Office grant offer requires that the MPS match fund the grant to the value of 20% in 22/23 (£1,597,656), rising to 30% in 23/24 (£2,396,484) and 40% in 24/25 (£3,195,312). The MPS assure that these matching contributions will be funded from the Violent Crime Task Force (VCTF) budget.
- 3.2. The funding for the proposed grant awards to the BTP and the Jill Dando Institute will be met from within the Home Office grant funding.

4. Legal Comments

- 4.1. MOPAC may accept the proposed grant funding under Schedule 3 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, which provides MOPAC may do anything which is calculated to facilitate, or is conducive or incidental to, the exercise of the functions of the Office entering into contracts and other agreements (whether legally binding or not);

- 4.2. Para 4.8 of the MOPAC Scheme of Consent and Delegation provides the DMPC has delegated authority to approve bids for grant funding made and all offers made of grant funding; and/or where appropriate a strategy for grant giving.

5. Commercial Issues

- 5.1. The MPS assure that the ongoing use of the UCL Jill Dando Institute is justified as it is “at the forefront of the academic research into Problem Oriented Policing, have experience of working with other UK police forces to implement POP successfully. In addition, based on the scale and size of the POP Implementation Plan, MPS does not have the internal expertise to deliver this project alone. Due to their knowledge and expertise, we can be confident that the UCL will deliver the training in accordance with what we know works well. The MPS have also taken into account the fact that JDI have supported the College of Policing and NPCC lead in developing and launching guidance concerning how POP should be implemented in police forces. When taking all these factors into account, there is a clear evidenced demonstration that the JDI will deliver value for money.”

6. GDPR and Data Privacy

- 6.1. MOPAC will adhere to the Data Protection Act (DPA) 2018 and ensure that any organisations who are commissioned to do work with or on behalf of MOPAC are fully compliant with the policy and understand their GDPR responsibilities.
- 6.2. The MPS has assured that following an assessment a full Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) is not required.

7. Equality Comments

- 7.1. MOPAC is required to comply with the public sector equality duty set out in section 149(1) of the Equality Act 2010. This requires MOPAC to have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations by reference to people with protected characteristics. The protected characteristics are: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.
- 7.2. The MPS assure that having undertaken an initial equality screening no positive or negative impact has been identified to any individual and/or group safeguarded by a protected characteristic and those who are not.

8. Background/supporting papers

- Appendix 1 MPS Report - Home Office Grip Funding 2022-2025

Public access to information

Information in this form (Part 1) is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and will be made available on the MOPAC website following approval.

If immediate publication risks compromising the implementation of the decision it can be deferred until a specific date. Deferral periods should be kept to the shortest length strictly necessary.

Part 1 Deferral:

Is the publication of Part 1 of this approval to be deferred? NO

If yes, for what reason:

Until what date:

Part 2 Confidentiality: Only the facts or advice considered as likely to be exempt from disclosure under the FOIA should be in the separate Part 2 form, together with the legal rationale for non-publication.

Is there a **Part 2** form –NO

ORIGINATING OFFICER DECLARATION

Tick to confirm statement (✓)

Financial Advice:

The Strategic Finance and Resource Management Team has been consulted on this proposal.

✓

Legal Advice:

The MPS legal team has been consulted on the proposal.

✓

Equalities Advice:

Equality and diversity issues are covered in the body of the report.

✓

Commercial Issues

Commercial issues are covered in the body of the report.

✓

GDPR/Data Privacy

GDPR compliance issues are covered in the body of the report .

✓

Drafting Officer

Alex Anderson has drafted this report in accordance with MOPAC procedures.

✓

Director/Head of Service:

The interim MOPAC Chief Finance Officer and Director of Corporate Services has reviewed the request and is satisfied it is correct and consistent with the MOPAC's plans and priorities.

✓

Chief Executive Officer

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that financial, legal and equalities advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime.

Signature

Date 14/11/2022

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Home Office Grip Funding 2022-2025

MOPAC Investment Advisory & Monitoring meeting – 3 November 2022

Report by Commander Rachel Williams on behalf of the Chief of Corporate Services

Part 1 – This section of the report will be published by MOPAC. It is classified as OFFICIAL – PUBLIC

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The MPS is a priority force for the receipt of dedicated surge funding from the Home Office to tackle violent crime in public spaces.

The 2022/25 fund has been entitled “Home Office Grip Violence Fund” and is prescriptive in that it can only be used on Hot Spot patrols and developing Problem Oriented Policing (POP).

The MPS has been allocated a total grant of **£24,664,846** spread across the 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25 financial years.

Recommendations

The Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, via the Investment Advisory and Monitoring meeting (IAM), is asked to:

1. **Accept the receipt of the Home Office Grip funding into the MPS and the associated conditions as set down in the grant agreement. The funding is combined total of £24,664,846 broken down as follows:**
 - a. **22/23: £8,688,282**
 - b. **23/24: £7,988,282**
 - c. **24/25: £7,988,282**
2. **Approve provision of two specific grants in 2022/23 funded by the HO Grip Violence Grant Agreement. They are:**
 - i. **Approve** the allocation of £150,000 grant from the Home Office Grip funding to British Transport Police (BTP). This allocation is to fund their contribution towards the delivery of operational activity in their areas of responsibility in London. The grant will be paid in arrears at the end of the FY and will be subject to delivery of pre-determined outcomes.
 - ii. **Approve** the payment of a grant to the Jill Dando Institute (JDI) to the value of £283,382 from within the grip fund. This grant will enable increased capacity at the institute and will enable them to share expertise with MPS officers who will then act as SMEs to deliver the cultural change across the organisation. The funding breakdown is detailed on the corresponding decision paper.

Time sensitivity

A decision is required from the Deputy Mayor by 17 November 2022. This is because of a condition of the grant to deliver all year one outcomes by 31st March 2023, operational delivery has had to commence immediately upon confirmation of the grant. The MPS initial bid for funding and delivery proposal was completed with MOPAC approval.

Non-confidential facts and advice to the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime

The purpose of this paper is to close the internal governance loop and formalise activity already under way associated with the Home Office Violence Grip Funding to the MPS.

Introduction and background

1. The MPS is a priority force for the receipt of dedicated surge funding from the Home Office to tackle violent crime in public spaces.
2. The MPS was previously in receipt of Home Office GRIP funding for Hotspot Policing and Problem Oriented Policing in the 2021/22 financial year which was accepted by the Deputy Mayor.
3. The 2022/25 fund has been entitled "Home Office Grip Violence Fund" and is prescriptive in that it can only be used on Hot Spot patrols and developing Problem Oriented Policing (POP).
4. The MPS had been allocated an initial three year settlement of £23,964,846 split evenly (£7,988,282) between 22/23, 23/24 and 24/25. This was the maximum the MPS were eligible to bid for from the Home Office in this funding cycle but is reduced from the previous year allocation. As a result there will be a reduction in additional patrolling delivered through the funding. For the 2022/23 financial year, an additional bid for funding was successful which included a further grant of £500,000 for innovation in hotspot policing and £200,000 in assessing community impact and engagement.
5. The MPS bid to the Home Office for this funding including a detailed delivery proposal has already been agreed by both the Home Office and Deputy Mayor. This will be spent on the operational delivery of hotspot policing and problem oriented policing. Annex A below details the outline spending plan. Last year City of London Police declined to take up the funding offered by the MPS to support GRIP activity.
6. Approval is sought to provide a grant to British Transport Police (BTP) of £150,000. This is the amount requested by BTP and is slightly reduced on last year. BTP did not utilise their full allocation last year and as such this will not be a reduction in activity. The surplus from the grant last year to BTP was re-profiled into MPS GRIP projects (Operation Avert). A number of serious violence hotspots in London are in the vicinity of major transport hubs for which BTP have responsibility. This grant will enable BTP to provide additional support to the MPS on the delivery of problem oriented policing activity in those hotspots to reduce serious violence.
7. Approval is sought to provide a grant to the Jill Dando Institute, University College London. This is to enhance the delivery of problem oriented policing activity across the MPS. This is higher than last year as there is a number of additional activities that we have asked JDI to complete. Firstly, we have requested that they train more officers this year (75 instead of 60) on the Problem Oriented Policing Champions workshops which will enable every Operation Nightingale location to have a relevant and trained champion leading it. We have also considered learning from last year and JDI will deliver a number of additional workshops to supervisors of those officers. JDI are also going to work with the MPS on an additional problem solving project focused on Powered Two Wheelers (P2W) enabled robbery, a key issue spanning a number of these Operation Nightingale areas.
8. UCL Jill Dando Institute are at the forefront of the academic research into Problem Oriented Policing, have experience of working with other UK police forces to implement POP successfully. In addition,

based on the scale and size of the POP Implementation Plan, MPS does not have the internal expertise to deliver this project alone. Due to their knowledge and expertise, we can be confident that the UCL will deliver the training in accordance with what we know works well. The MPS have also taken into account the fact that JDI have supported the College of Policing and NPCC lead in developing and launching guidance concerning how POP should be implemented in police forces. When taking all these factors into account, there is a clear evidenced demonstration that the JDI will deliver value for money.

9. The MPS is required to match fund the grant to the value of 20% in 22/23 (£1,597,656), rising to 30% in 23/24 (£2,396,484) and 40% in 24/25 (£3,195,312); these contributions will be funded from the VCTF baseline budget. This will not result in a reduction in service or change in focus.

Issues for consideration

10. The funds being requested have been publicly committed to by the Home Office and welcomed by MOPAC and the MPS as an important contribution to fighting violent crime in London.
11. Non-approval would risk a loss of funding and crime reduction opportunities to both the MPS and MOPAC and would potentially challenge key partnership relationships amongst the two main forces that are responsible for policing in the capital.

Contributes to the MOPAC Police & Crime Plan 2022-2025¹

12. It supports the MPS strategic aims in reducing violence across the entire capital.
13. It provides significant opportunity to engage with critical stakeholders and key service providers, outside of policing, to deliver a truly joined up and community focused approach to reducing violence.

Financial, Commercial and Procurement Comments

14. The Home Office has approved a full spending plan for the 22/23 grant award of £8,688,282 which is outlined in **Annex A**.
15. The proposed grant funding to BTP is affordable and specifically identified as a line item in the 22/23 Grip Funding Budget. There is no impact on the MPS baseline budget.
16. The proposed commissioning of Jill Dando Institute (JDI) and associated cost is affordable and specifically identified as a line item in the 22/23 Grip Funding Budget. It has no impact on the MPS baseline budget.
17. The BTP grant is subject to Service Delivery Agreements (SDAs) which detail the requirement to deliver in accordance with the Home Office GRIP funding grant agreement.
18. The JDI grant is subject to specific requirements which are fully costed.

Legal Comments

19. This paper confirms MOPAC's approval is sought to accept the receipt of Home Office funding and to allocate part of the funds to other bodies ('delivery partners') in accordance with the terms of the grant funding.
20. MOPAC may accept the proposed grant funding under Schedule 3 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, which provides MOPAC may do anything which is calculated to facilitate, or is conducive or incidental to, the exercise of the functions of the Office entering into contracts and other agreements (whether legally binding or not);

21. Para 4.8 of the MOPAC Scheme of Consent and Delegation provides the DMPC has delegated authority to approve bids for grant funding made and all offers made of grant funding; and/or where appropriate a strategy for grant giving.
22. The grant agreement will be published pursuant to The Elected Local Policing Bodies (Specified Information) (Amendment) Order 2012.

Equality Comments

22. The paper is prepared under the governance of the Violent Crime Task Force (VCTF) and is covered under that Operational Command Unit's (OCU's) Community Impact Assessment.
23. This business case has undergone an initial equality screening. Due regard has been taken to the Equality Act's Public Sector Equality Duty. Real consideration has been taken to assess equality impact caused by the proposed business changes. As a result no positive or negative impact has been identified to any individual and/or group safeguarded by a protected characteristic and those who are not. As the intention of this document is to seek additional funding for an existing function, there is no real organisational change. Further reviews will be conducted and if as a result any new Equality Impact is identified, a full Equality Impact Assessment will be initiated.

Privacy Comments

24. The MPS is subject to the requirements and conditions placed on it as a 'State' body to comply with the European Convention of Human Rights and the Data Protection Act (DPA) 2018. Both legislative requirements place an obligation on the MPS to process personal data fairly and lawfully in order to safeguard the rights and freedoms of individuals.
25. Under Article 35 of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Section 57 of the DPA 2018, Data Protection Impact Assessments (DPIA) become mandatory for organisations with technologies and processes that are likely to result in a high risk to the rights of the data subjects.
26. The Information Assurance and Information Rights units within MPS has been consulted to ensure the project meets its compliance requirements. At this stage it is assessed that a full DPIA is not required.
27. Any new information processing that is undertaken as a result of activity completed with this additional funding will be risk assessed and may then require a separate DPIA.

Real Estate Implications

28. There are no real estate implications in this proposal.

Environmental Implications

29. There is no impact on the Environmental Strategies either internally or externally

Background/supporting papers

30. None

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ANNEX A – Home Office GRIP Violence Fund Spending Plan

Analytical systems - £155,000

Building analytical capacity by hiring dedicated analysts on fixed term contracts and procuring training to ensure they have the requisite training in hotspots and problem solving.

Analytical activity - £30,000

Partnership with academic institution to outsource analytical work.

Operational hotspot patrol activity - £5,682,691

Conducting an RCT in some identified serious violence hotspots. Supplementing this with additional hotspot operational activity that has been identified through SARA and intelligence.

This includes Operation Nightingale, a randomised control trial of Hotspot Policing combined with Problem Oriented Policing.

It also includes a number of operations targeted to serious violence hotspots including:

Operation Denali – Hotspot policing in serious youth violence hotspots.

Operation Ellie – Gun crime hotspots.

Operation Surge – Deployments into data and intel led serious violence hotspots.

Operation Sceptre – Knife crime activity in hotspots.

Taskforce support – Additional central asset deployed into serious violence hotspots.

Problem-oriented policing in hotspots – £2,120,591

Delivery of problem solving activity in each identified serious violence hotspot supported by partnership Innovation Hubs and academic expertise to train and coach practitioners in the delivery of the tactic.

This includes specific problem solving activity in Operation Nightingale.

This also includes:

Operation Verona – deployments and problem solving in Serious Violence Hotspots in relation to VAWG.

Community Insight Fund - £200,000

Gather information in GRIP locations to evaluate the community impact of GRIP.

Innovation Fund - £500,000

Randomised control trial of two methods of hotspot policing including the use of officers on static posts and the use of drones in appropriate serious violence hotspots. The use of drones is covered within the existing EIA and DPIA covering the business as usual use of that technology and this operation will not extend the