

DMPC Decision – PCD 1236

Title: Ministry of Justice funding - Mayor's VAWG Fund Tranche 4 Services

Executive Summary:

MOPAC receives grant funding from the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) for the local commissioning of victim and witness support services in London. The funding package for 2022/23 to 2024/25 has been confirmed, with MOPAC allocated just under £4.2m specifically for domestic abuse (DA) and sexual violence (SV) provision in London (see PCD 1235 for details of the allocation).

Following completion of an open and competitive application process to allocate the £4.2m, funding was awarded to a number of services originally commissioned as part of the Mayor's VAWG Fund (the 'Tranche 4 Services'). This decision seeks approval to utilise both MoJ funding and committed mayoral investment to tackle violence against women and girls (VAWG) to extend these services until 2024/25.

This includes awarding £1,688,537 per annum from the MoJ's additional DA/SV allocation for London in 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25, and £1,688,537 per annum in 2022/23 and 2023/24 and £1,340,676 in 2024/25 from mayoral funding to tackle VAWG.

This decision also seeks approval to transfer the £1,688,537 originally committed in December 2021 from reserves ([PCD1077](#)) back into the budget resilience reserve as following the additional VAWG funding provided by the Mayor, which is now included in MOPAC's budget, this drawdown from reserves is no longer required.

Recommendation:

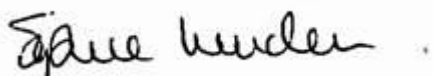
The Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime is recommended to:

1. Approve the awards totalling £1,688,537 per annum in grant funding in 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25 from the Ministry of Justice's Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Services Fund 2022-25 allocation for London to the relevant Tranche 4 Services;
2. Approve the allocation of £1,688,537 in 2022/23 and 2023/24 and £1,340,676 in 2024/25 from the Mayor's new multi-year funding commitment to tackle VAWG to the same Tranche 4 Services;
3. Approve the transfer of £1,688,537 to the budget resilience reserve following confirmation that the previously proposed use of reserves is no longer required; and
4. Delegate authority to the MOPAC Chief Finance Officer to sign the necessary grant agreements and monitoring returns for these funding allocations.

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****26/07/2022**A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Spivey", is written over a light grey rectangular background.

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

1. Introduction and background

- 1.1. MOPAC receives annual grant funding from the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) for the local commissioning of victim and witness support services in London. The funding package for 2022/23 to 2024/25 has been confirmed, with MOPAC allocated £4,189,662.60 specifically for domestic abuse (DA) and sexual violence (SV) provision in London (see PCD 1235 for details of the allocation).
- 1.2. In 2019 the Mayor committed to invest £15 million of new money, across a three-year period (2019-2022), to improve and increase the support that is available to victims and survivors of VAWG, referred to as the Mayor's VAWG Fund. As part of this Fund, under its 'Tranche 4 – VAWG Services Fund', a number of providers were commissioned by MOPAC to offer support to victims-survivors of VAWG in London (see [PCD633](#)).
- 1.3. Due to a consistent increase in demand for services for women and girls affected by VAWG following the COVID-19 pandemic, in December 2021 these services were extended by six months until September 2022 (see [PCD1077](#)).

2. Issues for consideration

- 2.1. Following the MoJ's announcement in Spring 2022, MOPAC ran an open process to invite submissions from organisations across London to support the completion of its needs assessment submission to MoJ for domestic abuse (DA) and sexual violence (SV) support services in their local area ([PCD 1190](#)).
- 2.2. In a change to their original process, in June 2022 the MoJ asked MOPAC to undertake a final assessment of all the applications for ringfenced DA/SV funding it had supported within its needs assessment and make final decisions on allocating the £4,189,662.60 the MoJ had awarded to MOPAC out of this fund. MOPAC assessed all the relevant applications against a set scoring criteria and award recommendations were then reviewed and signed off by a panel ([PCD 1235](#)).
- 2.3. Where eligible for the funding, the Mayor's VAWG Fund Tranche 4 services submitted applications to the MoJ Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Services Fund and following completion of the assessment process, have been awarded a total of £1,688,537 funding per annum in 2022/23, 2023/24, and 2024/25.
- 2.4. It is proposed that Mayoral funding totalling up to £1,688,537 is also committed for these services in 2022/23 and 2023/24, and a further £1,340,676 in 2024/25.
- 2.5. As set out in paragraph 1.3 above, £1,688,537 was originally committed from reserves in December 2021 ([PCD1077](#)) to support a 6 month extension of these services. Following the additional investment by the Mayor into tackling VAWG, which is now included in MOPAC's budget, this drawdown from reserves is no longer required and

this decision also seeks approval to transfer this funding back into the budget resilience reserve.

3. Financial Comments

- 3.1. This decision requests approval to award funding to the services listed below, for the three year period 2022/23 – 2024/25, at a total cost of £9,783,361, of which £5,065,611 will be funded by the MoJ Grant, and the balance from the additional funding the Mayor allocated to MOPAC as part of the 2022/23 budget to tackle violence against women and girls.

Service	Provider	MoJ Funding 2022/23	Mayoral funding 2022/23	MoJ Funding 2023/24	Mayoral funding 2023/24	MoJ Funding 2024/25	Mayoral funding 2024/25
Ascent Advice Plus 2	Solace Womens Aid	£347,861	£347,861	£347,861	£347,861	£347,861	-
London Stalking Support Service	The Suzy Lamplugh Trust	£187,500	£187,500	£187,500	£187,500	£187,500	£187,500
Prevention & Action Through Community Engagement and Training	Asian Women's Resource Centre	£266,615	£266,615	£266,615	£266,615	£266,615	£266,615
London Holistic and Advocacy Wrap Around Service	Southall Black Sisters	£477,898	£477,898	£477,898	£477,898	£477,898	£477,898
CouRAGEous	Women and Girls Network	£408,663	£408,663	£408,663	£408,663	£408,663	£408,663
TOTAL		£1,688,537	£1,688,537	£1,688,537	£1,688,537	£1,688,537	£1,340,676
COMBINED ANNUAL TOTAL		£3,377,074		£3,377,074		£3,029,213	

- 3.2. As set out in paragraph 2.5 above, it had previously been proposed to fund these services for a 6 month period in 2022/23 through earmarked reserves at a total cost of £1,688,537. Following confirmation of the additional funding from the Mayor to support victims of violence against women and girls, the proposed use of reserves is no longer required, and funds can be transferred to the budget resilience reserve to fund future budget pressures.
- 3.3. The total grant award will be recognised as part of Commissioning and Partnerships budget planning to support service development over the specified financial years outlined.

4. Legal Comments

- 4.1. Paragraph 4.8 of the MOPAC Scheme of Delegation and Consent provides that the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime (DMPC) has delegated authority to approve all offers of grant funding.
- 4.2. Paragraph 4.6 of the MOPAC Scheme of Delegation and Consent provides the DMPC authority to delegate those functions which are reserved for the DMPC.
- 4.3. These recommendations are in line with the MOPAC Scheme of Delegation and Consent.

5. Commercial Issues

- 5.1. All grants and contracts which utilise this funding will incorporate the relevant terms from the grant agreement between MOPAC and the MoJ to ensure compliance.
- 5.2. All grant agreements will be modified and signed off in line with MOPAC's Contract Regulations and Scheme of Delegation.

6. Public Health Approach

- 6.1. The VRU will be consulted on services commissioned using this funding to ensure alignment with VRU activity and wider public health approach to tackling violence in London, as outlined in the [Mayor's refreshed VAWG Strategy](#).

7. GDPR and Data Privacy

- 7.1. 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.

8. Equality Comments

- 8.1. MOPAC's local needs assessment submission to the MoJ highlighted significant increases in demand for domestic abuse and/or sexual violence support services in London, in particular for those groups with protected characteristics and/or from minority groups.
- 8.2. In assessing the applications received for this funding, MOPAC prioritised those services that provide specialist support to these groups and/or are delivered by 'by and for' organisations.

9. Background/supporting papers

PCD 633
PCD 1077

PCD 1190
PCD 1235

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: N/A

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:

Legal advice is not required.

✓

Equalities Advice:

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

✓

Public Health Approach

Due diligence has been given to determine whether the programme sits within the Violence Reduction Unit's public approach to reducing violence. This has been reviewed and supported by a senior manager within the VRU.

✓

Commercial Issues

The Contract Management Team has been consulted on the commercial issues within this report. The proposal is in keeping with the GLA Group Responsible Procurement Policy.

✓

GDPR/Data Privacy

- GDPR compliance issues are covered in the body of the report.
- A DPIA is not required.

✓

Director/Head of Service:

The Head of Policy and Commissioning 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 02/08/2022

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