

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR DECISION – ADD2120

Title: Social Integration policy and programme development

Executive Summary:

The Diversity and Social Policy team is requesting funding for its Social Integration programme development. The request is for £40,000 of funding for two consultants to work with the team. This is bridging resource until permanent recruitment is completed later this year. The breakdown is:

1. Social Integration policy review and analysis: £25,000
2. Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme scoping study: £15,000

The policy review will conduct an options appraisal of social integration policy and projects that uses the existing evidence base, as well as mapping London stakeholders and funders with an interest in social integration.

DD2113 has been signed which approved receipt of Home Office grant to develop a community sponsorship model for the resettlement of Syrian refugees in London. This work would be to begin scoping this community sponsorship model.

Decision:

That the Assistant Director of Health and Communities approves:

1. Social Integration policy review and analysis: expenditure of £25,000
2. Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme scoping study: expenditure of £15,000

AUTHORISING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR/HEAD OF UNIT:

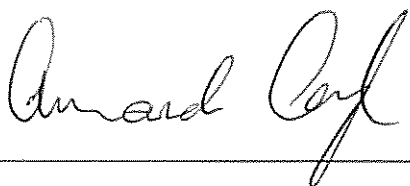
I have reviewed the request and am satisfied it is correct and consistent with the Mayor's plans and priorities.

It has my approval.

Name: Amanda Coyle

Position: Assistant Director of Health and Communities

Signature:



Date: 22.5.2017

PART I - NON-CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE

Decision required – supporting report

1. Introduction and background

These requests follow from the DSP team's agreed spend in MD2091.

- Social Integration policy review and analysis: £25,000

Social Integration is a major priority for the Mayor. The DSP team is developing a strategy which will identify specific policy and project options to improve social integration in London. As this is a completely new area of work for the GLA, additional resources are required to ensure the strategy is evidence based, and draws on international best practice.

This analysis will underpin the Social integration strategy and ensure the Mayor's resources are used to have the biggest possible impact on London's communities.

- Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme scoping study: £15,000

This work requires a specific piece of scoping work to build on existing community re-settlement initiatives and support the GLA to identify how best to support a London wide re-settlement scheme for Syrian refugees.

2. Objectives and expected outcomes

Social Integration policy review and analysis: £25,000

The team would like to commission independent external advice to:

- work with the DSP Manager and other senior policy officers to scope, analyse and prepare options for social integration policy and projects relating to both the Deputy Mayor's brief and the wider GLA group;
- identify UK and international examples of social integration policy approaches and projects;
- map London wide stakeholders working on social integration;
- conduct an options appraisal of social integration policy and projects that uses the existing evidence base and takes into account the London context;
- map the statutory, charitable and private funding streams currently supporting social integration initiatives in London.

This funding would secure an external advisor who would work closely with the team to deliver this brief over a period of 10 weeks. The outcome would be an evidence based policy appraisal to inform the Social Integration strategy.

Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme scoping study: £15,000

The team would like to commission independent external advice to scope the options for a sustainable community sponsorship and partnership scheme for the resettlement of Syrian refugees in London. This work will include:

- engaging with boroughs, sponsors and Government stakeholders involved in existing or pipeline community sponsorship agreements to understand what has worked and where further opportunities through a London approach may exist;
- scoping interest from boroughs and build understanding of what they would need from a London model to overcome the challenges to participation that exist at the moment;
- undertaking initial stakeholder engagement (civil society, communities, businesses, funders/philanthropists) to scope interest in a London model, building a database of interested partners and offers to take forward, brokering discussions on immediate opportunities where appropriate
- establishing a network of borough co-ordinators in London to support cross borough / organisation collaboration, including developing terms of reference for the group;
- sourcing international examples of community sponsorship and partnership and analysing how these models might apply to London's context;
- conducting an analysis of how a community sponsorship scheme might overcome London's specific challenges to participating in resettlement;
- developing a preliminary model for a London approach to community sponsorship and partnership that could be implemented by the GLA or another London stakeholder;
- developing an agenda and invite list for a major Mayoral event in December 2017 to generate interest and commitments to community sponsorship and work with the Manager to submit this to Mayor's Office for approval.

The outcome of this work will be a fully scoped model for community re-settlement which can then be delivered by the DSP team.

3. Equality comments

All of the DSP team's work is directed to tackling inequalities in London and reducing discrimination and disadvantage wherever possible. This work will help the team fulfil its duties to promote greater equality in London.

4. Financial comments

- 4.1 The estimated cost of £40,000 will be funded from the Diversity and Social Policy Team's budget for 2017-18.

5. Planned delivery approach and next steps

Activity	Timeline
Procurement of contract [for externally delivered projects]	May 2017
Announcement [if applicable]	None
Delivery Start Date [for project proposals]	June 2017
Delivery End Date [for project proposals]	October 2017
Project Closure: [for project proposals]	November 2017

Appendices and supporting papers: None

Public access to information

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Part 1 Deferral:

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

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Until what date: (a date is required if deferring)

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Is there a part 2 form –NO

ORIGINATING OFFICER DECLARATION:**Drafting officer:**

Click and insert name has drafted this report in accordance with GLA procedures and confirms that the Finance and –if relevant- Legal teams have commented on this proposal as required, and this decision reflects their comments.

Corporate Investment Board:

The Corporate Investment Board reviewed this proposal on 22 May 2017.

HEAD OF FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE:

I confirm that financial and legal implications have been appropriately considered in the preparation of this report.

Signature:



Date:

22.05.17