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MoJ COVID 19 Extraordinary Funding for Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Services

MOPAC Q&A log

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**Please read this document in conjunction with the information available on MOPAC's bidding opportunities webpage and the slide deck from briefing on Wednesday 27th May 2020.*

| <u>Number</u> | <u>Question</u> | <u>Answer</u> | <u>Date updated</u> |
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| 1 | The main domestic and sexual violence service in the borough is delivered within the local authority. Would the service be eligible to apply for the above fund? | To be eligible for the funding, organisations must be a registered charity, a charitable incorporated organisation, or a social enterprise, including companies limited by guarantee and community interest companies. This is because the funding comes from a wider government funding package specifically for charities. | 27/5/2020 |
| 2 | Locality – will services who operate a specific borough only service still be eligible to bid for this funding? | Yes, organisations will still be able to apply for funding where services are delivered within a specific local authority, across multiple boroughs, or pan-London. If the service is offered across two or more Police and Crime Commissioner areas then it is not eligible for this funding but may be eligible for the Home Office funding available here: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-home-office-extraordinary-funding-for-domestic-abuse-support-services | 27/5/2020 |
| 3 | Point of clarification on the application form – ‘BAU’ does this mean Business As Usual? | Yes, this refers to pre-covid ‘business as usual’ levels of reserves. | 27/5/2020 |
| 4 | What is the amount of funding charities can apply for? | There is no minimum/maximum amount of funding which organisations can apply for within each ‘pot’. | 27/5/2020 |

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| 5 | Will you be ringfencing funding for organisations supporting victims with protected characteristics? | There are difficulties in ringfencing this funding further as there are already a number of 'pots' and conditions attached to the available funds. However, through the evaluation process MOPAC will seek to ensure that organisations which specialise in supporting victims with protected characteristics are represented proportionately. MOPAC will work to ensure equitable distribution of funds across a range of organisations in London, both in geographically and in supporting the diverse range of VAWG victims and their specific needs. | 27/5/2020 |
| 6 | Do services where interested bidders are partners but not the lead agency, in a MOPAC funded partnership, count as existing MOPAC commissioned services? | Yes. A commissioned service is any organisation that receives funding from the PCC. This includes via a partnership arrangement. | 27/5/2020 |
| 7 | Does funding via local boroughs from the London Crime Prevention Fund (LCPF) count as a service already commissioned by MOPAC commissioned? | Yes. If the PCC provides funding to the Local Authority, who then funds an eligible organisation to provide DA support, this would be considered as a service already commissioned by MOPAC for the purposes of this funding opportunity. | 27/5/2020 |
| 8 | We have already bid for other government funding but have not yet received responses from all of those bids. Can we still bid for this funding? | The MoJ guidance states you can <i>request</i> funding from multiple funding pots, but you cannot <i>receive</i> funding from multiple funding pots for the same purpose. The MoJ have advised that the MoJ, Home Office and MHCLG have processes in place to cross check bids and avoid any duplication of funding. There is also an expectation on bidders to flag any risks of duplication in funding. | 27/5/2020 |
| 9 | Some elements of our work are funded by MOPAC and some are not- do we need to complete two separate applications (one for cost incurred for our MOPAC funded work and one for our other services)? | Where there is already a funding arrangement in place between MOPAC and the provider they will be considered an organisation already commissioned by MOPAC. A single application should be submitted, unless the organisation is wishing to apply for separate funding pots. | 27/5/2020 |
| 10 | Do we need to submit separate bids for SV and DV work? | Yes, separate bids need to be submitted to each 'pot' where organisations are applying for distinct SV/DA funding. | 27/5/2020 |

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| 11 | One of our projects is a partnership project funded by MOPAC (for which we are not the lead partner)- are we allowed to include the additional cost incurred for this project in the bid for MOPAC funded services? | Yes, you can include the costs incurred from projects where you are not the lead organisation but please ensure that any incurred costs cited are specific to your organisation only and not the wider partnership. This will avoid duplication if partners are also applying for funding. | 27/5/2020 |
| 12 | Our organisation purchased new lap tops just before lockdown in anticipation of what was to come. Are such costs excluded from this fund? | Only costs incurred from 24th March 2020 (official date of lockdown) until 31st October 2020 are available through this fund. These are requirements set by the Treasury. Please refer to MOPAC's slides with details of other COVID 19 extraordinary funding which may be suitable for your organisation. | 27/5/2020 |
| 13 | On the application form: what do you mean by annual returns? | Please read this to mean your organisation's annual report that is required to be submitted to the Charity Commission or Companies House. Please select yes in this box and either attach your annual report or include a link to it in your email submitting the bid. | 27/5/2020 |
| 14 | Our social enterprise has funded our infrastructure which funds our domestic abuse work - the enterprise has suffered under C-19 - can we claim for this? | Yes, this would be an appropriate application for the funding available. | 27/5/2020 |
| 15 | Are applications to be made per individual service, or per organisation, if the organisation has a number of different services across London? | Applications are to be made per organisation unless they are for different funding 'pots'. | 27/5/2020 |
| 16 | Can the fund pay for increased helpline calls we have had to employ someone to assist since the lockdown? | Yes, this would be an appropriate application to this fund, provided that the helpline is specifically supporting victims of domestic abuse/sexual violence within London. If the helpline is national, please refer to the home office extra ordinary fund – details of | 27/5/2020 |

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| | | which can be found in the MOPAC slides. | |
| 17 | Can we bid if we are not currently funded by MOPAC? | Yes, there is a funding pot available for organisations who are not currently funded by MOPAC. Please refer to MOPAC slides for details. | 27/5/2020 |
| 18 | If there's a pending application to MOPAC from last year through the Safer Neighbourhood Board (Croydon), which the SNB had confirmed successful, but the funds have not yet been released by MOPAC, are we commissioned by MOPAC in this context? | Yes, in this context you would be considered a service already commissioned by MOPAC. | 27/5/2020 |
| 19 | We have applied for emergency funding from London Community Response Fund and didn't hear back. Can I assume that's been unsuccessful and apply to this for the same? | LCRF are getting back to all applications whether successful or not so don't assume you were unsuccessful. Please follow up with your original application. | 27/5/2020 |
| 20 | With these timescales, recruitment is difficult, so how can these funds realistically be used? | <p>We recognise recruitment in these timescales is challenging. Funds are available to meet the additional costs registered charities or social enterprise have incurred or will incur whilst adapting their services during the pandemic, and to cope with demand increases resulting from it.</p> <p>For example, funding may be used to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • address short term income disruption; • meet essential costs of sustaining current activities, such the purchasing of assets to support the move to remote and digital working, and additional staff to cover those unable to work for reasons related to the pandemic; and • address increased demand. | 27/5/2020 |

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| 21 | We're having an office refurb which was planned before COVID-19 hit. We are adding additional safety measures for clients and staff - screens, signs, laptops etc. Can this be funded through this? | Yes, the costs items listed would be acceptable uses of this funding; however, more extensive capital works such as building repairs or other permanent alterations are not acceptable uses of this funding. | 27/5/2020 |
| 22 | On your form it mentions whether other government funding has been sought - does this have any material effect on how this application might be considered? | No. This will not affect how applications are considered/evaluated. It is to be used for due diligence purposes only. Please make MOPAC aware as soon as possible if you have been successful in securing funds from other sources for the same costs you applying to this fund. | 27/5/2020 |
| 23 | Do you need invoices for items already spent? | Invoices are not required at this stage but may be requested at a later point for auditing purposes. | 27/5/2020 |
| 24 | Where organisations are not directly funded by MOPAC but as part of a consortium/partnership do MOPAC expect bids from each organisation or from the consortium or potentially could bids go in through both as long as not double funded? | Applications for funding can be made as a consortium, or on an individual basis. However, any applications for costs should not be submitted twice via the consortia and individual bids. | 27/5/2020 |
| 25 | With regard to spending funds before October 31, can we defer use of existing MOPAC funding until after 31 October and use the emergency funding instead as a way of prolonging the time we can, in effect, extend the time that the emergency funding has impact for? | This may be possible in some circumstances; however, the funding arrangements for every service will be different. Please contact the relevant MOPAC contract manager to explore the potential for this. | 27/5/2020 |
| 26 | Can we apply for funding for staff to buy office chairs etc. for home working? | Yes, this would be an appropriate application for the funding available. | 27/5/2020 |

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| 27 | Will the funding be available for advocacy services for females affected by DV & SV? | Yes, the funding can be used to support advocacy services; however, only in the context of supporting victims of domestic abuse and sexual violence. It would need to be evident in any application how this funding will be used to support the delivery of a tailored support offer to victims of domestic abuse or sexual violence. | 27/5/2020 |
| 28 | We have clients who don't have digital phones and so we can't see them when we ring them, which in terms of safety is critical. Can we apply for tablets or mobile phones, and any associated costs of buying data for them? | Yes, this would be an appropriate application for the funding available. | 27/5/2020 |
| 29 | We are also doing a lot of preventative and awareness building DA work with our BAME girls and older women - does this count too? | Yes, this would be an appropriate application for the funding available. | 27/5/2020 |
| 30 | Can you provide an accessible (word) version of the application form please? | The accessible version of the form is now available on the MOPAC 'bidding opportunities' webpage. | 27/5/2020 |
| 31 | Are the funds available for the purchasing of food supplies? | Yes, funds can be used for the purchasing of food supplies, in the context of supporting victims of domestic abuse or sexual violence. There are a range of other sources of funding for this type of support, some of them are listed here: https://www.charitytaxgroup.org.uk/news-post/2020/750m-coronavirus-funding-package-announced-charities/ | 27/5/2020 |
| 32 | Will there be reporting/monitoring requirements for this funding? | Yes, there will be reporting and monitoring requirements in place for this funding. MOPAC will be required to report to the MoJ on any projected underspend by 31 st August 2020 and complete a full monitoring returns no later than 30 th November 2020. Grantees will be asked to submit the required information to MOPAC at least two | 27/5/2020 |

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| | | weeks before the respective MoJ deadlines set out above. | |
| 33 | Within the same application may we ask for funding of two thematic areas such as, increased staff capacity as well as improvements to the office to allow social distancing? | Yes, applications can apply for funding for numerous costs incurred as a result of the COVID 19 pandemic provided they are all within scope of the funding conditions. | 27/5/2020 |
| 34 | Re question: What additional income connected to COVID-19 have you received? (Income from local government, statutory services, donations and any ongoing donation activity) We have had one trust funder extend the period of our grant for a further year but this will not being until November. Should we include this funding in this response? | No, additional funding your organisation is due to receive for costs incurred after 31 October 2020 does not need to be listed on the form. | 27/5/2020 |
| 35 | Can funding research with a view to setting up the project coming out of lockdown? | No, organisations must not apply for funding for the development of new projects or services not related to the COVID-19 response. | |