

**REQUEST FOR DMPC DECISION – PCD 459**

**Title: MOPAC application to Ministry of Justice’s Female Offender Community Investment Fund**

**Executive Summary:**

As part of the Female Offender Strategy the Ministry of Justice (MOJ) has made a commitment to invest £5m of cross-Government funding in women’s provisions between 2018-2020. The Ministry of Justice (MoJ) has made available £1m over this time to support agencies in the sustainability, improvement or development of women’s community support through a Community Investment Fund. They are inviting bids from all organisations, including third sector organisations and statutory bodies. The maximum bid amount is £250k. Bids are to be submitted by 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018 with an indicative project commencement date of 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

In light of the very short timescales and systems implemented by the Ministry of Justice, MOPAC has agreed a bidding strategy with partners in order to submit the bid online by 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018. The bid will go through internal governance mechanisms, including a quality assurance process. In order to ensure the bid is uploaded to the Ministry of Justice application website in a timely fashion, quality control will be managed by MOPAC’s Director of Criminal Justice Commissioning, and authority for final sign-off and approval for submission will rest with MOPAC’s Chief Executive Officer (CEO). MOPAC’s Chief Financial Officer (CFO) will provide recommendations for financial oversight and approval to the CEO.

**Recommendation:**

The DMPC is asked to approve the bidding strategy set out below, and further to delegate authority for final sign off of the bids to Rebecca Lawrence, CEO.

**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**

*Spaul Under*

**Date**

03/09/2018

## **PART I – NON-CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE TO THE DMPC**

### **Decision required – supporting report**

#### **1. Introduction and background**

- 1.1. The MoJ is making available £1m in 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 for resource funding to support female offenders in England and Wales. This commitment is part of the Female Offender Strategy published in June 2018 to invest in community provisions for women. The maximum bid for resource funding is £250k. This grant seeks to support the sustainability, improvement or development of community support or Whole Systems Approach (WSA) model that specifically targets female offenders, or women at risk of offending.
- 1.2. The deadline for bids is 12 September 2018 with successful bidders notified week commencing 24<sup>th</sup> October 2018.
- 1.3. The DMPC is asked to sign off and agree MOPAC's bidding strategy and approach before the bid is finalised and submitted. Due to the short timescales, the DMPC is requested to delegate authority for final sign off of the bid to be submitted to the Home Office to the MOPAC CEO, Rebecca Lawrence.

#### **2. Issues for consideration**

- 2.1. The MOPAC is investing £4.6m from Tranche 1 of the Co Commissioning Fund into two female offender projects - Advance Minerva and South London Alliance Female Offender Projects – to provide expert support women in 21 London boroughs to reduce offending, improve familial relationships, and increase the use of community sentences. This bid for additional funding from the MoJ is being developed in consultation with partners and will align with these currently funded projects.
- 2.2. Quality control will be managed by the Director of Criminal Justice Commissioning, Samantha Cunningham, who will make recommendations to the CEO, Rebecca Lawrence, for sign-off and approval to submit the bid.

#### **3. Financial Comments**

- 3.1. Individual bids can be submitted for up to a maximum amount of £250,000 in total across two financial years, 2018/19 and 2019/20.
- 3.2. MOPAC intends to submit 1 bid, for an amount up to a maximum of £250,000 across the two financial years. Final amounts will depend on decisions from Ministry of Justice following the scoring of bids.
- 3.3. Reasonable costs associated with managing the bid will be included within MOPAC's bids.

#### **4. Legal Comments**

- 4.1. This decision is in line with the MOPAC's Scheme of Consent and Delegation, in which paragraph 4.8 provides the DMPC with 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. Equality Comments**

- 5.1. Under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 (the Equality Act), as a public authority the Deputy Mayor/MOPAC must have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation, and any conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act; and to advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not. Protected characteristics under the Equality Act are age, disability, gender re-assignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation, and marriage or civil partnership status (the duty in respect of this last characteristic is to eliminate unlawful discrimination only).
- 5.2. The bid will be required to meet these expectations with regards to Equality and Diversity, and will be assessed against this as part of the quality assurance process, prior to any recommendation being made to the CEO for sign-off.

## **6. GDPR**

- 6.1 A full Data Protection Impact Assessment will be completed as part of mobilisation activity for the project, to ensure that all delivery is fully compliant with the requirements of the GDPR.

## **7. Background/supporting papers**

- 7.1. MOPAC led bids will be subject to MOPAC's internal governance mechanisms.
- 7.2. All bids will be subject to a quality assurance process. It will be reviewed by Director of Criminal Justice Commissioning and the Chief Financial Officer will provide recommendations for financial oversight and approval to the CEO.

**Public access to information**

Information in this form is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and other legislation. Part 1 of this form will be made available on the MOPAC website within 1 working day of approval. Any facts/advice/recommendations that should not be made automatically available on request should not be included in Part 1 but instead on the separate Part 2 form. Deferment is only applicable where release before that date would compromise the implementation of the decision being approved.

Is the publication of **this** form to be deferred? NO

If yes, for what reason:

Until what date (if known):

Is there a **part 2** form – NO

If yes, for what reason:

**ORIGINATING OFFICER DECLARATION:**

	<i>Tick to confirm statement (✓)</i>
<b>Head of Unit:</b> The Head of Service for Criminal Justice Commissioning has reviewed the request and is satisfied it is correct and consistent with the MOPAC's plans and priorities.	✓
<b>Legal Advice:</b> Legal advice is not required at this stage.	✓
<b>Financial Advice:</b> The Head of Strategic Finance and Resource Management has been consulted on this proposal.	✓
<b>Equalities Advice:</b> Equality and diversity issues are covered in the body of the report.	✓

**OFFICER APPROVAL****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 *R. Lawrence*

Date *03/09/2018*