

**DMPC Decision – PCD 617**

**Title: Youth Endowment Fund Application**

**Executive Summary:**

The Home Office Youth Endowment Fund (YEF) bids are due to be submitted online by midday on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019.

MOPAC has worked in partnership with Victim Support to develop a bid to the fund, with MOPAC as the lead partner. The bid is to further enhance the Children & Young People's Victim and Witness Support Service with specialist Youth Advocates co-located with key statutory and local services in target boroughs.

The bid will go through internal governance mechanisms, including internal quality assurance processes.

In order to ensure the bid is uploaded to the 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 Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime is recommended to: approve the bidding strategy set out below, and further to delegate authority for final sign off of the bids to the Chief Executive of MOPAC, after internal assurance.

**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**

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22/7/19

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

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

- 1.1. As part of the Government's Serious Violence Strategy, the Home Office has made £200m available over the next 10 years to fund and test interventions aiming to prevent young people from being drawn in to crime and violence, to build knowledge of what works in this area.
- 1.2. This is called the Youth Endowment Fund (YEF), and it aims to put early intervention at the heart of efforts to tackle youth offending.
- 1.3. It will support interventions and community partnerships working with children at risk of being drawn into crime and violence, and build up our knowledge of what works to prevent that. Focusing on 10-14 year olds across England and Wales, it is run by youth charity Impetus, in partnership with the Early Intervention Foundation (EIF) and Social Investment Business(SIB).
- 1.4. In March 2019 the Home Office announced the Youth Endowment Fund will be run by Impetus, in partnership with the Early Intervention Foundation and Social Investment Business.
- 1.5. The DMPC is asked to sign off and agree MOPAC's bidding strategy and approach before bids are finalised and submitted. Due to the short timescales, the DMPC is requested to delegate authority for final sign off of the individual bids to be submitted to the Home Office to the MOPAC CEO, Rebecca Lawrence.

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

- 2.1. Quality control will be managed by the Director of Criminal Justice Commissioning, Samantha Cunningham, who will make recommendations to MOPAC's Chief Executive, for sign-off and approval to submit the bids.

### **3. Financial Comments**

- 3.1. The Home Office YEF will operate over several years. This is the first funding round – a one-off, open call round to fund and evaluate promising approaches to preventing youth offending which have not yet gathered strong evidence of their impact. There is no upper financial limit on individual bids. Projects must be able to spend £100,000 within the first six months of the grant, October 2019 and March 2020.
- 3.2. MOPAC only intends to submit one bid of £693,584 for this first funding round.
- 3.3. Reasonable costs associated with managing the bid will be included within MOPAC's bid.

### **4. Legal Comments**

- 4.1. This report seeks DMPC approval to submit a bid of £693,584 to the Home Office Youth Endowment Fund.
- 4.2. Paragraph 4.8 of the MOPAC'S Scheme of consent and Delegation provides the DMPC with delegated power to approve:
  - Bids for grant funding made and all offers made of grant funding; and/or where appropriate a strategy for grant giving;
  - The strategy for the award of individual grants and /or the award of all individual grants whether to secure or contribute to securing crime reduction in London or for other purposes.

## **5. Commercial Comments**

- 5.1. As this is an extension of the CYP Service for 2018-19 in terms of capacity only (not in terms of length or scope), the performance management and risk register for this project will be covered through the same processes as the formal grant management process for the existing CYP Service.

## **6. Public Health Approach**

- 6.1. The proposed extension to the CYP Service will work with young victims and witnesses of serious youth violence in priority locations to help them cope and recover from their experiences. The programme aligns with the emerging delivery model for the Violence Reduction Unit by taking a contextual approach to intervention and reducing violence, based on the premise that tackling victimisation can help prevent future offending. The project will support vulnerable young people and their peers through group work, whilst positively impacting on communities.

## **7. GDPR and Data Privacy**

- 7.1 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.

## **8. Equality Comments**

- 8.1. 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).
- 8.2. 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.

## **9. Background/supporting papers**

- 9.1. MOPAC and Victim Support have agreed to a partnership bid to YEF to further enhance the existing Children & Young People's Victim and Witness Support Service.
- 9.2. In order to support those most affected by serious youth violence, who may also be at risk of or involved in offending behaviour, the bid proposes that Victim Support recruit an additional eleven caseworkers specialising in serious youth violence – to be called Youth Advocates for the purposes of the project – who will work across the eleven boroughs (Croydon, Lambeth, Newham, Enfield, Southwark, Haringey, Brent, Camden, Waltham Forest, Tower Hamlets, Westminster) most impacted by serious youth violence in 2018.
- 9.3. The Youth Advocates will be co-located with Children's Social Care, YOS, schools, alternative education providers including Pupil Referral Units and with youth services. They will also work closely with detached youth workers in these boroughs to build effective relationships with young people.
- 9.4. The bid also proposes that the Youth Advocates work on an emergency basis with young victims and witnesses of any serious youth violence incident across London within 24 hours of it taking place.

- 9.5. This proposal enables specialist support to be provided to young people who are victims or witnesses of serious youth violence and by specifically targeting provision just at serious youth violence and capping caseloads at realistic levels it will mean that these caseworkers will not take on multiple roles, thus increasing their capacity to develop relationships with young people, their families and the wider community.
- 9.6. The service will be trauma-informed with all staff receiving specialist training on trauma, gang awareness and outreach practices. The Youth Advocates will also receive specialist training in detached youth work, enabling them to work in the places that young people are, which will also lead to increasing engagement and self-referrals.
- 9.7. Following a serious incident the Service will offer 1-2-1 and group work support to all witnesses through engagement with local youth clubs, schools and colleges as well as other voluntary sector providers and with colleagues in the London Victim and Witness Service (LVWS).
- 9.8. The MOPAC bid will be subject to MOPAC's internal governance mechanisms.
- 9.9. The bid is subject to a quality assurance process. If it reaches the required quality threshold, it will be passed for review to the Director of Criminal Justice Commissioning.
- 9.10. The Director of Criminal Justice Commissioning will make recommendations regarding the bid to be submitted to the Home Office to the CEO, and the Chief Financial Officer will provide recommendations for financial oversight and approval to the CEO.
- 9.11. The CEO will be responsible for approving the final draft of the bid for submission.



