

DMPC Decision – PCD 633

Title: Mayor's VAWG Fund Tranche 4 – VAWG Services Fund

Executive Summary:

Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) is a key priority in the Mayor's Policing and Crime Plan (2017-21). The refreshed London VAWG Strategy (2018-21) aims to reduce the prevalence of VAWG in London, tackling perpetrators and supporting victims and survivors.

This decision sets out the proposed grant awards for the fourth tranche of the Mayors VAWG Fund, the grant awards total £7,539,034 and cover three financial years (2019/2020-2021/2022).

The funding for these services comes from the additional £15 million announced by the Mayor on 27th February 2019 (<https://www.london.gov.uk/press-releases/mayoral/mayors-15m-boost-to-tackle-violence>). £1.35 million of this funding has already been allocated to increasing the investment in existing MOPAC funded services, as set out in PCD 448.

Recommendation:

The Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime is recommended to:

1. Approve the award of 5 grants to the aggregate value of £7,539,034, allocated over a period of three financial years (2019/2020-2021/2022) to the below organisations;
 - a) £1,570,258 to a consortium led by Solace for the provision of pan London non crisis support to women affected by violence;
 - b) £776,206 to Suzy Lamplugh Trust for the provision of a pan London stalking support service;
 - c) £1,368,673 to a consortium led by Asian Women's Resource Centre for the provision of pan London to deliver support to women and girls affected by harmful practices;
 - d) £1,957,288 to a consortium led by Southall Black Sisters for the provision of pan London support and accommodation to women affected by violence who have no recourse to public funds; and
 - e) £1,866,608 to a consortium led by Women and Girls Network for the provision of pan London support to young women and girls affected violence.
2. To allocate £865,571 from the criminal justice commissioning budget to augment the service offer across London and ensure all priority areas are represented to meet the demand profile of VAWG.
3. Delegate authority to sign all 5 grant agreements to MOPAC's Chief Executive Officer.

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

Spue Warden

Date

23/10/2019

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

1. Introduction and background

- 1.1. Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) is a key priority in the Mayor's Policing and Crime Plan (2017-21). The refreshed London VAWG Strategy (2018-21) aims to reduce the prevalence of VAWG in London, tackling perpetrators and supporting victims and survivors. The refreshed strategy underwent substantial consultation with victims, survivors and the members of the VAWG Board.
- 1.2. Following an increase in demand and cuts in central government funding the Mayor has had to rethink what needs to be done centrally from City Hall to tackle VAWG and ensure appropriate support is available to victims and survivors. The Mayor has committed to invest £15million of new money, across a three-year period to improve and increase the support that is available to victims and survivors of VAWG.
- 1.3. The budget has been allocated across three financial years 2019/20-21/22, with an emphasis on maximising immediate investment in services which are struggling to meet demand as well as allowing for funding to be allocated over a 30-month period supporting the sector's need for more sustainable access to resource. This funding will be delivered in four tranches;
 1. Maintain existing investment.
 2. Sustain current innovation.
 3. Competitive grant allocation – developing grass-roots based provision.
 4. Managing an increase in demand.
- 1.4. This decision concerns Tranche 4 Managing an Increase in Demand. Decision PCD559 set out the strategy for the funding allocation and commissioning approach for this tranche. The public facing name of Tranche 4 is The VAWG Service Fund.
- 1.5. An additional £865,571 will be further attributed to the fund to enable MOPAC to guarantee that all five priority areas discussed below are explicitly funded.
- 1.6. Grants will be awarded to 5 organisations totalling £7,539,034, further detail can be found below.

2. Issues for consideration

- 2.1. An indicative amount of £6.8million of the Mayor's VAWG Fund had been attributed for tranche 4, based on the evidence base presented by MOPAC's Evidence and Insight (E&I) service. Decision PCD559 has enabled the virement of funding from the other three tranches.
- 2.2. As part of the evidence gathering a wide data exercise was carried out to inform the priority areas for the prospectus; bidders were asked to submit bids that tackled at least one of the following five areas that were identified as the areas where demand is outstripping service provision; *Young people (14-24yrs), Women with multiple disadvantages, Non-crisis support, Harmful practices and Women with no recourse to public funds.*

- 2.3. The prospectus and submission pack for The VAWG Services Fund, was released with a bid submission deadline of 11 September 2019. The VAWG Services Fund focusses on VCS organisations who are managing an increase in demand in services that support women and girls affected by violence. <https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/mayors-office-policing-and-crime-mopac/about-mayors-office-policing-and-crime-mopac/current-mopac-bidding-opportunities>
- 2.4. Funded projects are due to deliver from October 2019 to March 2021, with a focus on all services being mobilised by January 2020. Bidders were able to submit proposals for projects or services between £500,00 - £2,000,000 across the funding cycle.
- 2.5. Additional funding has been allocated from MOPAC's budget to augment VAWG support services in London.
- 2.6. Following evaluation and moderation five bids were recommended for grant awards. These are:

Organisation	Brief description of project	Priority areas	Cost
Solace	A hub and spoke model approach that delivers triage support and casework to women affected by violence on a pan London basis through a number of specialist organisations.	-Non crisis Support. -Women with multiple disadvantage	£1,570,258
Suzy Lamplugh Trust	The project will build on the National Stalking Helpline to deliver a dedicated pan London stalking support service. The project will work where there are significant gaps in service delivery to provide advocacy and trauma informed support to victims.	-Non crisis Support. -Women with multiple disadvantage	£776,206
Asian Women's Resource Centre	The project offers long term support to BME women and girls affected by harmful practices, so called 'honour' based violence, domestic abuse and sexual violence. Risk identification and safety planning will be complimented by counselling with services being available in at least 18 languages.	-Harmful Practices. -Young people,	£1,368,673
Southall Black Sisters	The project has a focus on accommodation support to women with NRPF. Providing wraparound support to trafficked women with the intention of preventing women entering prostitution.	-No recourse to public funds. -Women with multiple disadvantage	£1,957,288
Women and Girls Network	This project aims to support total and sustainable recovery for young women and girls (YWG) affected by violence through specialist advocacy work. The project aims to work with YWG who are experiencing intersectional disadvantage pan London	-Young people.	£1,866,608

3. Financial Comments

- 3.1. This decision seeks DMPC approval to awards grants to the value of £7,539,034 to five organisations.

	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	Total
Solace	176,668	695,722	697,868	1,570,258
SLT	152,450	330,334	293,422	776,206
Asian Womens Resource Centre	286,215	531,229	551,229	1,368,673
Southall	272,669	955,795	728,824	1,957,288
Women and Girls Network	231,957	817,326	817,326	1,866,608
Total	1,119,959	3,330,406	3,088,669	7,539,034

- 3.2. An additional £865,571 has been allocated from the criminal justice commissioning budget.

4. Legal Comments

- 4.1. MOPAC's general powers are set out in the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). Section 3(6) of the 2011 Act provides that MOPAC must "secure the maintenance of the metropolitan police service and secure that the metropolitan police service is efficient and effective." Under Schedule 3, paragraph 7 MOPAC has wide incidental powers to "do anything which is calculated to facilitate, or is conducive or incidental to, the exercise of the functions of the Office." Paragraph 7(2) (a) provides that this includes entering into contracts and other agreements.
- 4.2. Section 143 (1) (b) of the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014 provides an express power for MOPAC, as a local policing body, to provide or commission services "intended by the local policing body to help victims or witnesses of, or other persons affected by, offences and anti-social behaviour."
- 4.3. The recommendations in this decision are in line with the legislation and in line with MOPAC's Scheme of Delegation as set out below.
- 4.4. In line with section 4 of MOPAC's Scheme of Consent and Delegation, the DMPC has authority for the:
- 4.4.1. approval of business cases for revenue expenditure above £500,000 (section 4.8);
 - 4.4.2. approval of the strategy for the award of individual grants and the award of all individual grants (section 4.8); and
 - 4.4.3. approval of the procurement strategy and requests to go out for tender for contracts (section 4.13).
- 4.5. In line with section 5.22 of MOPAC's Scheme of Delegation, the Chief Executive Officer has authority for the finalisation of planning and contractual/grant arrangements, including relevant terms and the signing of contracts and grant agreements.

5. Commercial Issues

- 5.1. The funding of the VAWG Service Fund, Tranche 4 of the Mayor's VAWG Fund is being allocated following an open and competitive grant procurement process. These processes are conducted in line with MOPAC's governance processes and contract regulations.

6. Public Health Approach

- 6.1. This final tranche of Mayoral VAWG funding provides funding to support services that are dealing with the surging demand from victims of VAWG . £6.8 million has been allocated through a competitive grant process to those services which enable women and girls the best chance to cope and recover from violence. Bidders were asked to submit bids that tackled one of the following five areas where demand is outstripping service including: non-crisis support, women with multiple disadvantage, harmful practices, young people and no recourse to public funds.

The VRU and MOPAC will work jointly to ensure that public health principles to tackling violence are enshrined in the delivery of all of these new services. In particular, for the two services which deliver both victim response and preventative interventions, MOPAC and the VRU have agreed a joint approach to developing and supporting these programmes, so that the opportunities to work through these services to reduce violence are fully realised.

7. GDPR and Data Privacy

- 7.1. A full Data Protection Impact Assessment will be completed by all providers if required as part of the mobilisation for the services, to ensure that all delivery is fully compliant with the requirements of the GDPR.
- 7.2. All grant agreements will include clear provisions relating to compliance in this area, and in relation to the processing of personal data. These terms have been drafted following consultation with MOPAC's GDPR Project Manager.

8. Equality Comments

- 8.1. The Equality Act 2010 puts a responsibility on public authorities to have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination and promote equality of opportunity.
- 8.2. This requires MOPAC to have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations by reference to people with protected characteristics. The protected characteristics are: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.
- 8.3. The promotion of VAWG support services supports MOPAC's equalities duties.
- 8.4. MOPAC is clear that the outputs from this programme of work will provide a better standard of provision to victims of survivors of VAWG whilst having a greater positive impact on certain groups in society who are disproportionately vulnerable to and affected by crime.

9. Background/supporting papers

- 9.1. PCD 448
- 9.2. PCD 559

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:

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 and the GDPR Project Manager/Data Protection Officer has been consulted on the GDPR issues within this report.

✓

Director/Head of Service

The Director of CJC has reviewed the request and is satisfied it is correct and consistent with the MOPAC's plans and priorities.

✓

Interim 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

22/10/2019

