

PFCC Decision Report

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Title of report: MoJ DA & SV Grant Acceptance 2022-25

Area of county / stakeholders affected: Countywide

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Executive Summary

- 1.1. This report outlines a proposal to accept the allocation of Ministry of Justice domestic abuse and sexual abuse funding (2022-25) of £5,482,583.

Recommendations

- 2.1. The PFCC agrees to;
- a) Accept the Ministry of Justice additional IDVA/ISVA grant, valued at £5,482,583 over three years from 2022-23 to 2024-25. The PFCC will sign the associated grant agreement (p30) to accept this allocation

Background to the Proposal

- 3.1. This MoJ grant provides funding to commission local victim support services. This funding is made up of:
1. Ringfenced funding for domestic abuse (DA)/sexual violence (SV) victim support services;
 2. Ringfenced funding for Independent Sexual Violence Advisors (ISVAs) and Independent Domestic Violence Advisors (IDVAs) recruited in 2021/22
 3. Ringfenced funding for ISVAs and IDVAs recruited in 2022/23

- 3.2. The amounts quoted in the grant agreement are per annum but will be committed to for the financial period from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2025.
- 3.3. In addition, the grant constitutes a formal offer for grant funding by the Secretary of State for Justice to the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex for the amount of £691,737 towards general funding to commission local victim support services as part of the Sexual Violence Local Commissioning Test. This amount is committed to for the financial period from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023.
- 3.4. The allocation of funding associated with this grant agreement is summarised in the following table;

	22/23	23/24	24/25
Ringfenced DA/SV funding	£503,968.41	£503,968.41	£503,968.41
Ringfenced funding for ISVAs/IDVAs (tranche 1 – 700 additional)	£832,863	£832,863	£832,863
Ringfenced funding for ISVAs/IDVAs (tranche 2 – 200 additional)	£226,481	£276,936	£276,936
Sexual Violence Local Commissioning Test (devolved rape support funding)¹	£691,737	TBC	TBC
Total	£2,255,049	£1,613,767	£1,613,767

Proposal and Associated Benefits

- 4.1. This additional victims' funding, on a multi-year basis, allows the Commissioner to provide some consistency and certainty to domestic abuse and sexual abuse support service providers meaning they can invest in their services and focus their efforts on delivering vital support to victims rather than diverting precious resources to fundraising.
- 4.2. The detail of how this funding will be allocated is subject to separate decision sheets;
 095-22 "DA/SV victim services MoJ grant allocation"
 096-22 "IDVA & ISVA additional MoJ grant 2022-25"
 108-22 "Rape Support fund 2022-23"

Options Analysis

- 5.1. The PFCC may choose not to accept this funding but that would severely restrict the availability of support services to victims of crime and would inhibit delivery of the ambitions in the Police & Crime Plan.

¹ Broken down as £404,250 Devolved RSF, £147,709 Rape Support Fund Uplift, £134,778 Sexual Violence Support Uplift, £5k Project Goldcrest

Consultation and Engagement

- 6.1. In developing the proposal for the allocation of these resources, the PFCC made the opportunity to bid available via newsletters, social media posts, targeted mailings to members of different Boards, for instance Safer Essex and SETDAB, and also posted the opportunity on the PFCC website.

Strategic Links

- 7.1. Victim support services, including DA/sexual abuse services support our Police & Crime Plan priority to improve support for victims of crime, protect vulnerable people and break the cycle of abuse, and reduce violence against women and girls.

Police operational implications

- 8.1. No direct operational impact on Essex Police

Financial implications

- 9.1. The PFCC will accept and allocate £5,482,583 funding from MoJ. This will form part of the PFCC's Victims' Fund. Funding commences in 2022-23 and is agreed for 3 years (to 2024-25) with the exception of the devolved Rape Support Fund which is allocated for 2022-23 only. The allocation of funding is subject to separate decision sheets.

Legal implications

- 10.1. The PFCC will sign the MoJ grant agreement. Funding allocated from the PFCC will be subject to the PFCC's standard terms and conditions

Staffing implications

- 11.1. The allocation, management and monitoring of the grant will require investment and resource. It is expected that this will be delivered by the Commissioning Officer (once in post) and in the meantime will be managed by the Strategic Head of Partnerships and Delivery.

12. Equality, Diversity and Inclusion implications

- 12.1 As part of our needs assessment, we included information on delivery of services to all victims and survivors, including males, children, and those with protected characteristics. We monitor demographics as part of our DA/SV contracts in order to ensure our service offer reaches into all communities and is accessible to all.

13. Risks and Mitigations

- 13.1 There is a risk that we are unable to allocate the totality of this funding which would require the return of the unallocated portion the grant to MoJ. This is mitigated by close monitoring of our spend and regular returns to MoJ as required in the grant agreement.

14. Governance Boards

14.1 This funding has been referenced and highlighted through the SETDA Board and its Strategic Development sub-group. The opportunity for funding was also highlighted through the Safer Essex partnership.

15. Links to Future Plans

15.1 This funding will enhance the PFCC's commissioned support services for victims of DA & SV.

16. Background Papers and Appendices

16.1 MoJ GENERAL GRANT FUNDING AGREEMENT (DA SV)
GRANT REFERENCE: CLVSGG-22/23-24/25-012



Essex General Grant
Agreement 22-25.pdf

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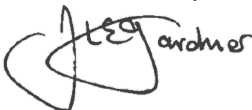
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Decision and Final Sign Off

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Print: Jane Gardner

Deputy PFCC

Date signed: 8 August 2022

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