



**OFFICE OF THE POLICE & CRIME
COMMISSIONER FOR THAMES VALLEY**

Report for DECISION: 2020 / 012

Title: Emergency Funding Awards to Support Victims of Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence during the COVID-19 Pandemic

Executive Summary:

The Ministry of Justice (MoJ) has allocated emergency funding of £807,000 to the PCC for Thames Valley to award to organisations across Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire to help them adapt their services during the Covid-19 pandemic to enable them to continue to support the needs of ‘hidden’ victims of domestic abuse and sexual violence.

Following approval by the MoJ this funding is being awarded to 26 organisations across the Thames Valley to cover their additional costs and lost income during the period 24th March to 31st October 2020.

A full list of the organisations being funded is provided in Annex 1

Recommendation:

The PCC is recommended to APPROVE the emergency grant awards to the 26 organisations supporting victims across the Thames Valley as listed at Annex 1. In total these awards amount to £807,923 and will be funded in full by a grant from the Ministry of Justice (MoJ)

Police and Crime Commissioner

I hereby approve the recommendation above.

Signature

Date

PART 1 – NON-CONFIDENTIAL

1 Introduction and background

- 1.1 The Ministry of Justice (MoJ) has allocated emergency funding of £807,923 to the PCC for Thames Valley to award to organisations across Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire to help them adapt their services during the Covid-19 pandemic to enable them to continue to support the needs of 'hidden' victims of domestic abuse and sexual violence.
- 1.2 The funding is intended to cover the cost of actual and forecast spending on additional victim support services, or to replace lost income, incurred by relevant organisations during the Covid-19 pandemic period from 24th March to 31 October 2020.

2 Issues for consideration

- 2.1 The MoJ has agreed the PCC's proposals to award emergency funding of £807,923 to 26 organisations across Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire to help them adapt their services during the pandemic to enable them to continue to support the needs of victims of domestic abuse and sexual violence. This funding is intended to cover the cost of additional expenditure and replace lost income during the pandemic period from 24th March to 31st October 2020.
- 2.2 The proposed funding is being awarded to both small and larger organisations working with victims of domestic and sexual abuse across the Thames Valley. Organisations will spend the funding across a range of areas including utilising technology to enable remote working, buying personal protective equipment (PPE) and cleaning supplies to help deliver face-to-face working as restrictions ease, as well as new programmes of support and staffing costs.
- 2.3 The list of MoJ approved recipients of this emergency grant funding is attached at Annex 1.

3 Financial comments

- 3.1 The cost of the anticipated additional spending on grant awards of £807,923 will be incurred in the financial year 2020/21 and will be met in full from the emergency funding award made by the MoJ to the PCC.
- 3.2 Additional time and costs incurred by the Office of the PCC in managing the grants award process, monitoring service delivery and reporting back to the MoJ on outcomes will be contained within the existing OPCC approved budget.

4 Legal comments

- 4.1 No implications arising.

5 Equality comments

- 5.1 The proposed use of the MoJ grant funding is determined by MoJ grant funding eligibility criteria and the PCC's proposed awards to organisations are subject to MoJ prior approval.

6 Background papers

- 6.1 MoJ application guidance
6.2 MoJ grant terms and conditions

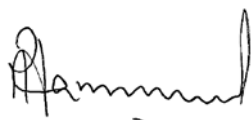
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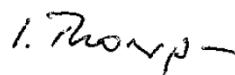
We have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that financial and legal advice have been taken into account in the preparation of this report.

We are satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner.



Chief Executive

Date 14 July 2020



Chief Finance Officer

Date 14 July 2020

PROPOSED RECIPIENTS OF EMERGENCY GRANT AWARDS

Aylesbury Vale Rape Crisis	£22,500.00
Aylesbury Women's Aid	£14,784.00
Berkshire Women's Aid	£63,717.68
Browns Community Services CIC	£37,635.26
Buckinghamshire Mind	£9,146.45
Circles South East	£14,782.00
Elmore Community Services	£37,018.35
Flag DV	£15,126.00
Hestia Housing and Support	£47,513.00
MK-Act	£65,000.00
Oxford Against Cutting	£27,955.00
Oxfordshire Sexual Abuse and Rape Crisis Centre	£37,617.22
PACT (Alana House)	£28,105.57
PACT (Bounce Back 4 Kids)	£26,828.15
Rape Crisis (Wycombe, Chiltern and South Bucks)	£22,682.00
Reducing the Risk of Domestic Abuse	£39,601.00
Relate Mid Thames and Bucks	£9,320.00
SAFE	£60,875.46
Somali Outreach Project	£4,400.00
Sunrise	£9,334.30
Support U	£22,598.18
Thames Valley Partnership	£56,890.25
The Cowshed	£15,124.00
The Dash Charity	£48,950.00
Trust House Reading	£30,000.00
Wycombe Women's Aid	£26,749.48
Youth Enquiry Service	£13,670.00
Total	£807,923.35