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Children Affected by Domestic Abuse Fund

Prospectus

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Purpose of Funding

1. As part of the Government's commitment to tackling domestic abuse, we have committed to allocate £8 million of funding (from April 2018 - March 2020) to interventions designed to support children who are exposed to domestic abuse.
2. Around 20% of young people in the UK have been exposed to domestic abuse and domestic abuse a factor in 50% of social worker assessments of children in need, over half of serious case reviews and two-thirds of child contact applications.
3. Studies indicate that one in five children live with domestic abuse and that children exposed to parental violence are almost three times more likely to experience violence in their own adult relationships. They are at greater risk of substance abuse, juvenile pregnancy and criminal behaviour than those raised in homes without violence. 52% of children who witnessed domestic abuse experienced behavioural problems and issues with social development and relationships (Safelives).

The Offer

4. We are looking to award a total of £8 million over the next two financial years (2018 – 2020) to organisations in England and Wales delivering interventions designed to support children who are exposed to domestic abuse.
5. We welcome bids from local commissioners, be they PCCs, local authorities or health commissioners, or from any other suitable organisations across England and Wales. Consortium bids incorporating larger and smaller organisations are particularly encouraged but must have a Legal lead, to enter into the Grant Agreement.
6. Organisations must bid for a minimum amount of £500,000. While there will not be a formal cap placed on the amount an organisation can bid for, we expect all bids to be scalable. To ensure diversity of funding, please be aware that we may scale back top scoring bids in line with the scalability details provided. All submissions will be evaluated using the criteria made available in the published documents.
7. Grants will be paid per financial year, with the option of renewal annually subject to Legislative Authority funding being sanctioned. Bids should cover the two year period of the fund, and renewal will be dependent on achievement of annual milestones. We will require biannual (twice a year) progress reports against these milestones, on which continued funding will be conditional. We do not necessarily expect system reform from day one – initial deliverables might include research, prototyping, delivering and evaluating (for example) before deciding how to ramp up or out. The Home Office will award grant funding to the Providers in arrears. Providers should have their own financial arrangements with their partner organisations as the Home Office will only award the funding to the Legal lead of any partnership/consortium bid.
8. Organisations must be aware that the allocation of funds will not be until after the signature of the Grant Agreement, likely to be September 2018 (half way through the financial year and therefore this needs to be factored into spending plans). The Authority will consider investment already made in delivering interventions during the first half of 2018 as part of any winning submission but this is no guarantee that income will be provided because each submission will be evaluated on its own merits.

Eligibility

9. Project must be based in England or Wales.
10. Applicants must be able to provide evidence of their ability to deliver suitable interventions to support children who are or have been exposed to domestic abuse. A child is defined as anyone under the age of 18.
11. Bids must comply with Home Office financial guidelines. Bidders should note that a Home Office condition of any grant funding will be that grant recipients are not permitted to charge, apply fees to or require payment for any activity provided in connection with this Grant Agreement or otherwise use the grant to undertake or engage in activities that result in commercial gain or profit.
12. Applicants must demonstrate suitable evidence to endorse the interventions they are proposing to deliver. Bids must explain arrangements for safeguarding vulnerable children and young people as part of their planned activities.
13. Grant applied for should represent no more than 25% of the applicant's annual turnover from the previous financial year.
14. Applicants must have been in operation for at least 24 months.
15. Successful bidders must be transparent in relation to grant use, as this is part of the government's agenda concerning using public funds. All grant funding will be registered on the Government Grant Information System.
16. Bid submission outputs must contribute to the achievement of the overall outcomes of the funding, clearly demonstrating how intervention will contribute to supporting children and young people who have been affected by domestic abuse as part of their planned activities and meet the essential assessment criteria.
17. Bids must demonstrate how their support will link into wider support for victims of domestic abuse at a local level.
18. Applicants may submit more than one bid, as long as they are registered separately but Bidders may not receive separate grant funding to deliver the same set of interventions.
19. In making a final decision, we will take steps to ensure that an appropriate distribution of projects are funded; geographically and by type of intervention.

Essential Criteria

20. Bids will need to demonstrate how they meet each of the below essential criteria in order to proceed. Each bid will be evaluated against a pre-defined set of evaluation criteria, all of which will be available in the Tender Documentation. Bids should demonstrate the following:

- 1) Will improve outcomes for children/young people**
- 2) Demonstrate partnership working**
- 3) Show value for money**
- 4) Monitoring, evaluation and shared learning**
- 5) Be deliverable and sustainable**

Full details on how to apply can be found here:

<https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/c1384508-fcca-44d6-887c-b6c4f692c1b7>

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