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Commissioner
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Notice of Decision

Decision Title: MoJ Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Uplift Funding allocations 2021/22

Decision Reference: WPCC20180

Lead Officer: Chris Lewis

Date: 18th March 2021

Status: Non-Confidential

If confidential, rationale:

Decision Summary:

(1) To award the MoJ Uplift Fund for Domestic Abuse Support of £95,219 to the following organisations: DACS Insight - £25,000; Family Intervention Counselling Service - £20,000; Refuge - £39,206; Parenting Project - £8,000; Cohort 4 - £3,013

(2) To award the MoJ Uplift Fund for Sexual Violence of £58,487 to RoSA - £29,244 and Safeline -£29,244 (difference due to rounding)

I confirm that I do not have any disclosable pecuniary interests in this decision and that the decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct. Any interests are indicated below.

Signature

Date 18 March 2021

1. Background Information:

As part of the MoJ Local Victim Services Grant Funding 2021/22 MoJ have allocated the Warwickshire PCC a domestic abuse (DA) support uplift of £95,219 and a sexual violence (SV) support uplift of £58,487. These monies are required to be distributed in accordance with the MoJ PCC Funding Allocation Guidance 2021 and spending must occur in line with the grant conditions.

The guidance for allocating the funding was published in Warwickshire in early February via press release, publication of the scheme on the PCC website and targeted e mails to potential interested organisations. Seven needs assessments were received for the DA Uplift funding and two for the SV Uplift funding. All were subsequently evaluated in accordance with the MoJ criteria and recommendations were presented to the PCC on Wednesday 17th March 2021. As a result seven awards were made and two needs assessments were rejected.

2. Detail of additional information attached :

- (1) Letter of 9th February 2021 from MoJ to PCC Warwickshire;
- (2) MoJ PCC Funding Allocation Guidance February 2021

3. Expected Benefits:

To provide increased support and counselling to those who are victims of domestic abuse and/or sexual violence, by helping to reduce waiting lists to receive support and provide increased capacity for charities struggling due to higher demand created by the pandemic and subsequent lockdowns.

4. Impact of not approving the application:

If the funding is not allocated there will be a failure to support vulnerable victims and their families, in addition to creating potential risk of further harm (death, serious injury physical and mental) to victims and their children. Additionally there would be an inability to support some victims appropriately through the criminal justice system (CJS), resulting in a potential loss of faith in CJS and an increase in the victim and witness attrition rate.

5. Costs (including any identified savings):

That the proposed allocations are made as follows:

MoJ Uplift Fund for Domestic Abuse Support of £95,219 to be allocated to the following organisations:

DACS Insight - £25,000; Family Intervention Counselling Service - £20,000; Refuge - £39,206; Parenting Project - £8,000; Cohort 4 - £3,013

MoJ Uplift Fund for Sexual Violence of £58,487, to be allocated to the following organisations:

RoSA - £29,244 and Safeline -£29,244 (£1 difference due to rounding)

6. Equality Implications:

Potential failure to support initiatives to tackle violence against women and girls; potential failure to support victims with protected characteristics (BAME, LGBTQ and disabled) and male victims.

7. Legal Implications:

There is a legal requirement to comply with terms of MoJ Local Victim Services Grant Funding conditions 2021/22

8. Publication

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Comments from the Treasurer

The costs are outlined within this decision notice. It's purpose is to allocate the uplift funding that will be received from the MOJ in 2021/22. Allocations have been made on the basis of the guidance received, recipients must agree to the terms and conditions issued with the funding and spending must be in accordance with the grant conditions. Terms and conditions will be issued to each recipient and must be signed before payments are made. Performance monitoring will be undertaken to ensure compliance.

Comments from the Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer

To approve the 2021/22 grant allocations for the uplift funding as detailed within this decision notice