

To: Minister Luke Hall**From:** [Name Redacted]**SCS:** Cathy Page, Deputy Director, Housing
Support**Date:** 23 June 2020

Summary

This submission seeks your approval to fund the successful applications of the first cycle of the rolling Domestic Abuse COVID-19 Emergency Support Fund. See full list of successful and unsuccessful bidders in Annex A.

Recommendation

That you:

- Approve grant payments totalling £399,159.74 to 13 charity bids listed at Annex A, to be paid under Section 70 of the Charities Act 2006. [Irrelevant & Sensitive]
[Irrelevant & Sensitive]
 - Agree that we inform successful bidders the outcome of this fund, subject to no duplication found in MOJ funding, and process payments as soon as grant agreements are signed in counterpart by both parties.
 - Note that not all bids were successful. [Irrelevant & Sensitive]
[Irrelevant & Sensitive]
 - Agree to update this week's outcomes of the rolling fund through Twitter and on gov.uk.
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Timing

Routine. A reply by 5 PM Wednesday 24 June will enable the team to inform the successful bidders of the outcome of their application, as well as announce it on 25 June. This will promote a quick release of funding to services, as soon signed grant agreements are received.

Outcomes of cycle 1 of the remaining £1.85 million rolling DA emergency fund:

[Irrelevant & Sensitive]

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3. The successful bids totalling £399,159.74 will reopen 5 beds and created an additional 68 beds until 31 October, supporting 560 DA victims.
4. The team is confirming with colleagues in MOJ whether there is a potential duplication in funding requested from bidders. Successful applications will be sent grant agreements once it is confirmed there is no duplication in Government funding.

Context:

5. On 5 June we announced the outcome of the MHCLG £10 million fund for DA safe accommodation charities in England, with allocations totalling £8.1 million. You agreed to re-open the remaining £1.85 million for applications on a rolling 'first comes first served' basis until 20 July.
6. The assessment of incoming applications is carried out on a weekly basis.
7. Bids were assessed against clear criteria set out in the Prospectus and were moderated to ensure the assessment process was robust and fair. Consideration was given to applicants who provide specialist provision, tailored to support marginalised groups as per the criteria.
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9. Due diligence checks were carried out for new applicants. Applicants who previously applied for a share of this fund, have already passed their due diligence checks.

Finance

10. Funding will be distributed to successful bidders using section 70 of the Charities Act 2006.
11. Grant agreements will be put in place with successful bidders to ensure funding is spent on eligible costs and delivers the expected outcomes. Grant funding will be paid as a one-off payment in advance. Grant recipients will be required to report back on how this funding was used and outcomes by September 2021.

12. As agreed in the MOU between the Department and DCMS/ HMT, charities will be required to spend this funding by 31 October. We will obtain regular updates on spend and delivery of outputs as set out in the grant agreements and will provide monthly progress reports to DCMS on the use of this fund.

Media handling

13. We will update gov.uk on the additional funding to be allocated subject to your approval and as soon as no duplication with MOJ funding is confirmed. We aim to publish the update on Thursday 25 June. In addition to updating gov.uk, we will publish a tweet on the additional funding.

Stakeholder Handling

14. Pending your approval, the team will make telephone calls to inform the successful bidders on the fund outcome, as soon as you approve the organisation and payment in Annex A and once no duplication with MOJ funding is confirmed. An email will follow with the Grant Agreement attached for each bidder to sign.

15. We propose to contact unsuccessful bidders and to provide feedback to them.

Next steps

If you approve the proposed payment allocation, we will:

- Notify all successful bidders of the outcome as soon as possible, and send the grant agreement for the grant recipient to sign.
- Notify unsuccessful bidders and provide feedback.
- Process payment for those who return signed grant agreements as soon as they are received.
- Work with Comms colleagues on updating GOV.UK with the fund outcomes of this week and provide you with a draft tweet.

Annex A: List of successful and unsuccessful bidders