

## PCC Decision Form

Title of Request	Name of Proposer (eg Chief Executive, Chief Constable, Director of Finance)	Date of Request
Ministry of Justice (MoJ) Critical Support Fund	<b>Partnerships and Commissioning Manager</b>	<b>27/08/21</b>

Private / Exemption - Yes / No If Yes Reason Why (eg Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972, Freedom of Information Act 2000)	Urgent (if Yes, Why and by When?)
No	Yes – decision required to enable additional funding to Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence organisations throughout South Yorkshire

Decision Requested								
<p>The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) is recommended to agree support organisations allocate funding through the MoJ critical support fund with a further sum of up to £20,766 from the partnerships and commissioning budget towards organisations providing support to victims of Domestic Abuse (DA) and Sexual Violence (SV).</p>								
Executive Summary of Request	Supporting Report attached?	No						
<p>1. In June 2021 the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) announced two funds for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Critical Support Fund (CSF) (for domestic abuse (DA) or sexual violence (SV) services)</li> <li>• Male Rape Support (MRS) Services</li> </ul> <table border="1"> <tr> <td><b>Critical Support Fund</b></td> <td>£2.8m</td> </tr> <tr> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community-based support (£1.5m)</li> <li>• ISVA/IDVA roles (£1.3m)</li> </ul> </td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Male Rape Support Service Fund</b></td> <td>£1.4m</td> </tr> </table>			<b>Critical Support Fund</b>	£2.8m	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community-based support (£1.5m)</li> <li>• ISVA/IDVA roles (£1.3m)</li> </ul>		<b>Male Rape Support Service Fund</b>	£1.4m
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<p>2. The MoJ aim was to ensure that the funding was allocated across the sector in England and Wales, reaching support organisations of all sizes and those with the greatest need.</p> <p>3. A guidance document was provided to OPCC which covered the criteria and process for bidding into these additional funds. PCCs were able to submit bids to both funds.</p> <p>4. Bids to the CSF had to be made by PCCs, community organisations were able to submit bids to the MRS Fund directly to the MoJ.</p> <p>5. The MoJ documentation was publically available, it did not require PCCs to undertake a new competitive process following an earlier needs assessments which secured additional funding to the provision of ISVAs and IDVAs in South Yorkshire and that undertaken to allocate the DV/SV uplift to the PCC's core victim services grant.</p> <p><b>SY Approach</b></p> <p>8. Although the MoJ did not require an open approach it announced the fund publically and</p>								

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published the guidance document which could be accessed by all. With that in mind we felt that in order to be fair to organisations which had not previously applied when we undertook the needs assessment for the DV/SV uplift to the PCC’s core victim services grant, the best approach was to publish an opportunity on the PCC website.

9. The funding opportunity was published on the PCC website 11/06/21 with a closing date of noon 18/06/21. Additionally it was circulated by email to organisations previously funded through additional MoJ grants secured by the OPCC.
10. A submission to the MoJ was made by the deadline (25/06). Prior to submission we engaged with South Yorkshire Police and the relevant Local Authority Domestic/Sexual Abuse commissioner as part of our due diligence process. No applications to the MRS opportunity were received, five applications were received to the CSF community based support and 1 application to the CSF ISVA-IDVA support, combined value £361,023.
11. At the end of July notification was received the South Yorkshire had successfully secured £328,293. This was £32,730 less than the amount requested. The partnerships and commissioning manager discussed with the OPCC SLT the suggestion of supporting the shortfall of MoJ grant with unallocated budget from the partnerships and commissioning budget. SLT support the use of up to £20,766 of the budget to support this.
12. The funded organisations are, Vida, Roshni, Mums in Need, Haven House Project and Sheffield Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre (SRASAC). Each will be provided with an individual grant agreement. Each will be required to report quarterly on support outputs and also grant spend.

**Approval by proposer (SLG lead / OPCC SMG lead) and confirmation request is ready for PCC consideration**

Submitted for approval by the Partnerships and Commissioning Manager. Following liaison with Finance colleagues there is sufficient funding in the Commissioning budget to cover the additional funding required.

<b>Signed:</b>		<b>Date:</b>	<b>27/08/21</b>
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Considerations	Evidence of information or advice gathered or discussion / consultation conducted	How has all this evidence impacted on overall proposal?
<b>Public and / or Partners</b>	Discussion with LA partner commissioners – BMBC, DMBC, RMBC and SCC. Consultation with South Yorkshire Police	
<b>Impact on Service</b>	Should the funding not be approved, there will be reduction to specific organisations not awarded the full amount in the MoJ grant.	
<b>Financial</b>	The funding required to cover the	

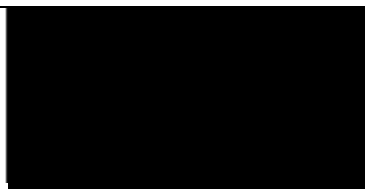
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	funding shortfall is available from within the partnerships and commissioning budget.	
Legal	The organisations will receive an individual grant agreement.	
HR	There are no direct HR implications.	
T/Unions / Staff Assoc.	There are no Union implications.	
Equality & Diversity (Public Sector Equality Duty)	Consideration has been given to make culturally sensitive services available to all communities.	
Risks / Opportunities	Utilising additional funding from the PCC own budget provides the opportunity to fund the organisations to offer as much support as possible.	
Sustainability	It has been made clear to all recipients that the grants are for one year only and there is no commitment to continue funding beyond the financial year 2021 - 22.	
Other (specify)	n/a	

### Views of PCC's Chief Finance & Commissioning Officer

I support this.

Signature:



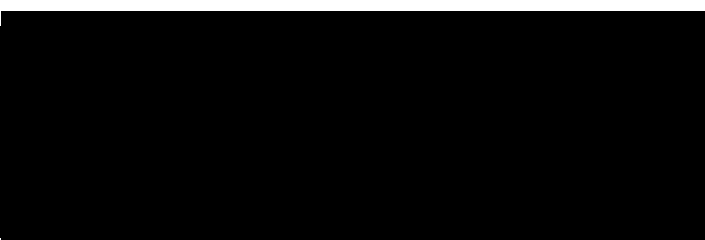
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### Views of PCC's Chief Executive & Solicitor

I was aware of this already for Marie and recommend PCC approval.

Signature:



Date:

20/09/21

### PCC's Decision and Rationale

Approved.

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<b>Signature:</b>		<b>Date:</b>	20/09/21
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**OPCC GATEKEEPER (Information Officer)**

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