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# MHCLG 2020-2021 £15 Million Fund for Support to Victims of Domestic Abuse, and their Children, within Safe-Accommodation

Bid Prospectus



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# 1. Purpose

This Government is committed to ensuring that all victims of domestic abuse receive the support they need, as soon as they need it. This includes having a safe place to stay with specialist support to rebuild their lives. This £15 million MHCLG fund forms part of our wider response to address this priority issue.

The 2016/20 Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) Strategy<sup>1</sup> published in March 2016 and later updated with the publication of the VAWG Strategy refresh on 6 March 2019<sup>2</sup> set out a Government wide ambition to further reform services in support of early intervention and maintaining crisis support to meet the needs of women and girls suffering violence. The Strategy makes clear commitments to ensure that no woman is turned away from the support she needs and that victims get the right support at the right time.

We recognise that men can also be victims of domestic abuse and our approach will be to benefit all victims. However, women are much more likely than men to be victims of high risk or severe domestic abuse, and therefore more in need of refuges and other forms of specialist safe accommodation-based services. We expect our fund will primarily focus on the needs of women and children suffering violence as set out in our VAWG Strategy.

On 14 October MHCLG published the Government's response to the consultation on '*Future Delivery of Support to Victims and their Children in Accommodation-Based Domestic Abuse Services*'<sup>3</sup>. In that response, we made clear our intention to introduce a new statutory duty requiring Local Authorities to assess the need for and commission support for victims and their children within safe-accommodation. The new duty on local authorities will commence in April 2021.

Refuges and other forms of specialist safe accommodation-based services play a vital role in providing this support. To help ensure life-saving services are maintained ahead of the duty coming into force, the Government will provide funding of up to £15 million for the provision of support within safe accommodation-based services during 2020/21.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/strategy-to-end-violence-against-women-and-girls-2016-to-2020>

<sup>2</sup>

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/783596/VAWG\\_Strategy\\_Refresh\\_Web\\_Accessible.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/783596/VAWG_Strategy_Refresh_Web_Accessible.pdf)

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[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/801097/DA\\_Consultation\\_Document.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/801097/DA_Consultation_Document.pdf)

## Responding to the Challenge

The Fund will support proposals for the provision of core support for refuges and other accommodation-based services, helping local areas ensure that no woman is turned away from the support she needs.

We are particularly keen to encourage bid applications from established projects, whether previously funded by MHCLG or not, where funding would provide immediate benefits to victims and deliver value for money.

We welcome bids which can demonstrate a) that there is a need for this type of support locally, and b) that the solution proposed is designed to meet the needs of victims, including children. We recognise that victims of domestic abuse will have different needs – so your bid could be for a refuge, or for specialist refuge places for specific groups (i.e. for victims with mental health problems, substance abuse problems, or particular needs of different ethnic communities), or, where this best meets local need, other safe accommodation-based services with specialist domestic abuse support. We will accept bids including wider (non-accommodation based) service elements where those wider services are an integral part of enabling victims, including children, to access the safe accommodation-based support.

Local areas will need to ensure that provision is made for victims, including children, moving away from their home area and those moving into new areas due to abuse. Hence, we welcome bids that bring together local authorities working across boundaries to provide accommodation-based support for victims, including children. We also welcome bids from unique specialist services situated in a particular local area but providing a service across the country (e.g. refuges which cater for particular BAME communities).

We know that the multi-faceted and complex nature of domestic abuse means that it cannot be addressed by one agency alone. Bids must be put forward by a local authority, but clearly demonstrate their partnership arrangements with other local commissioners including PCCs and health partners, and local specialist domestic violence service providers. Bids may also include other service providers as partners if relevant.

All bids must help deliver the local strategy for domestic abuse provision and provide evidence of responding to an identified local need. Additional weight will be given to bids which meet the needs of victims with protected characteristics.

If you would like to discuss your proposals with the MHCLG Team, please contact [DomesticAbuse.Fund@communities.gov.uk](mailto:DomesticAbuse.Fund@communities.gov.uk) and someone from the team will get in touch.

## 2. The Offer

We are awarding up to £15 million of revenue funding, covering the 2020 to 2021 financial year, for the commissioning of support<sup>4</sup> to victims of domestic abuse and their children within safe-accommodation<sup>5</sup>. The fund is open to all local authorities across England. Bids must be submitted by one of the local authorities where the support will be delivered (the lead local authority). However, we expect bids to be developed in partnership with a broad range of bodies and organisations.

MHCLG expects to see partnership bids with a range of organisations with a shared interest in tackling domestic abuse and supporting victims including children coming together.

Charitable and non-profit organisations and service providers interested in participating are encouraged to engage with their local authority in partnership. Strong proposals will evidence collaboration with local commissioners such as Police and Crime Commissioners, and health partners along with specialist domestic abuse service providers. Strong proposals will demonstrate partnership working amongst local authorities to ensure that support is made available to victims moving away from their home area and into new areas due to abuse. Bids must be submitted by a local authority where support is to be delivered on behalf of the partnership. Where more than one local authority is involved, then one local authority should be designated as the lead local authority and should submit the bid on behalf of all the partners.

Applications will need to evidence that they have support from the Chief Executive of the lead local authority and all other partner local authorities, and the commitment of any other partner organisation Chief Executives. Proposals also need to set out how funding will be allocated to named delivery partners within the bid.

Domestic abuse can affect anyone regardless of their age, gender, race, religion, class, sexual orientation and marital status. Some groups of victims of domestic abuse will have particular needs<sup>6</sup>. We expect bid proposals to be in response to an identified need for support within their area.

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<sup>4</sup> Support is defined within the Eligibility Criteria set out at section three and in line with MHCLG policy

<sup>5</sup> Safe-Accommodation is defined within the Eligibility Criteria set out at section three and in line with MHCLG policy

<sup>6</sup> Particular needs such as, but not limited to; BAME, LGBT, disabled, male, young (aged 16-18) and older victims, offenders, people of faith who are victims of DA, victims with more than one child, those moving local areas to remain safe, presenting with complex needs (including those with mental health and/or substance misuse needs), insecure immigration status, or from isolated and/or marginalised communities, as well as their children (including adolescent male children).

Through our engagement with the sector and local authorities we have seen that there is a strong correlation between authorities showing good practice in commissioning of domestic abuse support and those that have a domestic abuse strategy in place.

Within applications we expect to see how the proposed projects are situated amongst other support provided within the area. Good proposals will demonstrate the projects placement within existing domestic abuse or other VAWG and safe-guarding strategies.

MHCLG expect prospective applicants to apply for £100,000 maximum per individual partnership bid, but we will consider bids of more than £100,000 which evidence work across several local authority boundaries.

Whilst MHCLG are open to prospective bids greater than £100,000 that evidence proactive work across local areas, we expect proposals to be scalable. In the event of the fund being over-subscribed we may need to request that bids greater than £100,000 are scaled back to maximise potential of the grant programme and ensure as many of the bids above the line are funded as possible.

All prospective bids must meet the eligibility criteria set out within section three of this document. Bids that fail to meet the Eligibility stipulations in section 3 will not be assessed.

Organisations should be aware that the allocation of funds to successful bids will be after the signature of the Grant Determination. This will be in the new financial year, on or after April 2020, and needs to be factored into budgetary plans.

### 3. Eligibility

1. Proposals must be for the provision of support within England.
2. Bid applications must be submitted by one of the local authorities where the support will be delivered (the lead local authority).
3. Funding requests must only be for revenue funding.
4. The fund is available for the provision of support within safe accommodation. We are using the following definition for safe accommodation:
  - Refuge accommodation
  - Specialist safe
  - Dispersed accommodation:
  - Safe, self-contained accommodation with the same level of specialist domestic abuse support as provided within a refuge
  - Safe, self-contained 'semi-independent' accommodation which is not within a refuge but with floating support for victims who do not require the intense support offered through refuge.
  - Sanctuary Schemes
  - Move-on and / or second stage accommodation
  - Other forms of domestic abuse emergency accommodation
5. The support within safe accommodation that we propose to fund is defined as follows. Overall management of services:
  - Support with the day to day running of the service
  - Advocacy support
  - Domestic abuse support
  - Specialist support for survivors with protected characteristics and / or complex needs
  - Children's support
  - Housing-related support
  - Counselling and therapy for both adults and children
  - Any other support provided it is integral to the ability of victims to access the accommodation-based support



## 4. Criteria

### Essential Criteria

- 1. Meets Eligibility Stipulations (set out in Section 3 above)**
- 2. Required forms are complete**

Prospective applications must be accompanied by the following documents to evidence that the bid has been fully developed:

- **Application Form**
- **Signed Partnership Declaration Form**

Bids must demonstrate that they are supported by the Chief Executive of the lead authority, Chief Executives of all partner authorities and, where relevant, the commitment of partner providers. Completion of this form provides evidence of a shared commitment between organisations for the project aims, it also demonstrates intent to deliver resources to delivery partners.

- **Value for Money Clarification Form**

- 3. Meets MHCLG Standards**

Candidate bids must demonstrate that they have met the standards as set out within the MHCLG Standards.

- 4. Aligns with the Priorities for Domestic Abuse Services**

Project bids must meet the Priorities for Domestic Abuse Services.

### Assessment Criteria

- 1. Assess the Needs of Victims**

Prospective bids should evidence how the proposals are helping local areas ensure that no victim is turned away from the support they need. MHCLG expect to see evidence that the proposal addresses a clearly identified local need. Strong proposals will draw on the expertise of local service providers.

- 2. Meeting a Specialised Need**

MHCLG expect to see evidence of how projects will meet the needs of victims including children from groups with specialised needs, such as those set out in section two, together

with evidence of the identified needs for specialised support. Strong proposals will draw on the expertise of local specialist service providers.

### **3. Achievable Outcomes**

Bids must demonstrate how effective their project is at meeting the identified need. Strong bids will provide evidence to demonstrate how the project will offer sensible, rational and achievable outcomes to address the identified need. This should include quantified evidence, such as the numbers of victims and children with the needs identified who will be supported.

### **4. Demonstrates Partnership Working.**

MHCLG expects to see partnership bid submissions. Prospective bids will use the Partnership Declaration Form to identify delivery partners demonstrating shared commitment to deliver on outcomes and commitment to agreements and contracts between agencies.

We expect to see evidence of a broad partnership of constituent and neighbouring authorities, public sector bodies and specialist service providers. Strong proposals will evidence effective partnership working across local authority boundaries to meet identified need and the breaking down of barriers in victims being able to access support.

### **5. Evidence of Monitoring, Evaluating and Sharing of knowledge.**

To ensure successful delivery of outcomes it is important to incorporate effective monitoring, evaluating procedures. Bid applicants will be required to complete a budget form as part of their submission detailing their funding request, how funding will be allocated between delivery partners, and delivery outcomes.

We would like to see a management plan as part of the bid proposal, with regular monitoring of the delivery outcomes listed within the plan. MHCLG will actively encourage the reporting on spend and delivery outcomes, furthering principles of transparency and accountability of commissioning at local level.

### **6. Delivers Towards the Local Strategy**

Through our engagement with the sector and local authorities we have seen that there is a strong correlation between authorities showing good practice in commissioning of domestic abuse support and those that have a domestic abuse strategy in place.

Strong bids will demonstrate evidence of a local domestic abuse strategy or links to a VAWG Strategy.

## **7. Value for Money**

The Government is required to ensure that funding delivers value for money (VfM) – bids must demonstrate how they will provide additional outcomes over and above current provision. We are interested in high quality outcomes as well as efficient delivery.

Proposals must set out the forecast outcomes in a way which allows us to determine their value by completing the attached VfM clarification form (Annex D). It is not the Government's intention in assessing value for money to favour low quality, low cost services over high quality services, or generalist solutions over specialist. There are different ways you could do this, but they need to be quantifiable. You may suggest different types of service for different people, with different costs and benefits. These services need to meet the MHCLG Quality Standards set out in Annex A. Proposals should also meet the Priorities for Domestic Abuse Services as set out in Annex B.

The Government retains the right to reject a bid on the basis of insufficient information on value for money. We will reject bids which demonstrate poor value for money (costs exceed benefits).

## 5. The Process

### Bidding Period

The fund was launched on Friday 01 November 2019 and will be open to receive bids for 11 weeks, closing on Friday 17 January 2020. There will be one bidding round to allocate revenue funding of up to £15 million.

Once the bidding window is closed all bids will be fairly and robustly assessed based on individual merit and against the Eligibility and Assessment Criteria set out within sections three and four of this prospectus respectively.

### Eligibility

Bids will be assessed by MHCLG and /or other Government department officials, and Ministers will take the final decision on which bids to support.

Bid proposals will be first assessed according to the Eligibility Criteria, set out within section three of this prospectus. These criteria will be marked on a Pass or Fail basis. Bids that fail any of these criteria will not progress through the assessment and ultimately will not receive funding.

**To be aware, that to ensure timely delivery of funding to successful applicants, MHCLG will not be able to accept submissions after the closing date.**

### How We Will Assess

Applicant bids meeting the Eligibility criteria will be assessed on their individual merits and according to the assessment criteria set out in section four.

Each of the assessment criteria will be marked on a six point scale with zero being the lowest score and five being the highest. The table below describes each point on the scale:

<b>Score</b>	<b>Definition</b>
<b>5</b>	The proposal is articulated well, with strong reasoned rationale. Different sources of evidence are used throughout with strong links supporting the proposal.
<b>4</b>	Proposal clearly identifies how it meets the criteria with clear reasoned links to strong supporting evidence.
<b>3</b>	Proposal meets criteria with rational links to supporting evidence.
<b>2</b>	Proposal explains how criteria will be met. However, links to supporting evidence are vague or are not articulated well.
<b>1</b>	Proposal gives general explanation as to how criteria is met, but little or no supporting evidence is provided.
<b>0</b>	Explanation is either not given or cannot be understood. No evidence is given to support criteria

# How to Apply

Applicants are required to submit bids no later than 5pm on Friday 17 January 2020 to:

DomesticAbuse.Fund@communities.gov.uk

Bids should be submitted using the attached application form. Bidders are encouraged to limit their application to 5 sides of A4. Bids must include supporting evidence and the requirements for this evidence are set out in the application form.

An officer should be nominated for contact purposes. Please provide a telephone number and e-mail address.

If local authorities have any queries about the bidding process they should contact:

[DomesticAbuse.Fund@communities.gov.uk](mailto:DomesticAbuse.Fund@communities.gov.uk)

# Annex A: MHCLG Quality Standards

## **Bids must conform to the MHCLG Standards**

### **1. Safety, Security and Dignity**

- Victims can access crisis support at any time and receive a timely response.
- Victims are assessed and offered services on the basis of their individual need for safety and support.
- Victims are assisted to move geographical location if necessary for their safety
- Provision for male victims is located separately from women's services, within dedicated men's services.

### **2. Rights and Access**

- Service users are believed and listened to and service interventions are respectful of their rights to self-determination.
- Service users with protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010 can access dedicated specialist services addressing their particular needs.
- Resources are allocated to addressing barriers to access.

### **3. Health and Wellbeing**

- The physical, mental and sexual health needs of service users are addressed.
- Service users can access individual counselling or group work to build their confidence and resources.
- The organisation works with partners in the sexual violence sector to provide specialist therapeutic support.
- The safety and wellbeing of staff teams is attended to.

### **4. Stability, resilience and autonomy**

- Service users are supported to take charge of decision-making processes in their lives.
- Service users are encouraged to identify goals and access education, training and employment to maximise their stability and independence.
- Service users have access to resettlement and follow-up services with exit strategies tailored to individual need.

## **5. Children and young people**

- The safety and wellbeing of children and young people is addressed in risk assessment and support planning.
- Children are able to access support to understand their experiences and build their resilience and confidence.
- Support is provided to parents to develop their parenting resources and maintain their relationships with their children.
- Services are responsive to the needs and views of children and young people.

## **6. Prevention**

- Children and young people are better informed and educated around consent, healthy relationships, gender inequality and violence against women and girls.
- The organisation contributes to training and awareness-raising activities with other professionals and within local communities.
- The organisation contributes to local strategies for ending violence against women and girls.



# Annex B: Priorities for Domestic Abuse Services

## **We expect local authorities to commission services that:**

- Ensure that no victim is turned away from the support they need at the time they need it, including those with children, through understanding the risks they face and the full extent of their need to keep them safe and promote their long-term safety and wellbeing.
- Put the victim first, by providing flexible services that meet their needs, including enabling them to make their own choices and to live independently and safely as soon as possible.
- Respond to the needs of diverse groups, including those with complex needs, those from isolated and/or marginalised communities, BAME, LGBT, disabled, young (aged 16-18) and older victims, offenders, and children of victims.
- Meet the needs of victims from within and outside the local area, recognising that many victims move from their local area to be safe.
- Take a strategic approach to service commissioning, based on data about need and evidence of what works.
- Establish and continue effective, collaborative partnership working, including between commissioners and specialist domestic abuse services.
- Be led by clear, accountable local leadership, joining up across agencies and areas to provide better services and pooling budgets for maximum flexibility

## **Here is a checklist of questions to clarify the steps to take in meeting these priorities.**

**Ensures that no victim is turned away from the support they need at the time they need it, including those with children, through understanding the risks they face and the full extent of their need to keep them safe and promote their long term safety and wellbeing.**

- Have you taken steps to raise local awareness of all forms of domestic abuse, and available services and support in the area, appropriately targeted towards diverse groups?
- Have you ensured services are provided in locations and ways which are accessible to victims e.g. translation services, British Sign Language interpreters, wheelchair access?

- Do all your local partners understand the full extent of the needs of diverse victims, including younger (aged 16-18), older, BAME, LGBT, disabled victims, offenders, those with multiple, complex needs, and those with children, and do you all share an ambitious goal of the immediate and long-term safety and wellbeing of victims?
- Have you sought advice and support from the independent, national second-tier ending Violence against Women and Girls Organisations?
- Do front line professionals in your area, including universal services as well as specialist providers, recognise when victims need help and provide them with support they need and offer them routes to appropriate, including (other) specialist support?
- Do you provide a forum for feedback and listen to what victims say they need to help them to be safe and to recover?

**Puts the victim first, by providing flexible services that meet their needs, including enabling them to make their own choices and to live independently and safely as soon as possible.**

- Are you providing clear but flexible pathways and choices for victims from danger to safety and independence?
- Does this include planning for and provision of stable, long-term, accommodation, or community-based support to enable victims who are safe to do so to stay in their own homes?
- Are you providing victims with routes back into the community, education and employment, such as life skills, access to training and other development opportunities to move towards independence?
- Do you draw on service user experience when you design and commission services?

**Responds to the needs of diverse groups, including those with complex needs, those from isolated and/or marginalised communities, BAME, LGBT, disabled, young (aged 16-18) and older victims, offenders, and children of victims.**

- Do you provide services that meet the needs of BAME, LGBT, disabled, young (aged 16-18) and older victims, offenders, and children of victims?
- Are the services you provide gender-informed?

- Do you understand the law under the Equality Act for single sex provisions<sup>7</sup>, how best to offer support to individual transgender victims who may seek support, and are you aware of services that you might refer a transgender victim onto if a service did not feel able to offer provision?
- Do you provide services which meet the needs of those with multiple and complex needs?
- Have you taken steps to understand the barriers that prevent victims from isolated and/or marginalised communities from accessing and using services? Do you know what they are? If not have you asked what the barriers are?
- Do you use the expertise and knowledge of specialist services/workers to deliver a multi-agency approach to identify and deal with barriers to access to services?
- Do you provide training for frontline workers to enable them to respond effectively to the needs of diverse groups, including by working with specialist providers?

**Meets the needs of victims from within and outside the local area, recognising that many victims move from their local area to be safe**

- Have you opened provision to victims from outside your local area, recognising that victims from your area are likely to be supported elsewhere?
- Do you make exemptions to local area restrictions or caps to support non- local victims within your funding and commissioning processes?
- Are you collaborating with other local authorities to allow victims easy movement from one area to another whilst ensuring their safety?
- Are you joining up with other areas to secure specialist services, looking at commissioning these in partnership, or on a sub-regional level?
- Are you working in partnership to deliver services in an integrated way with other specialist violence and sexual violence services?

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<sup>7</sup> Some service providers offer trans inclusive services, while others ensure that if they are not able to do so, trans people are offered alternative provisions.

Under the Equality Act 2010, single or separate sex service providers are permitted to provide a different service for trans people or even exclude trans people from single and separate sex provisions where proportionate, for example if they can show that the trans person's presence would prevent effective delivery of the service to the rest of their customers or clients. These service providers can include domestic violence or rape crisis services.

Please see <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2010/15/notes/division/3/16/20/7> (points 739 and 740)

**Takes a strategic approach to service commissioning, based on data about need and evidence of what works**

- Do you have robust, local data that gives an accurate picture of local need, drawing on data from specialist organisations and not solely rely on data from statutory agencies?
- Do you plan your local strategy to meet need on the basis of data, evidence of what works based on outcomes data from providers and outcomes of risk and needs assessments?
- Have you considered the Homelessness Code of Guidance, including guidance on providing homelessness services to people who have experienced, or are at risk of, domestic violence or abuse, and local VAWG strategies in developing your local domestic abuse strategy?
- Have you agreed an outcomes framework to measure how your strategy improves outcomes for victims, and do you use and share these outcomes when planning commissioning cycles?
- Is your commissioning informed by victims' voices and do you have a process for measuring victim satisfaction?
- Do you have a process for independent scrutiny, holding local decision making to account?
- Do you consider long-term sustainability of service providers in addition to funding cycles?
- Are you monitoring and evaluating the response to victims in your area to ensure the quality and safety of service provision and the outcomes for women and children?

**Establishes and continues effective, collaborative partnership working, including between commissioners and specialist domestic abuse services.**

- Do you consider smaller and/or specialist providers when commissioning services?
- Do you acknowledge different commissioning regions and tiers when commissioning services?
- Do you deliver on commitments made in partnership agreements, contracts and bids for funding?
- Do you have and maintain clear lines of communication with partner agencies?

**Is led by clear, accountable local leadership, joining up across agencies and areas to provide better services, and pooling budgets for maximum flexibility**

- Do you have a single accountable lead to bring together all local service partners to assess need and commission services to reflect this?
- Are you pooling funding streams across agencies to maximise the use of resources and outcomes for diverse victims?
- Are you ensuring an effective multi-agency response to domestic abuse to meet victims' needs and achieve positive outcomes as soon as possible?
- Have you got an open, inclusive and transparent decision making process and an appeals process?
- Do you ensure that your own organisation has up to date domestic abuse policies, clear referral pathways and best practice in supporting staff who are victims or perpetrators of domestic abuse?

# Annex C: Application Form

## 2020/21 Fund for Domestic Abuse Services

**Title of Bid:**

**Name, address & contact details of applicant lead local authority:**

**Names of partners:**

**Amount of grant sought - Profile of bid 2020/21 (must be for revenue funding):**

	2020/21	Comments
Support		
Staff Costs		
Other		
Total		

**How many victims will be helped – adhering to the standards set out in Annex A – by the funding:**

**Summary of Bid (Bid proposals must set out what the local demand is for – refuges, or any other safe accommodation type, and how the bid addresses it)**

Description of bid – what is the proposal and what are the aims?

How will it achieve them?

What resources are requested and what for?

How many bed spaces<sup>8</sup>, will the proposals provide, and will these be provided in refuges, Sanctuary schemes, dispersed housing (with support) or other housing provision?

## Supporting evidence

### Assess the Needs of Victims

Does your bid meet an identified need?

Have you consulted with local service providers to identify the need?

### Meets Clear Local Needs (Achievability)

How will the project meet the identified need?

Have you consulted with local service providers?

### Partnership working and working across Local Authority boundaries

Which other organisations do you work in partnership with locally to tackle domestic abuse?

What are your proposals for further developing partnership working and how will this funding help build those relationships?

What safe accommodation-based support do you provide to victims including children from other areas and what are the challenges in doing so?

What actions are you proposing to take to support victims including children across local authority boundaries and from areas other than your local authority?

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<sup>8</sup> Number of victim units (for victims and their children).

### **Inclusion of specific provision for domestic abuse victims with particular needs**

What actions are you taking to ensure that smaller specialist organisations are included in your bid proposals?

What is your proposal for assessing the needs of domestic abuse victims including children with particular needs from communities in your area and coming into your area?

What actions are you taking to make provision for local specialist support and protect specialist services of importance beyond the local area?

### **Evidence of Monitoring, Evaluating and Sharing of information**

How will the project's performance be monitored?

How will the delivery outcomes be captured?

What mechanisms are in place to ensure that named domestic abuse service providers in the bid receive the appropriate funding?

### **Delivers Towards Local Strategy**

Does your bid link to a local domestic abuse or VAWG Strategy?

How does your bid further the development of local strategies on domestic abuse?

### **Value for money and additionality**

How many domestic abuse victims do you currently support and what is the current cost per victim for general/specialist support?

What more will you be able to achieve with this additional funding?

How will you capture the outputs and benefits gained from this funding and how will this feed into local area strategies and longer-term sustainable solutions for domestic abuse?

What estimate have you made of the costs incurred for example if staff are hired with the funding, the approximate annual cost per person and dates of employment?



**Completed forms (including signature by Local Authority lead partner(s) to be submitted by 5pm on 17 January 2020 to:**

**[DomesticAbuse.Fund@communities.gov.uk](mailto:DomesticAbuse.Fund@communities.gov.uk)**

# Annex D: VfM Clarification

**Title of Bid:**

**Applicant Lead Local Authority:**

[Type a quote from the document or the summary of an interesting point. You can position the text box anywhere in the document. Use the Drawing Tools tab to change the formatting of the pull quote text box.]

Please explain how your proposal is **additional** to the services you currently offer?

(Additionality of bid assessments under this new scheme will be judged against the providers' baseline service provision as at 1 April 2020 i.e. please exclude any expired MHCLG grant funding from previous years.)

## Cost Benefit Analysis (If data available)

Costs	2020/21	Total
E.G. Staff Costs		
E.G. Training		
E.G. Marketing materials		
<b>Total</b>		

## Benefits

In this section you should try to quantify the economic benefits of your intervention – examples would be, savings to other public services and the wider Local Authority offer.

For example, if on average, one victim uses several services for which you can estimate a cost. Preventing them requiring that service leads to a saving, equally, there is an economic benefit from freeing up additional refuge space (based on either the cost of the alternative, or simply using the cost of a refuge space for a period).

<b>Savings</b>	<b>Period (i.e. Savings anticipated over a number of years)</b>	<b>Monetary Value</b>
Reduced demand for A&E treatment Reduced demand for DV services in Local Authorities	1 year	£2,000
<i>Total per person supported</i>		£xxxx
Total per person supported multiplied by the number of people supported		£xxxxxx

*\*\*If you have a number of interventions, you may want to complete this table for each one.*

$$\text{Benefits Cost Ratio} = \frac{\text{Total from benefits table}}{\text{Total from Costs table}}$$

*You are aiming to achieve a Benefits Cost Ratio in excess of 1.*

## Other Economic Benefits

Other benefits are not quantifiable, but are a material consideration, please describe those here: (E.g. greater community cohesion through identification of hard to reach vulnerable people).

**[Type a quote from the document or the summary of an interesting point. Use the Drawing Tools tab to change the formatting of the pull quote text box.]**

*This is intended as a guidance note only, although MHCLG are happy to receive returns in this template. If you have any queries please contact DomesticAbuse.Fund@communities.gov.uk, or contact one of your local finance officers who should be able to assist.*

# Annex E: Partnership Declaration Form

Bids must demonstrate that they are supported by the Chief Executive of the lead authority, the Chief Executive of any partner local authorities, and, where relevant, the commitment of partner providers.

Completion of this form provides evidence of a shared commitment between organisations for the project aims, it also demonstrates intent to deliver resources to delivery partners

<b>Name of Bid</b>	
<b>Lead Authority</b>	

## Lead Authority

Please provide the following details for the lead authority.

<b>Policy Lead Name</b>	
<b>Policy Lead Team / Unit</b>	
<b>Policy Lead Contact Phone Number</b>	
<b>Policy Lead Contact Email Address</b>	
<b>Chief Executive Name</b>	
<b>Chief Executive Comments</b>	
<b>Chief Executive Signature</b>	

## Named Partners

Please provide the following details for all named partners listed within the bid application.

*Delete or add sub-forms as appropriate*

<b>Organisation</b>	
<b>Role in Bid Proposal</b>	
<b>Policy Lead Name</b>	
<b>Policy Lead Team / Unit</b>	
<b>Policy Lead Contact Phone Number</b>	
<b>Policy Lead Contact Email Address</b>	
<b>Chief Executive Name</b>	
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