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| Funding stream: | Domestic Violence Services |
| Name of grant: | Generalist Independent Domestic Violence Advocacy Service |
| Grant Award: | £90,000 for each financial year for the period 2019/20 to 2022/23 subject to annual budget approval. |

Section 1 – Service Overview

The provision of a key services as part of the borough wide response to domestic abuse that aim to meet the needs of victims of domestic abuse from all communities.

It is proposed to make a grant award for a General Independent Domestic Violence Advocacy Service (IDVA) based on comprehensive risk and needs assessment to all victims including male victims.

It is proposed that this grant will be £90,000 per year for the period 2019/20 to 2022/23 subject to funds being available.

We would welcome applications from consortia (i.e. an organisation working in partnership with one or more other organisations) as well as individual organisations.

Section 2 – Service Outcomes

Applicants will need to demonstrate how the provision of the services will assist in meeting the following outcomes:

The aims and objectives of the domestic abuse services in the borough are to

- Provide an effective domestic abuse service to ensure the safety of all victims of domestic abuse and their children
- Promote the victim's independence to rebuild their lives and reduce the impact that domestic abuse has had on their health, social and psychological well-being

The outcomes the borough seeks to achieve from the domestic abuse services funded through this grant as follows

- A reduction in the number of repeat victims of domestic abuse
- An improvement in the health, social and psychological well-being of victims of domestic abuse
- An increase in the number of people reporting domestic abuse
- The implementation of partnership protocols and an improvement in the joint working in managing domestic abuse cases
- An improvement in the collection of domestic abuse data to inform the work

Section 3 – Service Delivery/Activities Sought

Council funding will specifically support the following activities:

- Provide immediate advice and assistance to people experiencing domestic abuse and
- Support victims in the crisis phase up to a period of 12 weeks with the option to extend in complex cases
- Risk assess all victims
- Develop safety plans for all victims and their children

- Support and advocate on behalf of victims whose case has been referred to Multi Agency risk Assessment Conference (MARAC)
- Support victims to seek legal advice and representation to seek legal remedies such as non- molestation orders
- Provide support and assistance in accessing emergency support and accommodation and other services which include those provided by the police, social services, voluntary services
- Collect and evaluate data to help target resources in a better way
- Engage with relevant partners and facilitate a joined-up approach in managing domestic abuse cases

Section 4 – Specific Criteria

The Council will assess based on the organisations evidence on how they will meet the outcomes outlined and the following competencies

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Competence

- All service providers must ensure that they have systems to identify the skills and knowledge required to meet users needs and the procedures to match these requirements with staff and volunteers delivering the service
- All service providers must ensure that those delivering have appropriate core competencies before they advise the public
- All service providers must ensure that all work supervised by a suitably qualified or experienced individual
- All service providers must ensure that they understand the work of other relevant agencies in their localities
- All service providers must maintain regular contact and liaise with other providers in their locality. Referral pathways and agreements established between agencies to ensure that service users receive a consistent and seamless service

In addition, the applicant will be required to submit with their application the following:

- A service development plan based on the criteria covering the period 2019/20 - 2022/23 using the template provided.
- Details of how information will be communicated effectively and take into account the needs of people (and organisations) accessing the service including needs arising from age, disability, gender, ethnicity, religion and belief, pregnancy and maternity, marriage and civil partnership, sexual orientation, and gender reassignment.
- Details of how they will obtain customer feedback and consult users on improving community and voluntary services covered by this commission.

Section 5 – Monitoring and provision of information

The grant recipient will submit quarterly monitoring reports to the Council based on sections 1 - 4 above.

Continuation of the grant will be dependent upon meeting the outcomes and delivering the service activities set out above.