Drive Funding

August 2020



Background

The Home Office is seeking to award grant funding to Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) in England and Wales to support the adoption of the Drive¹ programmes in their area. We are looking to award up to £1.1 million across England and Wales for the 20202021 financial year. The primary aim of this £1.1 million fund is to expand the Drive project into new local areas. Drive (run by a partnership of Respect, SafeLives and Social Finance) is a national project in England and Wales, with service providers delivering the intervention in local areas

<u>Introduction</u>

The Home Office are looking for bids from PCCs who wish to adopt or expand Drive in their geographic area. Bids up to £200,000 will be considered by the Home Office.

PCCs should be the lead partner but clear arrangements (financial and otherwise) for local partners involvement should be in place. These arrangements should take in to account the collaboration and joined-up working necessary for delivering Drive.

Successful proposals must contribute to the achievement of the overall objectives of the fund, which are to deliver an expansion to the reach of the Drive programme.

Match funding and sustainability

Bids should cover a six-month period of delivery between October 2020 and March 2021. PCC'S will be required to commit to providing match-funding to deliver an additional six months of Drive beyond the end of the financial year from April 2021 to September 2021.

The Home Office will consider investment already made in delivering interventions during the first half of 2020 as part of any winning submission, but this is no guarantee that income will be provided because each submission will be evaluated on its own merits. Funding will be paid in arrears in two instalments at the end of December 2020 and the end of March 2021. The Home Office will require monitoring and progress reports against project outputs and outcomes before funding is released.

Outcomes

Bids must demonstrate how this funding will be used to improve outcomes for perpetrators of domestic abuse with the ultimate aim of reducing reoffending and protecting victims and survivors of domestic abuse. The Home Office are specifically looking for:

- A sustained reduction of abuse.
- Reduction in risk posed by the perpetrator Improved safety for victims of domestic abuse.

¹ Drive is an intensive intervention that works with high-harm and serial perpetrators to challenge behaviour and prevent abuse. http://driveproject.org.uk/

In addition, bids must demonstrate how they contribute to one or all the following broader systems-level outcomes:

- Improving the availability of support targeted at perpetrators of domestic abuse.
- Improving the evaluation of perpetrator-focussed interventions.
- Improving collaboration and joint-working in the provision of perpetrator interventions/protection of victims.

Essential criteria

- 1. Bids must meet required outcomes
- 2. Match-funding must be provided for a minimum of six months from April 2021
- 3. Bids must be of additional activity not currently provided
- 4. Evaluation plans must be submitted
- 5. Early agreement of the Drive partnership and a commitment to partnership working

Need and Additionality

Proposals must be for additional activity not currently provided for through service provision funded by another national or local commissioning body e.g. PCC, CCG, local authority. The bid should clearly demonstrate that there is a lack of provision for targeting high harm, high risk perpetrators of domestic abuse. We will, however, consider bids from areas where Drive has already been/is being rolled out to fund additional activity to build on existing work. In these cases, bidders should demonstrate how the service will be expanded and clearly demonstrate the need for additional funding.

Bids should be based on an assessment of the needs of domestic abuse perpetrators through an analysis of available evidence and data. The Home Office recognise that domestic abuse remains a largely unreported crime and that the under-representation of some groups of victims in official statistics and service provision is itself a source of evidence. In cases where empirical data is still emerging, the lived experiences of victims and perpetrators of domestic abuse also provides a valuable source of evidence.

Further requirements

Bids should take in to account the diverse needs of victims and perpetrators of domestic abuse. Bids should reflect how the proposed activity is designed to address perpetrators and benefit victims from diverse backgrounds, including those from BAME, LGBTQ+ and disabled communities.

Bids must comply with Home Office financial guidelines (further details are contained with the bidding documentation).

Bids must demonstrate how the project is scalable in line with details provided, in case the organisation is awarded less funding than originally bid for (and how the scaling options would affect what could be delivered under the proposal).

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Size of Grant Fund

In making a final decision on allocation of funding, the Home Office will ensure that an appropriate distribution of projects is funded. PCC's can bid for **up to £200,000**.

To ensure diversity of funding and the greatest level of support, we may scale back top scoring bids in line with the scalability details provided. All bids that do not include the ability to be scaled (and an assessment of how the scaling options would affect what could be delivered under the proposal) will be rejected.

Bids should be submitted in pounds sterling and be inclusive of expenses and inclusive of VAT.

Key dates

2020	
12 noon 8 th September	Expression of Interested returned to PCC
4pm 15 th September	PCC to submit a delivery proposal detailing activity, outputs, outcomes and a budget and spending profile
1 st October	Start Date
15 th December	An interim report on the activities in the delivery proposal and a completed request for payment and associated financial report for the period 1st October – 31st December
2021	
15 th March	a completed Annex A request for payment and associated financial report for the period 1st January 2021 – 31st March 2021
31st March	Home Office Funding End Date
1 st April to 30 th September	PCC Match Funding Starts
30 th September	PCC Match Funding Ends

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