

Decision No 2016/18



REPORT TO: POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LANCASHIRE

REPORT BY: Liz Canavan
Victims and Partnerships Officer

DATE:

TITLE: Allocation of grant funding for FGM/FM/HBA consultation

Appendix A refers

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The multi-agency Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), Forced Marriage (FM) and Honour Based Abuse (HBA) strategic group is currently under-taking a piece of work to influence the development of support networks, awareness raising and statutory agency activity.
2. Stakeholder events have taken place with statutory and third-sector organisations pan-Lancashire, but there is now a requirement for a detailed community consultation to be undertaken with affected communities across the county.
3. This work needs to be undertaken by organisations with the specialist skills to consult with affected communities, and therefore grant funding is required to facilitate this on the steering group's behalf.
4. An Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) has been undertaken for this grant application.

RECOMMENDATION

1. The Commissioner approves the publication of a grant offer for organisations to carry out community consultation work on behalf of the steering group, as detailed in appendix A.
2. The Commissioner approves up to £5,000 to be spent on the complete consultation.

Decision taken by the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire:

Original decision, as set out in the attached report, approved without amendment (please delete as appropriate)	YES	NO
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Original decision required to be amended and decision as detailed below:

The reasons for the amended decision are as detailed below:

Police and Crime Commissioner: Comments

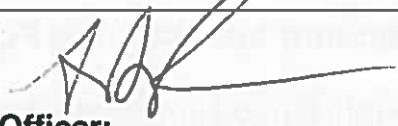
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The PCC is asked to consider any personal / prejudicial interests he may have to disclose in relation to the matter under consideration in accordance with the law, the Nolan Principles and the Code of Conduct.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The recommendations are made further to legal advice from the Monitoring Officer and the Section 151 Officer has confirmed that they do not incur unlawful expenditure. They are also compliant with equality legislation.

<p>Signed: </p> <p>Police and Crime Commissioner</p> <p>Date: 26th August 2016</p>	<p>Signed: </p> <p>Chief Officer:</p> <p>Date: 26th August 2016.</p>
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<p>Signed:</p> <p>Chief Constable</p> <p>Date:</p>	<p>Signed: </p> <p>Chief Finance Officer:</p> <p>Date: 26/8/16</p>
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Grant Agreement 2016/17

Community consultation around harmful cultural practices: FGM, FM and HBA

Background

The Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), Forced Marriage and Honour Based Violence strategic group is currently working on an action plan to identify and tackle these issues and improve services for victims county-wide.

In order to establish current knowledge, available services, gaps in support and requirements around awareness raising, three events have already taken place in the East, South and West of the county with professionals and voluntary groups.

The next stage in the process is to carry out community consultation, in order to gain further information to help inform the action plan.

Project proposal

Interest is sought from groups with the capacity to facilitate community consultation with relevant groups around the issues of FGM, FM and HBA (as appropriate to the relevant consultation group), using questions agreed by the Strategic Group in advance.

The facilitators will be required to feed the raw data back to the Strategic Group, in order for a final report and findings to be prepared by the group.

Consultation is required to be undertaken with the following communities:

- South East Asian and Middle Eastern community
- Gypsy Roma Traveller community
- LGBT community
- North African community
- Eastern European community

Organisations will be expected to consult pan-Lancashire, gaining the views of approximately 50 members of each community. This should include individuals of all ages from 16+, and those engaged with both support services and community groups (i.e not in crisis). Facilitating organisations will be expected to have capacity and ability to engage with small "grass-roots" level organisations which may not be known to mainstream services.

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Proposals should detail how the organisation plans to carry out the consultation, groups to be engaged with and costings. They should also detail the organisation's relevant experience in engaging with communities on the issues of FM/FGM/HBA and wider domestic abuse, as well as specifying any relevant multi-lingual abilities which will improve the quality of the consultation work.

Please read the following Notes and Guidance before completing the Grant Agreement form to ensure your proposal meets the requirements.

1. The Commissioner would normally enter into an Agreement with, and make payment to, the Organisation named on the Grant Agreement. Where a request is made for payment to an alternative organisation this must be approved by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner prior to the Agreement being accepted.
2. Details of the proposed Outcomes should include both qualitative as well as quantitative data to demonstrate how the project will impact on those engaged with the project.

Funding terms and conditions

1. The grant will be used to facilitate community consultation with relevant groups around harmful practices – FGM, FM and HBA.
2. Organisations may quote to consult with one or more communities, but all consultation must take place pan-Lancashire, accessing different community groups in each of the county's three areas.
3. The final report will be written by the Strategic Group, and therefore all costings should be for consultation and provision of raw data only.
4. The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner will own all the data collected.
5. All applications must include a detailed description of how the consultation will be carried out, in order to obtain the best results, as well as suggestions of existing groups from all areas of the community which could be consulted.
6. Any approved grant does not imply any on-going commitment by the Police and Crime Commissioner to make further payments to the applicant organisation.
7. Consultation is expected to be completed in Autumn 2016.
8. Funding is granted subject to the organisation agreeing to take part in publicity agreed by the Commissioner's office. This can take the form of media interviews for broadcast, online and print media; documentaries, posters, newsletters, social media and web updates.
9. The Police and Crime Commissioner agrees his name "Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire" should be used by the applicant organisation to indicate the grant support he has provided.
10. The decisions made by the Police and Crime Commissioner in awarding grants and in operating this fund are final. There is no appeal process.

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11. Where an applicant overspends on the activity which was the subject of the grant application, no further funds will automatically be made available by the Police and Crime Commissioner. Where the grant is not spent in its entirety, any unspent balance must be returned to the Police and Crime Commissioner.
12. The applicant organisation will permit any officer of the Police and Crime Commissioner or its appointed auditors to visit its premises and/or inspect any activities and records related to this grant.
13. The applicant organisation will be expected to retain the following documents for a period of at least 6 years from the end of the funding period:
 - Original invoices
 - Receipts
 - Minutes from relevant meetings
 - Copies of accounts and deeds
 - Any other relevant documentation

(Please note these may be retained in either written or electronic form)
14. The following costs are not Eligible Expenditure: Payments that support activity intended to influence or attempt to influence Parliament, government or political parties, or attempting to influence the awarding or renewal of contracts and grants, or attempting to influence legislative or regulatory action.

