

# Welcome

London Councils Pan-London Grants  
Programme 2022-2026

**Emergency Specialist Refuge  
Provision**

Market Warming

# Agenda

Time	Item
10.00 – 10.10	Welcome and introduction to the Ideas Board
10.10 – 10.55	The London Councils Grants Programme <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Overview of the 2022-2026 Pan-London Grants Programme</li><li>• Intentions for Emergency Refuge Provision</li><li>• General requirements</li><li>• Lead partners - what to consider</li></ul>
10.55 – 11.00	Application <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What to expect in the form</li><li>• The process and schedule</li></ul>
11.00 – 11.05	Quick Break
11.05 – 11.25	Q&A
11.25 – 11.30	Thank you and close

# Ideas Board

Please post your thoughts about the requirements for high quality specialist  
refuge provision



**The ideas board link is in the chat!**

# London Councils Grants Programme

## Section 48 of the Local Government Act 1985

- Empowers London's councils to have a programme of grants to the voluntary sector
- Boroughs contribute to the programme (a levy based on proportion of population)
- Boroughs must exercise their functions in respect of the scheme 'with due regard to the needs of the whole of Greater London'
- Requirement to review needs periodically

# London Councils Grants Programme

The Grants Committee (made up of elected Members)

- Ensures the proper operation of the Grants Scheme for making grants to eligible voluntary organisations in London
- Has due regard to the needs of London in operating the Scheme and keeps those needs periodically under review
- Makes recommendations to Leaders' Committee on overall policies, strategy, priorities and annual budget
- Considers grant applications and make grants to eligible voluntary organisations

# 2022-26 Grants Programme

## Aim

- The pan London Grants Programme 2022-2026 aims to support London's boroughs to reduce **homelessness**, and **domestic and sexual abuse**
- The programme will add to the collective effort from local government, the voluntary and community sector, and others across the capital who work to ensure families - whether that is a family of one or many - have a home and are safe

# 2022-26 Grants Programme

## Objectives

- Reduce pressure on public services through an outcome led approach
- Complement (and not duplicate) borough and other housing, homelessness, and domestic abuse services where it is economical and efficient to deliver services on a London wide basis
- Complement (and not duplicate) borough and other domestic abuse services where mobility is key to the delivery of a service that secures personal safety
- Work with statutory and non-statutory partners to contribute to meeting the objectives of the Equality Act 2010

# 2022-26 Grants Programme - Requirements

## General requirements

- Track record of specialist work in the field of homelessness or domestic and sexual abuse **AND** a track record of specialist work with the target group(s) identified in the specification(s)
- Track record of working collaboratively with boroughs and other agencies
- How delivery will add value and not duplicate existing local services
- How delivery will support boroughs where a statutory duty is owed
- How services will be provided to all parts of London

# 2022-26 Grants Programme - Requirements

## General requirements

- How outcomes and outputs will be achieved
- Multi-agency approach/working, with effective links and referral mechanisms
- How services are adapted in response to feedback
- How service delivery can be adapted and continued, at short notice, if required
- How culturally responsive approaches to serving London's diverse population will be built into proposed services
- How proposed services will meet the requirements of the Equality Act 2010

# Emergency Specialist Refuge Provision

## **Service aim - what we want to achieve with your help**

- To reduce immediate danger to life for victims and survivors and to support them to rebuild their lives and gain independence.
- To provide support to victims and survivors whose needs may not be met through mainstream accommodation

## **Services - the types of services we want to fund**

- Emergency specialist refuge/safe accommodation for people experiencing sexual violence, exploitation and trafficking, or domestic abuse, with accompanying support
- Services should be holistic and tailored to individuals needs
- Provisional funding - £840,000 per annum

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## Types of service (suggested, not exclusive)

- risk assessment and safety planning
- in-house advice services or support to access external advice (housing, financial and debt, immigration, employment, legal)
- support and advocacy for survivors when working with other services (housing, health, social services, criminal justice system, family courts)
- emotional support, therapeutic support and counselling for survivors
- support to build life skills and independence
- family support, including therapeutic support for children and young people
- specialised support appropriate to the needs and experience of survivors
- support to move on from safe accommodation/refuge into longer term settled accommodation

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## The people we want to support:

- disabled people, including people with mobility impairments and people with learning disabilities
- people with no recourse to public funds or precarious immigration status
- LGBTQ+ people
- Black, Asian and racially minoritised people
- women and men at risk of or experiencing sexual exploitation
- older people
- children and young people - families/individuals less likely to be placed in refuge (parents with three+, mothers with adolescent sons, girls aged 16-17)
- victims and survivors experiencing multiple disadvantage or high complexity of needs (complex mental health problems, substance misuse and contact with the criminal justice system)

# Emergency Specialist Refuge Provision

## Outcomes

**People can make safe choices and survivors experiencing domestic or sexual abuse are able to leave dangerous situations (supporting a reduction in domestic abuse and sexual violence over time)**

- Number of people experiencing greater feelings of safety
- Number of people with a safety plan
- Number of people with continuing support to sustain new lives.

**Domestic or sexual abuse is prevented or reduced - professionals can access specialist and additional support for people at risk/affected by domestic or sexual abuse**

- Local authority officers and local IDVAs/ISVAs can access additional support to wrap around existing services, or make referrals into the service

# Emergency Specialist Refuge Provision

## Outcomes

### People rebuild their lives and move to independence

- Number of people who can rebuild their lives and move to independence
- Number of people who move on from refuge accommodation in a planned way
- Number of people accessing specialist support (immigration advice, legal advice, mental health support, substance misuse support)
- Number of people with improved mental health
- Number of people with more stabilised immigration status

### Bespoke Outcomes

Bespoke outcomes will be agreed during the grant agreement process and applicants are encouraged to suggest bespoke outcomes

# Emergency Specialist Refuge Provision

## Specific requirements:

- track record of effective delivery of emergency specialist refuge provision
- able to demonstrate an understanding of local safeguarding frameworks
- counsellors are accredited and registered with the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy (BACP)
- service complies with a specific quality standards framework (for example, the Women's Aid National Quality Standard, Imkaan Quality Standard)
- staff who will undertake advice work for people with no recourse to public funds and people with insecure immigration status are OISC registered
- delivery supports the work of the Mayor of London to reduce violence against women and girls
- commitment to aligning and working with safe accommodation support services commissioned by MOPAC

# A complex, evolving service

- **Geographical coverage** - provide services for all 32 London boroughs, and the City of London
- **Partnerships** - partnerships that include specialist led-by-and-for organisations that can bring lived experience, gender and culturally appropriate services to the programme
- **Partnership responsibilities** - lead partner responsible for due diligence, accountable for all grant funds and responsible for reporting to London Councils
- **Developing the Service** - over the course of the grant, the provider(s) must build relationships with MOPAC commissioned Safe Accommodation services as they are mobilised - creating referral routes and links with pathway co-ordinators and borough housing IDVAs to support survivors across their journey through the system, including moving on from refuge

# Applications – what to expect

- Description of management structure, reporting and governance arrangements for the proposed project
- How many people and the target groups you intend to support
- Project summary
- Information about how needs have been identified and how the proposed project will address those needs
- How your project will be promoted and delivered across London, and to the target groups proposed
- How you will work with boroughs and local services to complement (not duplicate) services, and provide holistic support
- How you will ensure the specified outcomes will be met through the services

# Applications – what to expect

- How your project will support London Councils to meet its equalities duty under the Equality Act 2010
- The staffing structure for the proposed project
- How you will monitor, and performance manage the project
- Three year delivery plan (template provided)
- Risk register (template provided)
- Track record information (similar scale and type of work)
- Budget information across the three years (template provided)
- Two local authority referee contacts

# Application process and schedule

	Start	End
Application Window	01/12/2022	13/01/2022 (noon)
Preliminary due diligence	05/12/2022	15/01/2023
Application scoring	16/01/2023	18/01/2023
Moderation	19/01/2023	
Programme panel	20/01/2023	
Right to reply window	21/01/2023	03/02/2023
Second-stage due diligence	20/01/2023	27/01/2023
Right to reply responses/actions	04/02/2023	05/02/2023
Award approval	06/02/2023	
Award Notification	06/02/2023	
Pre-Agreement Workshop	09/02/2023	
Pre-agreement Meetings	09/02/2023	
Pre-agreement Actions	To be completed by 3 March 2023	
Funding Agreements Signed	On completion of pre-agreement actions	
Advance Payments	On receipt of signed agreement	
Programme Delivery Commences	1 April 2023	

A quick break before the Q&A

# Q&A

# Thank you for joining us...

## Any further questions...

- Please email them to
  - [funding@londoncouncils.gov.uk](mailto:funding@londoncouncils.gov.uk)
- Look out for the Market Warming FAQ on the London Councils website
  - [London Councils pan-London Grants Programme 2022-2026\)](#)