

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

Ideas Board



Market Warming Event - Emergency Specialist Refuge Provision



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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

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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

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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)

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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

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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

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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
- Look out for the Market Warming FAQ on the London Councils website
 - [London Councils pan-London Grants Programme 2022-2026](#))