**Application Form: Funding to help support victims of domestic abuse 2015/16**

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| **Name, address & contact details of applicant lead local authority:****Day-to-day contact for follow up queries (name, email and phone number):** |

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| **Names of partners:** |

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| **Amount of grant sought:**Profile of bid 2015-16:

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|  | 15/16 |
| Support  |  |
| Staff costs |  |
| Other |  |
| Total |  |
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How many victims will be helped – adhering to the standards set out in Annex A – by the funding ? |

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| Brief Summary of your bid Title and description of bid – what is the proposal and what are the aims?.How will it achieve them?What resources are requested and what for?How many bed spaces[[1]](#footnote-1), will the proposal provide. Please state for each of: * refuges,
* sanctuary schemes,
* dispersed housing (with support) ;
* other accommodation-based provision (please describe)?

What support will the proposal provide to help victims who may have difficulty accessing provision? What mechanisms are in place to ensure that named domestic abuse service providers in the bid receive the appropriate funding? |

**Please note that we are asking for information on levels of current provision by Thursday 10 September, and for your full bid by 1 October.**

**Supporting evidence**

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| **Bids must provide clear evidence that they meet each of the criteria in the prospectus, i.e. that they will fill geographical gaps in refuge or other accommodation based provision, that they will meet the DCLG quality standards, and that they demonstrate innovative approaches, meet need identified in local strategies,, are the product of partnership working, and provide quantifiable indicators of value for money, and that the proposal in the bid is deliverable in 2015/2016. Your statement must cover how the bid meets these criteria. :****Proposals must also answer the following question :** * Did you receive funding from the £10m Fund and if so, how much and what for?

**Criteria for the Domestic Abuse Fund – please provide a statement addressing all of the criteria, including the points set out below .** 1) Criterion on filling geographical gaps in provision (please answer by 10 September, see Annex B)* What accommodation-based services do you currently provide for victims of domestic abuse?. Please break this down into:
	+ number of refuge bedspaces;
	+ Of these refuges bedspaces, how many are specialist (ie meeting the DCLG quality standards attached)
	+ number of sanctuary scheme installations;
	+ number of bedspaces with floating support;
	+ number of bedspaces in other accommodation-based provision (please detail)
* How much is spent on the above provision in your area per annum (where possible please break this down into the categories above, and the sources of funding)?
* What is your best estimate of how many bed spaces are currently needed in your area?
* What is this based on? How do you assess demand for bed spaces?
* How many bedspaces will you need in your area in the future (to 2020, or as far as you are able to forecast)? What is the future demand for refuge bed spaces and accommodation based services in your local area?
* How have you assessed this demand?
* What plans do you have to address any shortfalls in provision and how does this proposal help?
* What is the balance between general and specialist accommodation based services?
* What support do you give groups who are currently struggling to access the right provision, for example, some BME communities and victims with specialist and complex needs?.
* What currently happens to a victim who is turned away from accommodation based support; how is their subsequent journey mapped out and what support is given to them?
* What service provision is offered to victims before entering and on leaving refuge based accommodation?

**2) Criterion on meeting DCLG quality standards**How will you ensure that your proposals meets the DCLG Quality Standards ?Who will take responsibility for ensuring these standards are met? **3) Criterion on meeting the local strategy for tackling domestic abuse**How will your proposal meet the requirements and ambition of your local strategy? Please describe |
| * **4) Criterion on Partnership working and working across Local Authority boundaries**
* Which other organisations do you work in partnership with locally to tackle domestic abuse?
* What are your proposals for further developing partnership working and how will this funding help build those relationships?
* What are your proposals, if any, for collaborating with other neighbouring local authorities in providing accommodation-based support with this funding?
* Do you currently provide accommodation based support to victims from other areas and what are the challenges in doing so?
* How will you use this fund to support victims across local authority boundaries and from areas other than your local authority?
* What are the major issues/challenges in the commissioning of services?

How will you use partnership working to overcome them?  **5) Criterion on Value for money and additionality**You need to be able to show that your proposal delivers value for money. That does not necessarily mean a cheaper service, but one which delivers the appropriate outcome for each victim (recognising that each may have different needs, with different costs) at the most realistic cost. It must also * be additional to the current service provided,
* must be quantified, and;
* should show, where possible, that benefits exceed costs and by how much.

 If you are proposing an improved service, we would like to know how your proposal helps you to provide better services in a cost effective way. As we are also looking for innovation, we are willing to consider new approaches and for you to show value for money in different ways. For example, you might bid for a proposal which:* Helps to reduce demand and therefore future costs
* Better links victims with the right type or level of service for them
* Delivers additional units at the standard price (filling gaps in provision)
* How will you capture the outputs and benefits gained from this funding and how will this feed into local area strategies and longer term sustainable solutions for domestic abuse?

**6) Criterion on Deliverability in 2015/16*** What assessment have you made of the level of resource and what measures are you putting into place to deliver the commitments set out in your bid beyond March 2016?
* How do you propose to continue the work funded through this bid (if successful) after March 2016?
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| Any other information which you wish to have taken into consideration in support of your bid  |

**Annex B – information on current provision and geographical gaps – for return by 10 September**

**Completed bid forms (including signature by Local Authority lead partner(s) to be submitted by 5pm on Thursday 1 October. Both to be sent to :**

**DomesticAbuse.Fund@communities.gsi.gov.uk**

**DOMESTIC ABUSE FUND 2015/16**

**ANNEX B - GAPS IN GEOGRAPHICAL PROVISION (CRITERION 1)**

Please send in your answers to the questions below by **Thursday 10th September 2015.**

**The full application form should be returned by 1 October 2015**

Name of Local Authority …………………………………….

Officer’s name and contact details …………………………

**Information on current provision**

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Thank you for providing this information which will be used both in support of your bid and to inform the DCLG/Home Office review of domestic abuse services.

1. Number of victims units (for victims and their children). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)