

DMPC Decision – PCD 872

Title: Home Office Surge Grant Funding Allocation

Executive Summary:

MOPAC/VRU/MPS submitted a bid for Home Office Surge funding to tackle violent crime in March 2020, and were awarded £13.6m. A grant agreement accepting the funding was signed on 25 June 2020. This paper seeks the approval for the allocation of £807,375 to four projects for funding in 2020/21.

Recommendation:

The Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime is recommended to:

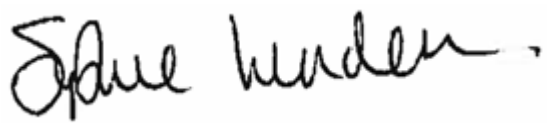
1. Approve the allocation of £250,000 from the Home Office Surge to British Transport Police and £250,000 to CoLP to cover their contribution to joint operations tackling violent crime.
2. Approve the awarding of 3 grants to the value of £30,000 each to the Safer Business Network for the establishment of Business Crime Reduction Partnerships (BCRPs) in an additional three violent crime hot spots.
3. Approve the award of a grant of £177,375 to Bounce Back to enable the establishment of an enhanced Divert Programme across all London Boroughs offering paths away from crime to the most vulnerable young people in society.
4. Approve a grant of £20,000 to LB Enfield and £20,000 to LB Haringey to enable the delivery of activity in support of the North Area Violence Reduction Group (NAVRG).
5. Note that all the above proposed grants meet the conditions of the Home Office grant.

Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime

I confirm I have considered whether or not I have any personal or prejudicial interest in this matter and take the proposed decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct. Any such interests are recorded below.

The above request has my approval.

Signature



Date

7/12/2020

PART I - NON-CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE TO THE DMPC

1. Introduction and background

- 1.1. A joint MOPAC/VRU/MPS bid was submitted to Home Office in March 2020 to access Violence Reduction Unit and Police Surge funding. In June the grant agreement accepting this funding was signed. This paper sets out requests to allocate £807,375 of this funding to third parties.

2. Issues for consideration

- 2.1. Each of the 4 proposals were contained in the original bid submission. The only change, which has been approved by the Home Office, is an expansion of the proposal for an enhanced divert programme from the North Area BCU only to covering all 12 BCU's.

3. Financial Comments

- 3.1. The total cost of the proposed 4 allocations of funding is £807,375 in 2020/21. This will be funded from within the Home Office Surge grant funding.

4. Legal Comments

- 4.1. Under Section 9 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 MOPAC may make a Crime and Disorder Reduction Grant to any person if they are of the opinion that it will secure, or contribute to securing crime and disorder reduction within the Metropolitan Police District. MOPAC may make a Crime and Disorder Reduction Grant subject to any conditions (including conditions as to repayment) which MOPAC think appropriate.
- 4.2. Paragraph 4.8 of the MOPAC Scheme of Delegation and Consent provides that the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime (DMPC) has delegated authority to approve
 - The strategy for the award of individual grants and/ or the award of all individual grants whether to secure or contribute to securing crime reduction in London or for other purposes.

5. Commercial Issues

- 5.1. The services to be provided are set out in Appendix 1 with further detail in the restricted section of the report. The services will be procured by way of grant agreements.

6. GDPR and Data Privacy

- 6.1. MOPAC will adhere to the Data Protection Act (DPA) 2018 and ensure that any organisations who are commissioned to do work with or on behalf of MOPAC are fully compliant with the policy and understand their GDPR responsibilities.

- 6.2. Each individual bid has been assessed for GDPR compliance. Where individual projects are in receipt of personal data or sharing information, full Information Sharing Agreements (ISAs) and Data Recording protocols are in place.

7. Equality Comments

- 7.1. MOPAC is required to comply with the public sector equality duty set out in section 149(1) of the Equality Act 2010. This requires MOPAC to have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations by reference to people with protected characteristics. The protected characteristics are: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.
- 7.2. An Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA) has been completed for every area of the HO Surge fund.

8. Background/supporting papers

- Appendix 1 – MPS Home Office Surge Fund – Grant Allocations

Public access to information

Information in this form (Part 1) is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and will be made available on the MOPAC website following approval.

If immediate publication risks compromising the implementation of the decision it can be deferred until a specific date. Deferral periods should be kept to the shortest length strictly necessary.

Part 1 Deferral:

Is the publication of Part 1 of this approval to be deferred? NO

If yes, for what reason:

Until what date:

Part 2 Confidentiality: Only the facts or advice considered as likely to be exempt from disclosure under the FOIA should be in the separate Part 2 form, together with the legal rationale for non-publication.

Is there a **Part 2** form – YES

ORIGINATING OFFICER DECLARATION	<i>Tick to confirm statement (✓)</i>
Financial Advice: The Strategic Finance and Resource Management Team has been consulted on this proposal.	✓
Legal Advice: The MPS legal team has been consulted on the proposal.	✓
Equalities Advice: Equality and diversity issues are covered in the body of the report.	✓
Commercial Issues Commercial issues are covered in the body of the report.	✓
GDPR/Data Privacy GDPR compliance issues are covered in the body of the report	✓
Director/Head of Service: The interim MOPAC Chief Finance Officer has reviewed the request and is satisfied it is correct and consistent with the MOPAC's plans and priorities.	✓

Chief Executive Officer

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that financial, legal and equalities advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime.

Signature



Date 11/11/2020



MOPAC

MAYOR OF LONDON
OFFICE FOR POLICING AND CRIME

Home Office Surge Fund – Grant Allocations

MOPAC Investment Advisory & Monitoring meeting - 22nd October 2020

Report by Commander Jane Connors on behalf of the Chief of Corporate Services

Part 1 – This section of the report will be published by MOPAC. It is classified as OFFICIAL – PUBLIC

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Home Office Surge Fund for 2020/21 was approved in July 2020.

It awarded £13.9m to the MPS to be distributed amongst a number of approved projects and operations targeting violent crime.

A number of those projects involve working in partnership or utilising the services of trusted third parties and key stakeholders. In order to deliver their shared objectives some of the sponsored projects will need to allocate Grants from the fund to their partners.

All of these grants have been approved by the Home Office when approving the individual projects. The purpose of this paper is to close the MPS / MOPAC governance loop and approve the grant allocations to enable activity to be delivered and funds drawn from the Home Office.

Spend against the Surge Fund is monitored monthly by the Violence Gold Group under Assistant Commissioner Nick Ephgrave.

All grants contained in this paper have been assessed and approved by the Gold Group and if approved by PIB / IAM will be subject to formal grant agreement.

Recommendations

The Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, via the Investment Advisory and Monitoring meeting (IAM), is asked to approve the allocation of grants totalling **£807,375**, broken down as follows:

1. **Approve the allocation of £250k from the Home Office Surge to British Transport Police and £250k to CoLP to cover their contribution to joint operations tackling violent crime.**
2. **Approve the awarding of 3 grants to the value of £30k each to the Safer Business Network for the establishment of Business Crime Reduction Partnerships (BCRPs) in an additional three violent crime hot spots.**
3. **Approve the award of a grant of £177,375 to Bounce Back to enable the establishment of an enhanced Divert Programme across all London Boroughs offering paths away from crime to the most vulnerable young people in society.**

4. **Approve a grant of £20k to Enfield and £20k to Haringey (Edmonton) to enable the delivery of activity in support of the North Area Violence Reduction Group (NAVRG).**
5. **Note the allocation of funding to 28 projects and operations to the value of £13.9m (Inclusive of the 4 items for approval in this paper) under the Home Office Surge Fund as detailed in the supporting paperwork in Part 2.**

Time sensitivity

A decision is required from the Deputy Mayor by 6 November 2020. This is because spending against the Home Office Surge Fund is conditional on activity being complete by the end of the FY 20/21. The delay in approval of the Surge Fund allocation has already meant that some projects are having to spend at risk pending approval by the board and DMPC. The ratification of the decisions will enable those projects to draw down on the Home Office Funding for their activity.

Non-confidential facts and advice to the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime

The activity being funded in this Business Case has been examined by the Violence Gold Group against the core MPS strategy for tackling Violent Crime. Each case has been through the Home Office Surge Fund scrutiny panel for compliance with Terms & Conditions of the fund and has been allocated funding from within that fund. This paper is to seek authority to release the funds.

It should be noted that if the recommendation is not agreed, the funds will remain with the Home Office and the MPS will not be able to access them for other projects.

Introduction and background

1. The Home Office have awarded £13.9m in Surge Funding to be utilised towards reducing Violent Crime in the Capital.
2. The fund is allocated against 3 specific areas, Prevention & Enforcement; Intelligence & Targeting; and Investigative Response.
3. Funding bids were submitted from across all MPS Business Groups and were initially assessed by the Violence Gold Group for compliance before submission to the Home Office.
4. 30 operations and projects were submitted to the Home Office of which 28 were approved for funding awards.
5. A full breakdown of the awards is contained in the supporting paperwork in Part 2 of this document.
6. Within the allocation of funds, four projects require the awarding of Grants to key stakeholders and trusted partners to deliver. They are:
 - a. £250k each to both BTP & CoLP to enable joint operations targeting violent crime hotspots across all force areas.
 - b. £90k (3 x £30k) to the Safer Business Partnership to develop an additional 3 BCRPs in Hot Spot Areas.
 - c. £177k to Bounce Back to enable an enhanced Operation Divert

capability across all 32 Boroughs.

- d. £20k each to both Enfield and Haringey Councils to support the North Area Violence Reduction Group (NAVRG).

Issues for consideration

7. All allocations of funding being requested in this document are to be drawn from the Home Office Surge Fund and have been pre-approved by them. The full approved funding bid is attached.

Contributes to the MOPAC Police & Crime Plan 2017-2021¹

8. The funding is part of a wider joint allocation of funding by the Home Office to both MOPAC and the MPS and is a key part in the delivery of both the MPS & Mayor's respective violent crime strategies. The full surge funding bid is attached in the supporting paperwork.

Financial, Commercial and Procurement Comments

9. All costs in this paper are funded from the Home Office Violence Surge Fund.

Legal Comments

10. The allocations contained in this paper are set out in the violence fund allocation to the MPS. This is subject to a grant agreement between MOPAC and Home Office and we are contractually obliged to deliver. The MOPAC signatory was Joanne Moore, Interim Finance Director who accepted the T&Cs on behalf of the Mayor on 25th June 2020.

Equality Comments

11. The paper is prepared under the governance of the VCTF and is covered under that OCUs Community Impact Assessment.

Privacy Comments

12. The MPS is subject to the requirements and conditions placed on it as a 'State' body to comply with the European Convention of Human Rights and the Data Protection Act (DPA) 2018. Both legislative requirements place an obligation on the MPS to process personal data fairly and lawfully in order to safeguard the rights and freedoms of individuals.

Under Article 35 of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Section 57 of the DPA 2018, Data Protection Impact Assessments (DPIA) become mandatory for organisations with technologies and processes that are likely to result in a high risk to the rights of the data subjects.

The Information Assurance and Information Rights units within MPS will be consulted at all stages to ensure the project meets its compliance requirements.

The project does not use personally identifiable data of members of the public, so there are no GDPR issues to be considered.

¹ [Police and crime plan: a safer city for all Londoners | London City Hall](#)

Real Estate Implications

13. There are no real estate implications in this proposal.

Environmental Implications

14. There is no impact on the Environmental Strategies either internally or externally.

Background/supporting papers

15. Supporting paperwork is contained in part 2.

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Part 2 – This section refers to the details of the Part 2 business case which is NOT SUITABLE for MOPAC Publication.

The Government Security Classification marking for Part 2 is:
OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE [COMMERCIAL]

Background/supporting papers

16. Supporting paperwork.

Appendix 1 - Joint MPS / VRU Home Office Surge Bid

Appendix 2 - Individual MPS Project / Operation Funding allocation.

Appendix 3 - NAVRG

Appendix 4 - DIVERT

Appendix 5 - Safer Business Partnership

Part 2 of Home Office Surge Fund Grant Allocation is exempt from publication for the following reasons:

- Exempt under Article 2(2)(a) of the Elected Local Policing Bodies (Specified Information) Order 2011 (Data Protection Section 43 – Commercial Interests).
- The relevant sections under the FOIA that would exempt this information from disclosure, for example:
 - Data Protection Section 40,
 - Commercial Interest Section 43
 - Legal Professional Privilege Section 42

For advice, please contact the FoIA team.