

Contract summary

Industry

Other Services

Location of contract

North East, North West, Yorkshire and The Humber, East Midlands, West Midlands, East of England, London, South East, South West, Wales

Value of contract

£1k - £2.8 million

Published date

10 June 2020

Opening date

10 June 2020

Closing date

12 August 2020

Contract start date

01 April 2020

Contract end date

31 March 2022

Description

The Home Office is seeking to award grant funding to statutory or non-statutory sector organisations in England and Wales working to promote and embed best practice in the provision of support to children and young people who have experienced sexual abuse.

Sexual abuse can have a devastating impact on children and young people. Although the nature and extent of the impact of abuse can vary significantly between individuals, we know that being a victim or survivor of child sexual abuse is associated with an increased risk of adverse outcomes in many areas of a person's life, including physical, emotional and mental wellbeing, relationships, socioeconomic outcomes and vulnerability to revictimization.

The government will shortly publish a national strategy to tackle all forms of child sexual abuse. A key objective of the strategy will be ensuring that all victims and survivors are able to access timely, consistent and

high-quality support services that are appropriate to their needs.

To support the strategy, in September 2019 the Home Secretary announced an additional £30m package to help prevent child sexual abuse, bear down on offenders and support victims and survivors. As part of this commitment:

- we have doubled the funding available in 2020-22 to organisations supporting victims and survivors at a national level (including adults who were abused during childhood) through the Support for Victims and Survivors of Child Sexual Abuse (SVSCSA) fund. The SVSCSA is jointly funded by the Home Office and the Ministry of Justice (**the SVSCSA competition is now closed**).
- following an announcement at the Prime Minister's virtual summit on hidden harms in May 2020, we are launching a new Child Sexual Abuse Support Services Transformation Fund in order to develop and embed best practice in support for children and young people who have experienced sexual abuse.

Through the **CSA Support Services Transformation Fund** we will provide grants to successful bidders, paid under the government's grant-making powers. We are looking to award up to £2.8m across England and Wales by the end of the 2021-22 financial year (£1.4m is available in financial year 2020/21 and £1.4m in 2021/22).

In making a final decision on allocation of this funding, the Home Office will ensure that an appropriate distribution of projects is funded in terms of type of intervention and the groups of children and young people who will be beneficiaries. While there is no formal cap on the amount an organisation can bid for, bidders should consider this when deciding upon the size of grant they will be applying for.

Successful proposals must contribute to the achievement of the overall objectives of the fund, which are:

- 1) To promote and disseminate best practice in the provision of support to help children and young people cope with and, as far as possible, recover from sexual abuse.

- 2) To improve the quality of support available to children and young people who have experienced sexual abuse.
- 3) To build understanding of what works to support children and young people who have experienced sexual abuse.

Grants will be awarded to statutory or non-statutory organisations. Due to the collaborative nature of the fund, we also welcome partnership proposals that aim to improve collaboration and joined-up working between commissioners, service providers and community organisations.

Bids should cover the two-year period of the fund, with renewal of funding in Year 2 dependent on budget availability and performance against critical success factors which will form part of the grant agreement.

The Home Office will pay grants in arrears for expenditure during financial years 2020/21 and 2021/22. Please note that organisations may bid for costs already incurred since 1 April 2020, provided the

costs relate to the project purpose as defined in the grant agreement. In the case of joint bids, lead organisations are expected to have their own financial arrangements with the partner organisations forming part of their bid.

The process leading to the award of the grant will be administered using the Home Office eSourcing portal. To take part in this grant funding opportunity please see the notice below which provides important instructions for registration on the portal. **Please read all information in this notice carefully.** Please also find attached guidance for using the eSourcing portal. If you have any questions or problems regarding registration please email victimsfund@homeoffice.gov.uk

NOTICE TO SUPPLIERS

In December 2016, the Cabinet Office launched its minimum standards for government grants: These include the requirement that competition should be the default option when considering award of grant funding.

To comply, the Home Office has decided to manage its competitions using its eSourcing portal. The event will be run on the Home Office (HO) Jaggaer eSourcing portal.

In order to bid for funding, bidders will first need to register on the portal via the following link:

<https://homeoffice.app.jaggaer.com/web/login.html>

Bidders should be approved for usage within 24 hours of registering on the system.

After clicking on the eSourcing portal link, it should take you to the home page. On the left-hand side of this page, just below the login boxes, there is an option to register.

To register as a supplier you will need to provide information which will include:

- the full legal name of your organisation
- your DUNS number – a unique nine-digit number provided to organisations free of charge by Dun & Bradstreet
- profile information describing your organisation and the size of your business

Once registered as a supplier on the portal, please e-mail confirmation to: victimsfund@homeoffice.gov.uk. You will then be given access to the event which will include all the documentation you will need in order to bid.

If you have any difficulties registering on the system then you should contact the Supplier eSourcing Helpdesk: customersupport@jaggaer.com

- About the system

The HO Jaggaer eSourcing portal is independent of other eSourcing portals. Therefore if you have registered on the Crown Commercial Service Jaggaer eSourcing portal, you will also need to register on the HO Jaggaer eSourcing portal.

Please note that bids will only be accepted via the HO eSourcing portal. Any bids received outside of this system will not be considered by the Authority.

Once registered as a supplier on the portal please send a notification email to victimsfund@homeoffice.gov.uk to request access to the associated documents for this fund.

Please note that registering for access to the eSourcing tool will not make you a Home Office supplier. To be considered for award of funding you must first respond to an opportunity.

Further information about procurement at the Home Office can be found on the [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) website.

About the buyer

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Other information

How to apply

Once successfully registered on the system you should request documents for the fund, which will include application guidance, by emailing victimsfund@homeoffice.gov.uk. Applications for the fund will be submitted via the eSourcing portal.