

# Contract summary

## Industry

Other Services

## Location of contract

Local authorities with the 20 Violence Reduction Unit Police Force Areas, namely: London, West Midlands, Greater Manchester, West Yorkshire, Merseyside, South Yorkshire, Northumbria, Lancashire, Thames Valley, Avon and Somerset, Essex, Kent, Nottinghamshire, Cleveland, Hampshire, Leicester, Bedfordshire, South Wales, Humberside, and Sussex.

## Value of contract

£2.74m

## Published date

03/05/2022

## Opening date

03/05/2022

## Closing date

13/06/2022

## Contract start date

01/08/2022

## Contract end date

31/03/2025

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## Description

The Home Office is seeking to award grant funding of up to £2.74m over a 3-year period to local authorities (LAs) in the 20 police force areas that account for 80% of serious violence in England and Wales.

The purpose of the Young Women and Girls Fund (YWGF) is to improve services to young women and girls suffering gang related harm or exploitation, with a focus on understanding the specific and gendered risks that this poses. The YWGF will ensure women and girls are able to access the tailored, dedicated support they need.

To do this, the YWGF will fund specialist Young Women's Workers (YWW) who will work directly with young women and girls who are risk of, or experiencing, gang exploitation.

We welcome applications from local authorities who:

- Can demonstrate a strong understanding of the nature and risks of gang related exploitation of women and girls in their area;
- Can demonstrate the ability to mobilise a service quickly;
- Can provide a credible and effective service for vulnerable young women and girls experiencing gang related harm. This should include details on the types of intervention the YWW will deliver, details of appropriate safeguarding measures, and a plan to engage with vulnerable cohorts who may be hard to reach;
- Can demonstrate the ability to build credible and effective links with law enforcement partners, safeguarding agencies, Violence Reduction Units and voluntary and community sector partners in the eligible locations;
- Can offer gender-specific support, recognising the differences between the experiences of girls and boys who are experiencing gang exploitation.

## **Eligibility**

Local authorities within the 20 Violence Reduction Unit areas will be eligible to apply for funding from the YWGF, in line with the Home Office's geographically targeted approach to tackling serious violence.

This includes local authorities within the following police force areas: London, West Midlands, Greater Manchester, West Yorkshire, Merseyside, South Yorkshire, Northumbria, Lancashire, Thames Valley, Avon and Somerset, Essex, Kent, Nottinghamshire, Cleveland, Hampshire, Leicester, Bedfordshire, South Wales, Humberside, and Sussex. Together, these police forces account for approximately 80% of serious violence across England and Wales.

Bidders will be able to apply for one worker per local authority area to work with women and girls who are experiencing gang related harm, receiving up to a

maximum value of £43,000 (the cost of one worker) in years 2 and 3. In year 1 (22/23), bidders will be eligible to receive up to £28,666. This is pro-rata to account for the shorter delivery timescales in year 1.

Bidders are welcome to apply alone as the local authority or in partnership with other local public and/or voluntary sector organisations. While each local authority may only submit one bid, local authorities may wish to cross reference one another's bids where concerns around violence, child criminal exploitation and gang association cross geographical boundaries.

The Home Office will not be accepting bids from a consortium of local authorities.

## **Outcomes**

The desired outcomes of the funding are:

1. To increase the support available for young women and girls affected by gang association and exploitation, including both preventative and victims services. Workers must work collaboratively with existing local serious violence, exploitation and county lines policy and programming where appropriate.
2. To increase professional awareness of gang related harm in young women and girls, including how to spot the signs and provide support.

Successful bidders will be required to:

- Maintain the dedicated role of a Young Women's Worker;
- Work with statutory and non-statutory services to identify women and girls affected by, or at risk of experiencing, gang related harm and exploitation;
- Work directly with gang affected women and girls, providing them with support, guidance, access to services and signposting as needed. This should include through early intervention and prevention activity; and
- Increase professional awareness of gang related harm in young women and girls, including how to spot the signs and provide support.

Local authorities' bids to the YWGF must cover the three-year period of the fund from 1 August 2022 to 31 March 2025. Bidders must be able to demonstrate the ability to spend their entire potential award within the financial year for which it is awarded. Confirmation of funding for Years 2 and 3 (2023/24, 2024/25) will be dependent on budget availability.

Bidders should note that a Home Office condition of any grant funding will be that recipients are not permitted to charge, apply fees to or require payment for any activity provided in connection with this funded programme or otherwise use the grant to undertake or engage in activities that result in commercial gain or profit.

## 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 their Jaggaer eSourcing portal.

### How to register

In order to bid for funding, bidders will first need to register on the Home Office (HO) Jaggaer 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 send a notification email to [ywgf-ho@homeoffice.gov.uk](mailto:ywgf-ho@homeoffice.gov.uk) to request access to the associated documents for the YWGF fund.

If you have any difficulties registering on the system, then you should contact the Supplier eSourcing Helpdesk: [customersupport@jaggaer.com](mailto:customersupport@jaggaer.com)

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.

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.

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## Other information

This competition will be managed electronically via the Home OfficeSourcing Suite.

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## How to apply

Once successfully registered on the system you should email [ywgf-ho@homeoffice.gov.uk](mailto:ywgf-ho@homeoffice.gov.uk). You will then be given access to the event on the eSourcing portal, where you will find all the documentation needed. Applications for the fund will be submitted via the eSourcing portal.