

Draft Report for Community Safety Partnership

MOPAC Bids

1. Introduction

This report sets out the MOPAC bidding process. The report informs the partnership of the list of Individual bids received which have been reviewed by a panel, workshop and the Executive Community Safety Partnership. A proposed timeline for producing one bid is attached to the report for the Partnership's information.

2. Background

In October 2012 the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) informed boroughs that all funding relating to crime reduction would be transferred to MOPAC, creating a single pot. It is unclear when the transfer of all funding will be complete. However MOPAC has informed boroughs that there will be a competitive bidding process for any future funding starting in 2013/14. MOPAC has also stated that, future funding will be allocated for up to a three/four year period. It is hoped that this will provide some consistency and ability to evidence results. MOPAC will be looking for innovative bids for funding from 2013 onwards. MOPAC has also stated that bids for one year will be considered.

Boroughs are expecting to receive written confirmation about when bids should be submitted and template to complete in next few weeks. MOPAC has requested a single bid per borough. The original timeframe for the bid to be completed was Christmas Eve (24th December 2012). At the time of writing this report, it is expected that the timeframe is likely to slip to February 2013.

Information sent out to date suggests that the bid must align with the Mayoral priorities and expectations, demonstrate an integrated approach and evidence outcomes see Appendix 1. Currently Haringey receives £664,023. MOPAC has stated that there will be a total reduction of approx. 20% over three years. The breakdown of the amount received at the moment is:-

- Community Safety fund £207,000
- Drug Intervention Programme £321,000
- Prevention inc Substance misuse (YOS) £91,293
- Communities against guns gangs and knives £44,730

There is currently a ring fenced pot:

- MPS £50,000
- Community Police Consultative Group £35,437.

In order to meet the original timeframe for the bid, all those involved in Community Safety were sent a detailed proforma (produced by the Community Safety team) in early November to complete and send back to Community Safety by end of November (Appendix 1)

3. Individual Bids received

An independent panel made up of representatives from the Police and Fire Service and a Consultant took place at the beginning of December. Eight bids were received totaling £867,700:

1. Prevention and reducing reoffending within YOS £157,500
2. ASB Victim Worker (previously funded by the Home Office) £25,000
3. Gang Exit Project £25,000
4. Community Safety Fund £50,000
5. Drug Intervention Programme/ Integrated Offender Management (incorporating Prolific and Priority Offenders) £415,000
6. DV projects, Rape Crisis; Empower, Young Persons Advocate; IDVA Service; MARAC £121,200
7. Commissioning Manager for DV £56,000
8. Targeted Support for Young Victims of Violent Crime £18,000

4. Outcome of the Panel Meeting.

The bids were produced in a very short period of time and many of the bids have asked for a “gold service” Therefore they did not give an idea of how the service would be delivered with less money. It was also clear that the majority of the bids did not provide evidence of outcomes against demand. The Panel Members therefore requested further information.

5. Workshop Highlights

At a workshop held week commencing 3rd December the initial findings from the Strategic Assessment were presented. The Assessment identified the demand for Community safety projects across the borough. Appendix 2. It was clear that the bids received related to the demands but, that more work was required on the Strategic Assessment as there was emerging evidence that alcohol issues were becoming a priority. Anti- Social Behaviour has been identified as a clear priority and it will be necessary to consider which areas of work already contribute to the reduction of ASB. The synergies between the projects were identified and challenges made in relation to payment by results and the use of the voluntary sector. At the workshop it was stressed that without clear evidence of the outcome of the projects it would be difficult to agree that the request for funding be approved.

It was also clear that gang related issues were of concern and therefore any future bids should show what the borough intends to do over a longer period of time. It was suggested that for future bids an innovative way of reducing gang related crime should be considered. There was a lengthy discussion

about Domestic Violence and the need for a full time Commissioning Manager. At the time of the workshop the bid was for a 0.5 post (£56,000 pro rata).

6. Executive Community Safety Partnership

On 11th December the Executive discussed the bids and agreed to set up a task and finish group to work towards one bid which clearly meets the demands of the borough. As set out in the MOPAC guidance it was suggested that the bid be based around prevention and reoffending. It was also agreed that we should be thinking more ambitiously around priority outcomes and demand especially as there is an opportunity to bid longer term. The bids received to date will help inform the process but the Executive was clear that evidence of outcomes was critical if the bid is to succeed. The proposed new timeline for completion of this work and reporting back to this meeting is attached at Appendix 3.

7. Suggested way forward

The work completed so far means that the Partnership has a good head start with preparing the bid and an opportunity to refine and gather more information so that the Mayoral commissioning principles are met from a Haringey Partnership perspective.

The Executive meeting considered expanding the Gangs Project into a bid which incorporated a gangs team approach examples of this way of working are Westminster and Hackney. It was also felt that this could be linked to the work on the prevention and reducing re-offending within the YOS.

All the evidence to date shows the need for a single point of contact for Domestic Violence which should be a full time post. The Executive agreed to discuss the funding for the Commissioning Manager post outside the MOPAC bidding process. It was also agreed to discuss funding for the Rape Crisis Centre outside the MOPAC process.

Information from MOPAC has made it clear that Integrated Offender Management is critical to reducing reoffending therefore the task and finish group will consider the current structure and if necessary suggest a way forward which will be included in the bid.

Overall the Executive felt that a half day task and finish meeting should be held to include senior managers who hold relevant budgets and to discuss the "Story" for the bid ensuring that the synergies, evidence of outcomes and the boroughs demands are demonstrated in the process.

8. Conclusion

The slippage in the timetable has allowed more time to ensure that the Strategic Assessment findings can clearly demonstrate the demands in the Borough. It was agreed that a meeting of the Partnership take place in January to comment on a draft bid.