



# Home Office



## Positive Futures Grant Specification Form

## **Positive Futures – Positive Futures Provider Opportunity**

The Home Office in partnership with Catch22 is inviting applications for grant funding from local voluntary and community sector organisations and statutory organisations (such as local youth offending services, youth services or children’s services) or from local consortiums of organisations to deliver a Positive Futures project in your local area.

The geographical areas which we are inviting applications for are:

- Birmingham Sparkbrook;
- Birmingham Aston;
- Luton - South Bedfordshire;
- Teesside;
- Tendring; and
- Wandsworth Roehampton

### **Programme Background**

Positive Futures is a prevention and diversionary programme. Funded by the Home Office, the programme targets and supports 10-19 year olds to stop them from becoming drawn into crime, substance misuse and helps them in moving forward with their lives to achieve their full potential. Positive Futures gives young people the chance to develop the skills needed to get on a positive career path and take on roles as active and responsible citizens. The programme is managed on behalf of the Home Office by the young people’s charity Catch22. The programme is delivered through 91 projects in some of the most deprived communities across England and Wales.

### **Programme Focus**

The programme is focused on the following core elements and we would expect all grant applications to address these:

- Using a range of activities to engage vulnerable young people that could include sport, arts or learning/employability activities;
- Placing learning and progression at the heart of activities and ensuring that young people participating in the programme are able to access education, training, employment and volunteering opportunities;

- Addressing local need as identified through the local Community Safety Partnership and other relevant local partners as appropriate;
- Ensuring alignment to some or all of the Home Office 7 strategic priorities depending on local circumstances and priorities;
- Targeted and/or universal prevention and early intervention for young people who are most vulnerable to become involved in crime, substance misuse and serious youth violence;
- Using proven prevention and early intervention approaches and applying these to the local landscape;
- Increasing the evidence base on practice around locally developed approaches;
- Testing out innovative approaches and new ways of working,
- Ensuring that young people themselves are placed at the heart of activities and that there is a strong youth voice and that young people are involved in determining what activities are delivered in the local area; and
- Ensuring appropriate referral pathways are available to the young person such as access to education, training, substance misuse services and family support

The proposal should be aligned to local need but also show impact in relation to the Home Office 7 strategic priorities, which are:

- Reducing crime;
- Reducing drug and alcohol misuse;
- Preventing serious youth violence;
- Increasing the numbers of young people who enter education or training or employment;
- Delivering a positive social impact, including community engagement and cohesion;
- Ensuring 2012 Olympic legacy work drives reductions in crime and drug and alcohol misuse; and
- Ensuring outcomes are sustainable

The actual grant application form is attached at **Annex A**.

## **Value of Grants**

The values of the grant for each of the areas are as follows:

- Birmingham Sparkbrook: £37,500
- Birmingham Aston: £31,875

- Luton - South Bedfordshire: £24,300
- Teesside: £22,312.50
- Tendring: £37,149
- Wandsworth Roehampton: £32,973

### **Duration of grant**

The duration of the grant will be between **1 July 2012 – 31 March 2013**.

Please note that central Home Office funding will cease in March 2013. In 2013/14, Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) will receive funding from the new Community Safety Fund. This fund will be un-ringfenced and PCCs will be able to use it to commission services that help tackle drugs and crime, reduce re-offending and improve community safety in their force area. Decisions on expenditure from this fund will be made by the PCC in line with the commitments set out in their Police and Crime Plan.

Catch22 and the Home Office would want applicants to consider the long term sustainability of the project and set these out as part of the application process. Catch22 will also be supporting all projects with their sustainability plans and the successful organisation or organisations would be involved in this work.

### **Monitoring & Evaluation Arrangements**

**The Home Office wants to ensure that it is receiving value for money in return for the grant.** Grant recipients will be expected to record all monitoring and evaluation on VIEWS\* (Substance Positive Futures monitoring database) in order to evidence the impact. Grant recipients should also ensure all outcomes and impact information and data is shared with their local Community Safety Partnership and any other key local partners.

\*Substance Views is an online platform that helps public sector and community and voluntary sector organisations to demonstrate the value and outcomes of their work.

### **Assessment of Application**

A panel with representatives drawn from the Home Office and Catch22 will assess applications.

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Panel members will score applications on the evidence submitted based on five bands that broadly follow a consistent pattern of:

- Little or no evidence
- Some limited evidence with significant gaps or concerns

- Reasonable evidence
- Clear/good evidence
- Outstanding, innovative, best practice, exemplary.

## **Extremism**

As made clear in the Government's Prevent Strategy, the Home Office will not work with or fund organisations that demonstrate vocal or active opposition to fundamental organisational values, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs. The Home Office also include in their definition of extremism calls for the death of members of our armed forces, whether in this country or overseas.

Organisations will be expected as part of the application process to complete the British values questionnaire at **Annex B**. If you require guidance on the completion of the questionnaire then please contact **Sabera Ahsan on 020 7035 8741 or by email [Sabera.Ahsan@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Sabera.Ahsan@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk)**

## **Timeline**

- Application process opens – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2012
- Deadline for receipt of applications - 5pm on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2012
- Confirmation of funding to successful applicants – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2012

## **Contact Details**

If you have any queries over the application process or form then please contact either **Sabera Ahsan on 020 7035 8741 or Simon Eglington on 020 7035 0578**.

Please submit your completed application form electronically by 5pm on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2012 to: [IOM.Info@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:IOM.Info@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk)