

Annex B

Fund to empower women to tackle abuse: Weighting of Criteria

All entries must demonstrate in the application form how they meet the criteria and outcomes set out below. We have indicated the weighting attached to each criterion in the description below.

Criteria	Weighting (%)
Essential Criteria <i>How the project will empower women</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The project's likely impact in empowering women e.g. improve their confidence, increase their proficiency in English, help them integrate in the wider community.	30%
<i>How the project will engage with women who find it difficult to get their voices heard</i> The project's ability to engage with women who are marginalised, disadvantaged and deprived with little or no educational attainment and restricted opportunities.	30%
<i>Whether the project is community-based</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">How the organisation works with the local community and within local neighbourhoods.	20%
Will capture the learning and will communicate and share it with other VCS groups. <ul style="list-style-type: none">How the organisation will capture the learning from their work in a format that can be shared with other VCS groups.How the project intends to communicate and share learning with other groups	10% 10%

Assessment

All completed entries will be considered by a panel against the stated criteria. The evidence put forward by each entry in response to each criterion will be assessed against a five-point scale:

- 0 - absence of evidence / criterion not met
- 1 - meets some of the requirements of the criterion
- 2 - meets most of the requirements of the criterion
- 3 - meets all of the requirements of the criterion
- 4 - meets all of the requirements of the criterion (*and, with respect to the Impact criterion, demonstrates an innovative approach in doing so*).

Scoring guide

Score	Rating	Description
0	absence of evidence / criterion not met	A proposal at this rating: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Builds very little or no confidence that the bidder can deliver the requirements due to insufficient evidence of relevant ability, understanding, skills, resources and quality measures; • Builds very little or no confidence that the bidder's approach/solution will deliver the requirements due to insufficient evidence or an inappropriate approach/solution.
1	meets some of the requirements of the criterion	A proposal at this rating: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raises reservations that the bidder can deliver the requirements due to insufficient evidence of relevant ability, understanding, skills, resources and quality measures; • Raises reservations that the bidder's approach/solution will deliver the requirements due to insufficient evidence or an inappropriate approach/solution.
2	meets most of the requirements of the criterion	A proposal at this rating: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggests that the bidder can deliver the requirements through evidence of relevant ability, understanding, skills, resources and quality measures; • Provides an acceptable approach/solution to delivering the requirements utilising standard strategies, plans, tools, methods or technologies.
3	meets all of the requirements of the criterion	A proposal at this rating: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Builds confidence that the bidder can deliver the requirements through evidence of relevant ability, understanding, skills, resources and quality measures; • Provides a good approach/solution to delivering the requirements utilising appropriately tailored strategies, plans, tools, methods or technologies.
4	meets all of the requirements of the criterion and has demonstrated an innovative approach in doing so	A proposal at this rating: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Builds a high level of confidence that the bidder can deliver the requirements through evidence of relevant ability, understanding, skills, resources and quality measures; • Provides an exceptional approach/solution to delivering the requirements utilising appropriately tailored and at times innovative strategies, plans, tools, methods or technologies. <p>Note: has demonstrated an innovative approach particularly applicable to impact and financial viability.</p>

The assessment panel will make recommendations to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government as to which proposals to fund. The final decision as to which proposals receive funding will rest with the Secretary of State.

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