

Drive Fund - Clarification Log

Clarification no.	Document / Clause Ref	Question	PPU Response
1	General	Having now checked the documentation could I just respectfully clarify - are you requiring Police and Crime Commissioners to apply for this funding through a full 'Invitation to Tender' process as if they were themselves a contracted supplier of services, or have I applied for access under the wrong section? It's just that the Home Office know all about Police and Crime Commissioners and all about the DRIVE programme, so I think I may be in the wrong section?	Police and Crime Commissioners must apply for the funding.
2	Statement of Outcomes - s 10	Please clarify if the £200k bid limit is inclusive of evaluation activity or if evaluation activity is in additional to operational delivery of up to £200k?	Inclusive of evaluation activity until 31 March 2021
3	Statement of Outcomes - s 6 (Monitoring & Evaluation)	Please confirm whether the match funding element required for at least 6 months delivery in 21-22 also applies to any evaluation activity included in bid, or if the funding in this FY can be utilised to conduct within this grant funded time period?	We can only fund activity until March 2021

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4	Statement of Outcomes - Essential Criteria p7	Please confirm whether or not a specific Evaluation Plan is required as part of bid? Statement of Outcomes Essential Criteria states this but Evaluation Guidance states "text" and allows 300 words.	300 word plan is sufficient for now. Successful bidders will get further instructions once their bid is confirmed.
5	General	I am looking at the perpetrator fund (with partners) can I clarify, in the Drive fund, are you expecting Respect / Safe Lives to deliver in partnership with the local service? Or can we apply for it to be delivered by a local service separately?	For the drive fund, the Drive Core Team (Respect, SafeLives etc.) will be on hand to provide support to PCCs/successful bidders, but they won't be involved with the actual delivery of the Drive projects in the local areas
6	General	I will be submitting bid applications for the Perpetrator Fund and the Drive Fund. However, I am querying that the portal questions are exactly the same? In addition the contract finder advert for the Perpetrator fund is highlighting high risk high harm perpetrators of abuse albeit shouldn't that just refer to the Drive fund finder advert?	Changes were made to the Perpetrator Fund on 3 September 2020 and the closing date extended on both events to 29 September 2020.

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7	Contract Advert	Please clarify if the Research Fund (£0.4m) and associated activity is incorporated into both the Drive and Perpetrator Fund? It has been assumed this is the case as 2 funds have been released and evaluation activity is referenced as part of bids for both funds.	This competition is not yet live. We will make information relating to this funding available as soon as possible.
8	General	Can community safety partnership funding be used as much funding?	Yes, if the match funding meets the requirements for the fund, provided it allows the programme to continue beyond 31 March 2021.
9	Contracts Finders Notice	The notice states a minimum bid of £90,000 and a maximum bid of £200,000. Do these figures include the 6 months match funding? For example; a £90,000 bid consisting of £45,000 bid to the fund and £45,000 match funding. Or would the minimum bid be for £180,000, consisting of a £90,000 bid and £90,000 match funding? I'm aware you've updated that the match funding doesn't have to necessarily be financial, but as we are working with external providers, the majority of any match funding is likely to be financial.	No, the minimum bid requested would not include the match funding

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10	Changes	Can you confirm that regardless of the submission deadline extension, the project start date is expected to be 1st October 2020? If so, practically, how do you see this working for bidders? Is there an expectation that bidders take a risk and start delivery, prior to confirmation of grant award?	This fund will provide a minimum of five months of funding up to 31 March 2021 and bidders must provide details of match funding to enable the Drive project to be sustained beyond this date. The Drive Core Team (Respect, SafeLives etc.) will be on hand to provide support to PCCs/successful bidders; PCCs should also be able to demonstrate that they have discussed with and gained the early agreement of the Drive Core Team, committing to partnership working as part of their submission.
11	Changes	Can you confirm that match funding is required for a period of six months post grant award end? From 01st April 2021 - 30th September 2021? Does this funding need to match like-for-like what is included in the budget toolkits? Or can the delivery between April - September 2021 be scaled back?	Any investment needs to be available to continue the programme so that it runs for twelve months in total. Any match funding needs to be consistent throughout the life of the project to ensure there is a strong basis for the evaluation.
12	Clarification Questions - deadline	In line with the welcomed extension to bid submission deadline, can you please extend the deadline for clarification questions too?	Yes – the final date for submitting clarification questions will now be 15 September 2020 at 4pm.