

Annex B

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

The Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities has determined under Section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003 that a grant of £125 million should be paid to local authorities detailed at Annex A (Grant Determination Reference: 31/6070).

The Treasury has consented to payment of this grant.

Definitions

2. In this memorandum of understanding ('MoU'):

'DLUHC' means the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities.

'Act' means the Domestic Abuse Act 2021.

'Tier 1 Local Authorities' means county and unitary councils (other than London Boroughs), the Greater London Authority and the Council of the Isles of Scilly.

'Tier 2 Local Authorities' means district, borough and city councils and London Boroughs.

'LPB' means the Domestic Abuse Local Partnership Board described in Part 4 of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021.

3. The 'statutory duty' is: the new statutory duties on Tier 1 Local Authorities relating to the provision of support for victims of domestic abuse and their children within safe accommodation as set out in Part 4 of the Domestic Abuse Act.

4. 'Eligible expenditure' means the payment of £125 million.

5. 'Funding Period' means the period commencing on 01 April 2022 and ending on 31 March 2023.

6. 'Grant Recipient' means Local Authorities.

Purpose of the Memorandum of Understanding

The purpose of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to formalise the working relationship and expectations relating to the payment of £125 million from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) to local authorities detailed at Annex A for the purposes of exercising their functions under Part 4 of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 ('the Act') relating to the provision of support to victims of domestic abuse and their children residing within safe accommodation.

This MoU has been drafted to set out the principles and practices that will apply to the working relationship between DLUHC and local authorities detailed at Annex A with regard to delivering the new functions under Part 4 of the of the Act (as described above).

While this document is not a legal or binding agreement, all parties enter into the MOU committed to honouring all their obligations within it.

About the Grant

7. The Secretary of State has determined that to ensure that local authorities are able to deliver the duties under Part 4 of the Act the grant funding for 2022/23 is to be paid on 08 April based on the understanding that:

- a) The grant only covers revenue expenditure relating to the functions set out in Part 4 of the Act on Tier 1 Local Authorities relating to the provision of accommodation-based support to victims of domestic abuse and their children and on Tier 2 Local Authorities to co-operate with Tier 1 Local Authorities as far as reasonably practicable.
- b) The grant is distributed to Local Authorities for the period from 01 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 for the purpose of fulfilling the functions of the duties in line with the Act.

(c) Where it has been agreed to delegate commissioning decisions to Tier 2 Local Authorities, Tier 1 Local Authorities should ensure adequate funding is passed to Tier 2 Local Authorities.

Amount of Grant until the end of March 2023

8. The maximum amount of grant payable for the funding period between 01 April 2022 and 31 March 2023 will be £125 million.

Eligibility criteria

9. Payment of grant cannot be offered unless the Grant Recipient is a local authority in England.

SIGNED for on behalf of

The Secretary of State for the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government

Name Cathy Page

Position Deputy Director



Signature

Date 04/04/2022

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Local Authority:

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