

Isle of Wight - Violence Reduction Unit Grant Application Guidelines 2021

Introduction

Grant Funds are being made available for initiatives that reduce Serious Violence on the Isle of Wight. The funding is ring-fenced to spend on initiatives delivered before 31st March 2022, and the Isle of Wight Council is seeking applications from organisations that can deliver within this timescale.

Successful applicants will become a part of the Early Help network of providers that will be endorsed and supported by the Isle of Wight Council. As a part of the Early Help network you understand that early help is everyone's responsibility. Our vision is that Early Help is everyone's responsibility and by implementing effective Early Help provision we can help to create competent and empowered communities. You will attend Early Help provider forums and be a part of the system of Early Help on the Isle of Wight.

Background

Knife crime has increased significantly in England in recent times. In response to the increase, the Home Office has funded Violence Reduction Units (VRU) in 18 Police Force areas, one of which is the 'Pan Hampshire' area, including Portsmouth, Southampton and the Isle of Wight. As a result, the Hampshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner has agreed funding for these four local VRUs embedded within local authorities

The focus is on reducing harm from serious violence in young people under 25.

Therefore, priority will be given to those organisations already working with young people.

A Multi-Agency Public Health approach to preventing and tackling serious violence is required to identify and tackle key local issues that contribute to young people being involved in serious violence. This approach will:

- place an emphasis on early intervention
- aim to tackle root causes of violence, such as Adverse Childhood Experiences
- prevent young people getting involved in crime in the first instance

The key purposes of the funding provided to local authorities are to:

- establish a VRU
- offer leadership
- work with all relevant agencies operating locally
- provide strategic coordination of the local response to serious violence

Governance for the VRU sits under the Community Safety Partnership and involves key local partnerships working together in an effective multi-agency approach.

The Isle of Wight VRU will adopt the World Health Organisation principles, outlined in the Home Office VRU Funding Application, namely:

- Focused on a defined population;
- With and for communities;
- Not constrained by organisational or professional boundaries;
- Focussed on generating long term as well as short term solutions;

- Based on data and intelligence to identify the burden on the population, including any inequalities;
- Rooted in evidence of effectiveness to tackle the problem.

1 - Serious Violence is defined as: Knife/bladed weapon enabled serious violence including robbery and rape) and Most Serious Violence (e.g. Murder, attempted Murder, Manslaughter, wounding with intent).

The application process

This guide has been designed to help you when applying to the VRU for funding. It will help you decide if your group and project are eligible for funding and there are also notes to help you complete the application form.

The application process:

- Complete and submit your application via email to [IW Forms \(iow.gov.uk\)](mailto:IW Forms (iow.gov.uk))
- We assess your application
- We tell you our decision
- Successful applicants return their signed grant agreement
- Start your project

Closing dates for applications and timeline

Closing date: 9th July 2021

Priorities for Funding

The intention of the funding is to build the capacity and maximise the potential of organisations to help ensure the delivery of a public health approach to reducing Serious Violence in on the Isle of Wight

The VRU is seeking funding applications that can address one or more of the following priority themes aimed at under 25s:

- Domestic violence and abuse and healthy relationships
- A detached or outreach youth provision
- Improve the emotional health, wellbeing and resilience of young people, with a focus on young males
- Raising aspirations in young people

Monitoring information will be required to meet the overall VRU monitoring arrangements, including spend data and timely progress reports on delivery.

Due to the time constraints and the ability to deliver initiatives, capacity to start or enhance relevant delivery is highly desirable.

Who can apply?

- Statutory organisations
- Voluntary, community and third sector organisations

What can be funded?

- Local initiatives aimed at preventing serious violence
- Resource costs where it is clear they will contribute to reducing serious violence
- Enhancement of existing initiatives where it will contribute to reducing serious violence
- Projects that take a public health approach to tackling serious violence

What cannot be funded?

- Any costs beyond 31st March 2022
- Projects that are already funded in whole or part, (i.e. no 'double-funding'), unless there is a proven case to enhance to deliver the VRU aims
- Political activities (including lobbying) or religious activities
- Ongoing projects that you cannot maintain beyond the grant (e.g. because of high ongoing costs or the need for specialist skills)
- Large capital costs

Evaluation

Due to the short-term funding, new activities could be considered as pilots, and those that are shown to be effective through evaluation or show longer-term solutions to reducing serious violence.

Proposals may find it useful to include evidence of how they will monitor, evaluate and report on the effectiveness of any initiatives approved for grant funding.

Organisations who receive funding may find it useful to identify any learning points through the initiatives, and discuss at the end of them:

- What went well
- What didn't go so well
- What they would do differently next time

These learning points can be fed back into the VRU and will help develop serious violence reduction activities for the future.

Standard Grants Criteria

The Isle of Wight Council is keen to support organisations who can assist in reducing serious violence by awarding grants to those that meet the following criteria.

Applications will normally only be considered from organisations that:

- Are properly constituted and can demonstrate that their practices and structures are representative of all relevant interests and are clearly accountable to users, beneficiaries and members.
- Can demonstrate the proper conduct of their officers both general and financial and that they keep proper books of accounts together with full written records indicating how any grant monies are used.
- Adhere to all equalities legislation and work in line with Isle of Wight Council's Equality Policy.

- Are not wholly reliant on Isle of Wight Council grants and can demonstrate that they receive or are seeking funding from other sources.
- Demonstrate innovative approaches to meeting the needs of Isle of Wight residents
- Are of direct benefit to the residents of the Isle of Wight. Groups whose activities extend beyond the boundaries of the Island or who provide services to people who are not resident on the Isle of Wight will be expected to seek contributions from funding sources in those areas that benefit from their work.
- Complement and support and do not duplicate Isle of Wight Council services, strategies and plans including commissioning strategies.

Applications will not normally be considered:-

- Towards religious or political activities, i.e. activities where the key purpose is to promote a religious or political doctrine, mission or another form of proselytising.
- For work or events that have already taken place or for equipment that has already been purchased or building works which have been completed.
- For core funding from groups and organisations whose activities fall within the responsibility of another public body e.g. Health. However, contributions to jointly funded projects may be considered.
- For core funding from groups and organisations whose activities fall within the responsibility of schools to fund. However, contributions to jointly funded projects may be considered.
- To subsidise contracts (whether with the council or anyone else).
- For large capital projects

Training for providers

Training will be a requirement for all provision leads to undertake. Training will be identified by the IOW council and will form part of your grant agreement. Current Training includes.

- Introduction to Safeguarding Children
- Mental Health Awareness
- Safeguarding Children with Disabilities
- Self-harm (Children)
- Early Help Assessments and Information Sharing
- Safeguarding Adults
- Domestic abuse awareness (Dragon fly)

Key Areas of the application

Page 4; How **much money are you applying for and what will you intend to spend it on?** Please provide a breakdown of your costs and provide copies of your estimates and/or quotes. Costs must be in pounds and pence. You may feel it necessary to upload supporting documents. You can add these using the 'upload documents' option found at the end of your online application. When completing your application form please note that funding cannot be awarded for the following:

- **individuals**
- **trips**
- **holidays and expeditions**

Page 5; When is this project going to start?

Please remember the project must begin before 1st October 2021.

Page 5; Which of the 4 priorities will your project support?

The application shows you a list of priorities from which your provision will be scored against. The priorities are criteria that the panel will evaluate against your provision. The outcome of the scoring will help inform panel decision and therefore is imperative for you (applicant) to consider addressing these criteria as a priority within your application.

Page 5; Funding applied for

You need to let us know if you have already applied or received any funding for the provision.

Page 6; Application Checklist – Supporting documents upload.

You can choose to add any additional documents you may feel support your application.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: If you are successful and a grant is provided to your organisation the following policies will need to be in place prior to your service/activity starting;

- Safeguarding policy - The Lead Provider is required to have Level 3 Safeguarding training (This can be provided by the IOW Council)
- DBS details (disclosure and barring service)- This should be a Clear Enhanced DBS for ALL staff and volunteers.
- Public Liability Insurance- Which Currently stands at 10 Million Pounds.
- Employers Liability Insurance- Which is Currently 5 Million Pounds.

If you already have any or all of the above policies in place, you can upload these documents to support your application. We understand that new provision will not have these policies in place at point of application, but it is mandatory that they are in place prior to activity/service starting.