

# Voluntary Throughcare and Mentoring

## Cascade Communication

January – March 2024

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### POINTS OF INTEREST

#### [Cabinet Secretary decision](#)

On 2<sup>nd</sup> February the Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs indicated her preference for Option 3 from the [options appraisal paper](#) - a single, national throughcare and resettlement service provided through a partnership model - to be commissioned.

#### [Voluntary Throughcare Grant Fund](#)

Community Justice Scotland are conducting the grant process and assessment on behalf of the Scottish Government. This [page](#) contains all the relevant documents for the grant process and will be updated periodically with new information as it becomes available.

### GOVERNANCE AND STAFF TEAM

The Voluntary throughcare and Mentoring Project Management Committee (PMC) and the Project Steering Committee (PSC) continue to meet to discuss the project. The last meeting of the PMC was held 22<sup>nd</sup> February and the last PSC meeting was held on 13<sup>th</sup> March.

The Project Risk and Scenario Planning Group (PRSPG) continue to meet regularly to discuss project risk and mitigation strategies.

The commissioning team are [Claire Penny](#), Head of Commissioning, [Hannah Dickson](#), Project lead, [Sarah Robson](#), Administrator. Chris McCully, CJS Policy development lead remains seconded to the project part-time.

### THROUGHCHARE DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT

Community Justice Scotland submitted the Options Appraisal and recommendation to Scottish Government on 22 September for onward consideration by the Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs for final decision. After consideration, she indicated her preference for a single, national throughcare and resettlement service provided through a partnership model to be commissioned. You can read the full announcement from 2<sup>nd</sup> February [here](#). The future service will commence from 2025/26 and the commissioning process is being led by CJS. The amount of grant funding available will be £5.3M, (£1.5M uplift on previous years') subject to Parliamentary approval of future budgets.

### GRANT PROCESS

#### Grant Description

The purpose of this grant fund is to establish a national partnership of voluntary sector organisations to provide throughcare support to people leaving prison in Scotland after a prison sentence of less than four years or those leaving prison after a period of time spent on remand.



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The partnership will offer needs led and person centred support to people leaving prison, and will provide an initial offer of resettlement support upon release from prison with the option of providing more intensive support to those who need it for up to 12 months.

The support the partnership provides should be available across all of Scotland.

### Key Grant Information

- The total annual value of the grant will be £5,300,000
- The grant will fund a single national partnership
- Grant open only to voluntary sector organisations
- The new national service will launch 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025
- The Scottish Government has now indicated that it is **unlikely that funding for start-up and transition in the 2024/25 financial year will be available**. It is **important** that there is a **smooth transition** of support for people **accessing** throughcare mentoring support. Consideration is being given to how this will be achieved, and this will need to be discussed with the successful grant applicant and existing providers. It is, however, **unlikely that start-up funding will be available in 2024/25** and, therefore, the successful partnership may only be in a position **to begin establishing** the new service **from 1 April 2025**.

### Essential Eligibility Criteria

- Open only to voluntary sector organisations.
- Will fund a single partnership - no single applicants.
- Lead Partner required for each application.
- Lead Partners must be registered Scottish charity and have a legal personality.
- Minimum number of 5 organisations (no maximum)
- Supporting Partners can be registered elsewhere and have no legal personality.
- Supporting Partners must confirm involvement and be involved in bid development.
- Formal/legal partnership agreement does not need to be formalised prior to submission of application.

### Key Dates

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – Grant launched and criteria published

12:00pm Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – Applications open

3pm Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2024 – Applications close

Summer 2024 – Applications assessed

October 2024 – Successful applicants notified



To help facilitate partnership formation the commissioning team have been compiling a list of third sector organisations who have an interest in developing or contributing to a proposal. If it would be beneficial to have sight of the list to help develop partnerships please [email](#) the team and we will provide the password to open the document.



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### VOLUNTARY THROUGHCARE GRANT FUND LAUNCH

The commissioning team at Community Justice Scotland hosted a number of launch events throughout March to provide further detail on the grant specification and process in advance of the application stage, answer any questions and allow networking and facilitation of partnership formation between third sector organisations who have an interest in applying for the funding.

These sessions were made up of one in person event followed by two online sessions on MS Teams. 113 people from 56 third sector organisations came to the launch events.

The first launch event was held in person on Tuesday 19th March at Cornerstone, St John's Church Edinburgh.

The second event was held on MS Teams on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March.

The third event was held on MS Teams on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March.

The team will also be hosting a session with local community justice partners in April to update them on the work of the project.



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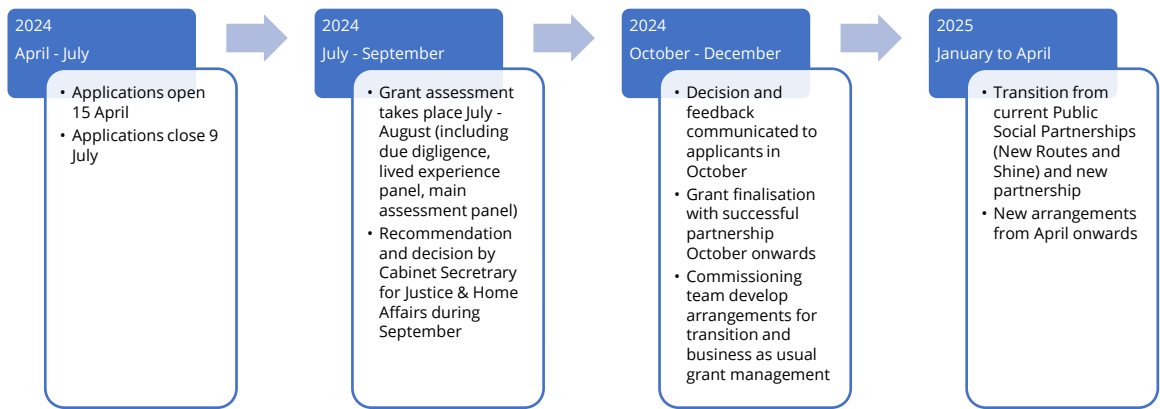
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### PLANNING AHEAD

Following the extension to the project granted last year the project re-planning has finished. The broad phases of project work is as follows:



If you have any questions or would like to arrange a chat with the team please [email](#) us.

The next cascade brief will be published following the end of quarter 1 and will cover the period April to June 2024. You are welcome to share all of these quarterly updates with your networks.

