

Voluntary Throughcare and Mentoring

Cascade Communication

April - June 2024



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POINTS OF INTEREST

Voluntary Throughcare Grant Fund

Applications for the grant fund went live on 15th April 2024 and will close on 9th July 2024. So far 3 organisations have indicated their interest in applying as lead partner. They are:

- The Wise Group
- Sacro
- Change, Grow, Live

The project team have been responding to queries in relation to the grant and 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 on 25th April and the last PSC meeting was held on 6th June.

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. Laura Wylie, CJS, Restorative Justice Project Lead has been seconded to the project part-time to provide project management support. She is also leading on a stocktake of learning from the initial phases of the project as well as the membership and parameters of the governance groups in line with good governance practice.

The commissioning team have successfully recruited for a Grant officer role – the successful candidate is due to start w/c 15th July.



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GRANT ASSESSMENT PROCESS PREPARATION

Grant assessment work got underway in earnest in Quarter 1. This quarter the project team identified an organisation to facilitate the lived experience assessment panel and parameters of work have been confirmed. Members for the learned experience assessment panel were also identified.

The grant assessment process will commence following the closure of the application period on 9th July. The learned experience assessment panel is due to meet in person on 22nd August 2024 to discuss scoring and come to a decision on which partnership to recommend to the Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs for funding.

GRANT ASSESSMENT PROCESS

The grant assessment will be led by Community Justice Scotland. All grant applications will be assessed against the fund criteria using a consistent process. Initial eligibility and due diligence checks will be carried out by CJS.

Following due diligence checks, the first review of applications will be undertaken by a facilitated lived experience panel.

The learned experience assessment panel members will receive all applications along with lived experience panel members views 2 weeks prior to the assessment panel in-person day (22nd August 2024) to allow them the opportunity to review, assess and score each application accordingly.

The main assessment panel will have representatives from Community Justice Scotland, Scottish Government, Scottish Prison Service, Social Work Scotland, Community Justice Partnerships and a Lived Experience panel representative.



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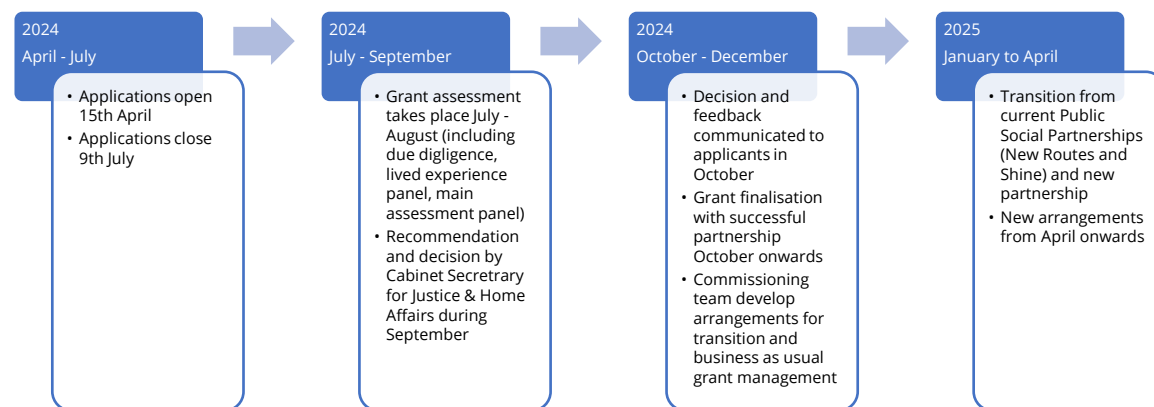


Recommendations for funding will be submitted to the Cabinet Secretary for Justice, Scottish Government and Ministers in September 2024 for final decision.

The team have been working to develop the grant assessment documentation during this quarter to include:

- A short briefing on the assessment process
- The grant assessment scoring framework
- A guidance document for assessment panel members (which will include guidance on equalities, unconscious bias etc.)
- Eligibility and due diligence check list

PLANNING AHEAD



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 2 and will cover the period July to September 2024. You are welcome to share all of these quarterly updates with your networks.

