



Application for Funding from Hampshire Action Teams

Organisation Details

Name of Organisation	Phoenix Futures
Type of Organisation (Please tick or double click to check the appropriate box)	Community/Voluntary Group <input type="checkbox"/> Company limited by guarantee <input type="checkbox"/> District/Borough Council <input type="checkbox"/> Parish/Town Council <input type="checkbox"/> Registered Charity <input type="checkbox"/> School/College <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below): <input type="checkbox"/>
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Funding Details

Which HAT are you requesting funding from	East Hampshire
Amount of Funding Requested (Please state if all or part of the funding will be spent on staffing costs)	<p>£23,934 which will fund a staff member for 35 hours a week for the duration of the project.</p> <p>Salary; £2253 a month Expenses £ 300 a month Laptop £50 per month Recruitment £ 286 a month- this spreads cost of advertisement over the 7 months Training/education/meetings- £104 per month Insurance and medical £84 per month Postage £ 6 per month Stationary £15 per month Catering £10 per month Finance and IT service £299 per month which is in affect cost of management overheads.</p> <p>No charge for rent of premises and management allocation in management overheads</p> <p>This gives a total outgoing of £3420 against £3429 income.</p>
Joint Funding (Please list any other funding secured for the project from other orgs.)	N/A

Details of the Bid / Project

Title of Bid/ Project	Alcohol and Domestic Abuse
Summary of Bid/ Project	<p>Apart from the self help group 'Alcoholics Anonymous' there is currently only one agency offering help to those who want to address their alcohol use in East Hampshire; Phoenix Futures, and this service is limited as it is only open one day a week in Borden. To access any further help, or for help on other days, people from East Hants have to go to Havant and this can be prohibitive both in terms of travel arrangements-especially from the more rural areas-and expense.</p> <p>There are 2 main areas of focus for work with alcohol and domestic abuse that is not currently delivered by any services;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) <u>Supporting women who are mis-using alcohol in response to Domestic Abuse</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Women's Aid research suggests that women experiencing domestic abuse are up to 15 times more likely to mis-use alcohol than women generally. -Women use alcohol to help them cope with the violence they are experiencing and to 'blot out' the pain -Some women are introduced to alcohol by their violent partners in order to increase their control over them -When a woman has been drinking she is less likely to be able to protect herself- and any children she has -Women who mis-use alcohol are often not able to access refuge spaces as they are deemed as being a risk to other women/children there. Often when the violence is removed however drinking patterns decrease or even stop. Women's refuges are loath to take this risk though so women who are mis-using alcohol frequently don't get the help and support they need. <p>A specialist alcohol worker could work with the local women's refuge to offer help and support in reducing harmful and hazardous drinking. This would give the refuge more facility to take women with alcohol issues. As well as this the worker could be attached to the Refuge Outreach Service to offer specialist alcohol support for those still living in the community experiencing violence. This worker could also attend support local domestic abuse support groups to offer advice/support on a regular basis.</p> <p>A worker looking at problematic alcohol use with a woman may help to improve the safety of victims of domestic abuse (including children) and could ultimately prevent</p>

serious injury or death.

2) Working with perpetrators of Domestic Abuse who are identified as being Alcohol Dependent

-Home Office research on domestic abuse offenders showed that 73% had used alcohol prior to the offence with 48% being seen as alcohol dependent.

-British crime surveys revealed that 40% of domestic abuse offenders were under the influence of alcohol when they committed acts of physical violence

- A number of studies found that a perpetrators use of alcohol, particularly heavy drinking, was likely to result in more serious injury to their partners that if they had been sober

It is thought that problematic alcohol use can make the incidence of domestic abuse worse but does not, in itself, lead to violence. Many men are abusive whether or not they have been drinking and many people drink without being violent.

A specialist worker could look at alcohol use with a perpetrator of domestic abuse working with individuals, or groups, to challenge their behaviour and/or excuses ie 'it's the drink that made me do it'.

The worker could also work with substance misuse services to provide training and support around DV aspect to increase skill base of workers and accessibility of services so they are able to respond to issues of alcohol and domestic abuse.

Karen Dawes, Community Safety Manager, East Hampshire District Council is supportive and says "As chair of the Domestic Abuse Forum and Community Safety Manager, I fully support this bid. Tackling alcohol and domestic abuse are priorities in our action plan because we know how much it affects people's lives and we want to help. The two main areas of work which this funding will support are very much needed in East Hampshire (Supporting women who are mis-using alcohol in response to domestic abuse and working with perpetrators of domestic abuse who are identified as being alcohol dependent). We are grateful for this opportunity to be able to improve services for these very vulnerable people in our area."

<p>How does the Bid meet the HATs Term of Reference?</p> <p>1) To tackle economic, social and health inequalities in the local area</p> <p>2) To support the delivery of Hampshire's improvement priorities within the Hampshire Local Area Agreement*</p> <p>3) To support local highways and transport priorities**</p>	<p>1. -By providing links into substance misuse services this will provide the support to enable victims and perpetrators to tackle the substance which decreases the incidences of domestic violence. The impact on this will be by reducing such demand on services such as hospital admissions and police resources</p> <p>-Working with substance also will enable access to alternative accommodation and removal of victim of DV from the home. This is itself removes the opportunity for the violence and therefore contributes to the reduction in demand on services as mentioned in 1. As well as this it contributes to the safeguarding of adults and children.</p> <p>-Addressing the substance misuse itself will improve the social and health factors in the individual's life and also any children of the individual. Working in line with the recovery agenda this will engagement in such services will enable individuals to improve the quality of their lives i.e reduce reoffending, gain employment</p> <p>2. Contribution to LAA target NI 32 through providing a provision that manages a gap in current service provision which aids links between victims and perpetrators of DV, substance misuse services and housing services. The following can be ways in which this can be achieved;</p> <p>Attendance at MARACs to facilitate joint working so that those individuals seriously injured are identified and measures put in place to reduce this risk and can be supported into relevant housing and/or substance misuse services.</p> <p>Work alongside the existing two support groups in East Hampshire District, one in Alton and one in Petersfield to identify those in need of support or refer into the group new members</p> <p>Working with Housing Services to work with victims of domestic abuse regarding housing support by providing n roads into substance misuse services.</p> <p>3) Not applicable</p>
<p>Timescale (What is the anticipated period over which the money will be spent?)</p>	<p>Commencement Date; 01/12/10</p> <p>Completion Date; 30/06/11</p> <p>7 month project – can be started later.</p>
<p>Intended Outcomes (How will the success of the bid/project be measured?)</p>	<p>-Increase number of individuals who are victims and perpetrators of domestic violence engaging with substance misuse services</p> <p>- Increase accessibility of and/or sustainment of accommodation for victims of Domestic violence with substance misuse issues.</p> <p>- Increase knowledge of DV within substance misuse</p>

	<p>services to create clear pathways for both accommodation services to refer into to address substance misuse issues.</p> <p>-Reduce safeguarding issues such as risk of injuries through facilitation of joint working of both housing and substance misuse services</p>
<p>Future Funding Arrangements (If the project is to last more than a year how will it be funded in subsequent years? How will any outcomes achieved by the project be sustained in the longer term? If it is a capital scheme how will the equipment be maintained?)</p>	<p>Any money given for this/these projects would, I know, be short term. The project/s could however be used as 'pilots' and as such provide valuable research for future funding options.</p> <p>I would therefore very much like to make an application for this grant funding which I do believe could be used to provide effective preventative services for all those, including children, who are currently experiencing domestic abuse in the East Hants area. The purpose of the services is to integrate services so that clear pathways are established that can be sustained after the funding finishes.</p>

* Further information on the LAA can be found at the following website - <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/localareaagreement.htm>

** Any approved bids for highways/transport projects will require liaison with the Executive Member for Environment.

Declaration

I declare that the information supplied in this application is true and that any funding received from Hampshire County Council will be used for the purposes described in this form. The Council reserves the right to reclaim any funding not used for the purposes stated on this form.

I agree to provide a report detailing the outcomes of this bid/project (a form will be sent out for completion at the relevant time).

Signed **te 01/11/10**

Position in organisation

Please return your completed form to: The HAT Team, Room 105, Elizabeth II Court, Winchester, S023 8UJ, or email: members.services@hants.gov.uk