

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND ATTORNEY-GENERAL BRIEF FOR DECISION

Date 18 March 2013
To Attorney-General and Minister for Justice
From Justice Services
Subject Approval of funding for six organisations under the Victims of Crime Services Program 2013-16
Requested by Internally generated
Decision required by 15 April 2013 - to provide reasonable notice of continued funding and time to negotiate service agreements to start on 1 July 2013

RECOMMENDATIONS

That you:

1. **approve** the following organisations and funding levels (exclusive of GST) to deliver services under the Victims of Crime Services Funding Program for three years 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 as described at **Attachment 1**:
 - S73 RTI [REDACTED]
 - [REDACTED]
 - \$350,728 per annum for Queensland Homicide Victim's Support Group - Family Support After Murder Inc;
 - [REDACTED]
 - [REDACTED]
 - [REDACTED]
2. **sign** the letters of advice for the approved funding at **Attachments 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7**;
3. **note** the levels of funding may increase as result of indexation approved by Treasury as outlined in **Points 2 and 12**;
4. **note** the review of the funding for the period 2011-13 at **Attachment 8** which outlines key outputs and outcomes from the current agreements expiring on 30 June 2013.

BACKGROUND SUMMARY

1. Since July 2010, DJAG has funded non-government organisations to deliver services which support the recovery of victims of violent crime under the Victims of Crime Service Funding Program (Program) with the administration of the Program undertaken through Department of Communities prior to this date.

2. [REDACTED]

ISSUES

Current Service Agreements

3. The current two-year service agreements under the Program commenced on 1 July 2011 and are due to expire on 30 June 2013. The agreements outline the terms and conditions of funding and specification of service delivery including outputs and reporting measures.
4. Previous service agreements have been for one, two or three year periods.
5. A review of the service delivery for the [REDACTED] organisations from 1 July 2011 up to December 2012 has been undertaken with the service providers. The review considered the meeting

of delivery targets, client numbers, geographic coverage for the services, high demand areas and other outcomes and achievements. The key points are listed at **Attachment 8**.

6. The review and past performance reports demonstrate that the organisations are meeting the requirements for funding, including the targets for output delivery and reporting as outlined in **Attachment 8**.

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Recommendation for renewal of funding and negotiating new service agreements

8. Renewal of recurrent funding for the currently funded organisations is recommended for a further three-year period from 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2016, namely, Queensland Homicide Victim's Support Group - Family Support After Murder Inc,

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11. The organisations which have submitted for the continuation of the funding to deliver the services as described at **Attachment 1** are recommended for renewal of funding to meet the continuing level of demand for services by large numbers and types of victims of violent crime across Queensland.

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13. The proposed time period of three years for funding under the subject Program is highly recommended to be in line with funding approved for the Extended Program up to June 2016. The above organisations funded under the Extended Program need the services and funding provided under the Program's funding as the base for their new and extended services.

14. Once approved, Service Agreements outlining terms, conditions and specifications for funding will be negotiated with the successful organisations. The specifications will be based on the particulars detailed at **Attachment 1** and will include targets for outputs and clients and reporting requirements.

15. Indexation of the funding levels may be applied during the recommended funding period subject to approval by Queensland Treasury.

16. The decision for the funding by mid-April 2013 is also highly recommended to:
 - allow time for negotiating service agreements for a start date of 1 July 2013,

- provide greater certainty and continuity of funding, negating any need to issue termination notices to staff; and
- avoid gaps in services for victims of crime through delays in negotiating agreements.

EMPLOYMENT IMPACT

17. Each organisation employs staff to deliver victims of crime services, including staff providing personal support, counselling, training and volunteer development.

CONSULTATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS

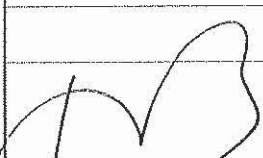
18. ^{S73 RTI} [Redacted]

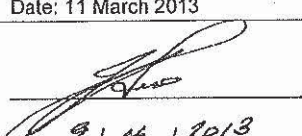
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

19. The funding of is available for allocation from the budget for Victim Assist Queensland.

POTENTIAL MEDIA

20. The funding is an ongoing commitment so may not warrant any media announcements.

NOTED or <u>APPROVED</u> / NOT APPROVED Attorney-General and Minister for Justice Comments		
 Jarrod Bleijie MP Attorney-General and Minister for Justice 13 March 2013	Chief of Staff and Principal Adviser / /	Policy Adviser / /

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- Election Commitment
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01 MAY 2013

Ms Debbie Lawler and Mr Ross Thompson
President and General Manager
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Family Support After Murder Inc.
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Debbie and Ross
Dear Ms Lawler and Mr Thompson

I am pleased to advise that I have recently approved annual funding of \$350,728 to deliver the Queensland Homicide Victims Support Group under the Victims of Crime Services Funding Program from 1 July 2013 through to 30 June 2016.

I have approved funding to help your organisation provide practical and emotional support in the aftermath of homicide, such as information, advice, peer support, crisis and specialised grief/ trauma support, referral to counselling and other specialist services, support and training of volunteers, and specialist and community education for the support and recovery of victims of homicide.

The payment of this funding is subject to your organisation entering into a Service Agreement with the Department of Justice and Attorney-General. This Service Agreement and associated documentation will outline the terms and conditions of the funding and will be forwarded to you in due course.

I look forward to seeing your staff and the team of trained and supported volunteers being able to extend their support for victims of homicide across Queensland so that they can get the support they need to help with their recovery.

If you have any queries, please contact Ms Jenny Edwards, Senior Program Officer, Victim Assist Queensland, on 3006 0229 or at jenny.edwards@justice.qld.gov.au.

I thank you for your interest in the program and for your continued support for victims of crime in Queensland.

Yours sincerely


JARROD BLEIJIE MP
Attorney-General and Minister for Justice

Department of Justice and Attorney-General
 VAQ Grants
 as at April 2013

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Victims of Crime Grant Indexation	ATM Year	ATM #	2012-13	2013-14
Current Approved Funding				
Approved Funding			1,829,000	1,885,000
Out-years Growth				
WoG advises indexation for Non Government Organisations (NGO)			%	3.06%
Revised Grant Expense for Indexation			1,829,000	1,885,000
Movement in Grant Funding				56,000
Variance to Approved Funding				-

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Victims of Crime Grant Indexation	ATM Year	ATM #	2012-13	2013-14
Current Approved Funding				
Grants - Communities Original Transfer		ATM # 27226	1,638,000	1,638,000
Indexation - approved in 2010-11		ATM # 30978	191,000	258,000
Indexation - approved in 2012-13 (Incorrectly allocated on only 75% of Grant)	2012-13	ATM # 45361		(25,000)
Approved Funding			1,829,000	1,871,000
Out-years Growth				
WoG advices indexation for Non Government Organisations (NGO)			%	3.06%
Revised Grant Expense for Indexation			1,829,000	1,885,000
Movement in Grant Funding				56,000
Variance to Approved Funding				14,000

Hi - the recommendation is only for 2013-14; however, I understand that most other agencies have factored it in to the out years as well.

as at April 2013

From: "Stuart Greaves" <Stuart.Greaves@justice.qld.gov.au>
To: <Holly.Portley@treasury.qld.gov.au>
Date: 18/04/2013 04:32 PM
Subject: RE: NGO indexation

Thanks Holly

Much appreciated.

Can you please advise if there is a % to use for the out-years (2014-15 to 2016-017)? Or should the department only put in an increase for 2013-14?

Thanks

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From: Holly.Portley@treasury.qld.gov.au [mailto:Holly.Portley@treasury.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Thursday, 18 April 2013 4:31 PM
To: Stuart Greaves
Subject: NGO indexation

Hi Stuart

Following our discussion last week, I've confirmed that the recommended rate for NGO indexation in 2013-14 is 3.06%. The letter to agencies is pending approval by the Treasurer; however, there should be no issues with you entering an ATM for this amount.

Holly

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