

## Violence Against Women and Girls Fund (VAWGF) 2016-17 Application Assessment Form

<b>Reference No:</b>	<b>Assessor's Name:</b>

<b>Name of the Organisation:</b>

<b>Name of the Project:</b>

<b>Project Summary:</b> Please summarise the project's main intended outcomes and target groups in a couple of sentences.

<b>Which area of violence against women and girls does the project focus on? (Tick all that apply)</b>			
<b>VAWG prevention work</b>		<b>VAWG service delivery</b>	
<b>Children's services</b>		<b>Rape crisis services</b>	
<b>FGM</b>		<b>Forced marriage</b>	

<b>Which of the following VAWGF outcomes does the project address? (Tick all that apply)</b> Applicants must be able to demonstrate how their proposed project will address at least one and up to a maximum of three of the following VAWGF outcomes:	
The harmful effects of violence and abuse against women and girls are minimised due to an increased focus on prevention.	
The harmful effects of violence and abuse against women and girls are reduced due to the provision of early interventions and appropriate, high quality services.	
The harmful effects of violence and abuse against women and girls are reduced due to services working together to maximise their effectiveness.	
The harm to women and children with protected characteristics and other vulnerabilities is reduced through increased inclusive service provision.	
Service design and delivery is improved as a result of the participation of women and children affected by violence and abuse.	

## Budget

What is the proposed budget for 2016-17?	
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Does this budget seem fair/realistic to you?	
Yes	No
Comments (outline any areas where you feel proposed costs are high or modest):	

Is this organisation funded by an area of the Scottish Government other than the Equality Unit?	
Yes	No
Comments:	

Is this application is part of a bigger project, and supported by other funders?	
Yes	No
Comments:	

In which local authority areas is this project delivered, or is it national work?

## Eligibility Criteria

<b>Eligibility Criteria (Select Yes/No)</b> In order to be eligible for funding applicants must meet the following criteria:		
Ensure that the work of you project is underpinned by a gendered analysis of violence against women and girls.	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Demonstrate that your project will engage in partnership working which can include financial support, in-kind support, involvement in other related partnerships, e.g. with the community safety sector, children's services planning, etc.	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Demonstrate how you will engage in an integrated response to violence against women and girls. This includes how you will work in collaboration	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>

with other agencies and structures, e.g. Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferences and VAW Multi Agency Partnerships.		
Have in place effective and accountable governance, management and financial systems and structures.	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Have policies which state exactly how your service users are able to input into service development.	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Demonstrate commitment to equality and diversity.	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
State clearly how your project activity will reduce barriers to services and seeks to address the needs of specific groups of women and girls, for example those who share other protected characteristics; women and girls experiencing substance misuse or mental health issues etc.	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Demonstrate how you will work with women in a variety of circumstances, for example, within both their homes and refuge; with women who are separated from and continue relationships with men who abuse, where it is safe to do so etc.	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Ensure that your service is trans inclusive. New applicants (those not currently funded by the VAWGF 2015-16) will need to submit a transgender inclusion plan alongside their application.	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Demonstrate how you will contribute to achieving the overarching outcomes and aims of the Scottish Government in relation to preventing and eradicating VAWG.	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>

## Other Relevant Information

<b>Which of the following Scottish Government Equality Outcomes does the project help to deliver?</b> If the applicant has shown how their project will help to deliver one or more of the Scottish Government's Equality Outcomes, please tick all that apply.	
Women's position in the economy and in employment is improved in the long term and reflected more comprehensively in Scottish Government economic policy and strategies by 2017.	
Progress is made towards the reduction in violence against women by 2017 through a strategic and co-ordinated approach by agencies and women's organisations.	
Within the longer term outcome that all children and young people will be able to make the most of the education opportunities available to them to reach their full potential, there will be progress by 2017 in the experience of those with protected characteristics who are currently disadvantaged or underperforming.	

<b>Which of the following Equally Safe priorities does the project help to deliver? (Tick all that apply)</b>	
Scottish society embraces equality and mutual respect, and rejects all forms of violence against women and girls.	
Women and girls thrive as equal citizens: socially, culturally, economically and politically.	
Interventions are early and effective, preventing violence and maximising safety and wellbeing of women and girls.	
Men desist from all forms of violence against women and girls and perpetrators of such violence receive a robust and effective response.	

<b>Which of the following Scottish Government National Outcomes does the project help to deliver? (Tick all that apply)</b>	
We live in a Scotland that is the most attractive place for doing business in Europe.	
We realise our full economic potential with more and better employment opportunities for our people.	
We are better educated, more skilled and more successful, renowned for our research and innovation.	
Our young people are successful learners, confident individuals, effective contributors and responsible citizens.	
Our children have the best start in life and are ready to succeed.	
We live longer, healthier lives.	
We have tackled the significant inequalities in Scottish society.	
We have improved the life chances for children, young people and families at risk.	
We live our lives safe from crime, disorder and danger.	
We live in well-designed, sustainable places where we are able to access the amenities and services we need.	
We have strong, resilient and supportive communities where people take responsibility for their own actions and how they affect others.	
We value and enjoy our built and natural environment and protect it and enhance it for future generations.	
We take pride in a strong, fair and inclusive national identity.	
We reduce the local and global environmental impact of our consumption and production.	
Our people are able to maintain their independence as they get older and are able to access appropriate support when they need it.	
Our public services are high quality, continually improving, efficient and responsive to local people's needs.	

<b>Do you feel the work of the proposed project would have wider implications for inclusive growth, community empowerment, social justice, or prevention?</b>	
<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Comments:</b>	

<b>Does the project help to deliver a Programme for Government commitment or other Ministerial priority?</b>	
<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Comments:</b>	

<b>Is this a current priority for your Minister(s)?</b>	
<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Comments:</b>	

<b>Does the project help to deliver any party's manifesto commitment?</b>	
<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Comments:</b>	

<b>Are you aware of any existing work, either at a national or local level, that the proposed project would duplicate?</b>	
<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Comments:</b>	

## Assessment

For each criterion give the application a score between 0-5, where 5 is the strongest score possible and 0 is the weakest. Guidance on scoring can be found at Annex A.

<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>		
How well does the project fit with the PECF outcomes and overall SG policy aims?	<b>Score</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Are the activities appropriate, and will they achieve the project outcomes?	<b>Score</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Does the applicant demonstrate a need for funding supported by evidence?	<b>Score</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Does the project represent value for money?	<b>Score</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Is the project likely to deliver its stated outcomes?	<b>Score</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Does the applicant demonstrate good partnership working with local authorities, within the sector, across other protected characteristics or with any other relevant organisations?	<b>Score</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Does the applicant fully describe the project's outcomes and activities and are these supported by robust monitoring and evaluation of the funding?	<b>Score</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Does the applicant have suitable plans for the long term development or sustainability of the project?	<b>Score</b>	<b>Comments</b>

## Recommendation

Set out your final recommendation below, including your total score (max. 40)\*\* and any further comments supporting your recommendation.

If your recommendation is to provide funding but at a reduced level, set out your reasons below. These might include where you recommend funding of some but not all the activities set out in the application, or where the budget includes ineligible costs. Where part funding is recommended this may require a revised application to be agreed with the applicant.

<b>Assessor Recommendation:</b> e.g. Fund in full/part fund/do not fund	<b>Application Score:</b> (max. 40)
<b>Total amount requested:</b>	<b>Amount recommended:</b>
£	£
<b>Comments:</b>	

\*\* The application score is a guide only to support the assessor's recommendation.

## Guidance on scoring

How well does the project fit with the VAWGF and Equally Safe outcomes and objectives?	
<b>Score 4-5 Strong</b>	The applicant demonstrates a clear vision for the project that clearly supports SG's overall policy aims. The project fits well with the VAWGF and Equally Safe outcomes and objectives. The project may also help to deliver a SG Equality Outcome.
<b>Score 2-3 Sufficient</b>	The applicant demonstrates a vision for the organisation that supports SG's overall policy aims. The project fits with the VAWGF and Equally Safe outcomes and objectives. The project may also help to deliver a SG Equality Outcome.
<b>Score 0-1 Weak</b>	Although the project fits with the VAWGF and Equally Safe outcomes and objectives, the applicant does not demonstrate a vision for the organisation, or demonstrate a clear alignment with SG's overall policy aims.

Are the activities appropriate, and will they achieve the project outcomes?	
<b>Score 4-5 Strong</b>	The proposed activities are all relevant for VAWG funding under the Equality Budget. If these are delivered, there is a strong likelihood that these activities will achieve the project outcomes.
<b>Score 2-3 Sufficient</b>	Some/most of the proposed activities are relevant for VAWG funding under the Equality Budget. If delivered, it is likely that some of the project outcomes will be achieved. Some revision of the application may be required.
<b>Score 0-1 Weak</b>	Very few/none of the proposed activities are relevant for VAWG funding under the Equality Budget. If delivered, it is possible that some of the project outcomes will be achieved.

Does the applicant demonstrate a need for funding supported by evidence?	
<b>Score 4-5 Strong</b>	The applicant makes a convincing argument to justify the request for funding, supported by robust and objective evidence.
<b>Score 2-3 Sufficient</b>	The applicant makes a reasonable argument to justify the request for funding and provides adequate evidence to support the application.
<b>Score 0-1 Weak</b>	The applicant does not demonstrate a need for funding. Evidence is either not provided or what is provided is not robust, and may be anecdotal or subjective.

Does the project represent value for money?	
<b>Score 4-5 Strong</b>	The application has a realistic and reasonable budget (i.e. not asking for too much OR too little). There is a suitable balance between cost, quality and price in making the best use of public resources and the organisation has a robust framework of corporate governance and financial controls. If applicable the applicant has evaluated and assessed opportunities for efficiency savings and service improvements. The applicant has clearly justified the sums being applied for.
<b>Score 2-3 Sufficient</b>	The application has a realistic and reasonable budget and a reasonable balance between cost, quality and price in making the best use of public



	resources. The organisation has a framework of corporate governance and financial controls and demonstrates some consideration to opportunities for efficiency savings and service improvements if applicable. The applicant has sufficiently described and justified the sums being applied.
<b>Score 0-1 Weak</b>	The application has an unrealistic and/or unreasonable budget and does not demonstrate a reasonable balance between cost, quality and price in making the best use of public resources. The organisation demonstrates weak or no framework of corporate governance and there is little or no evidence that opportunities for efficiency savings and service improvements have been considered. The applicant has either not justified, or insufficiently justified the sums being applied for.

<b>Is the project likely to deliver its stated outcomes?</b>	
<b>Score 4-5 Strong</b>	The applicant has a significant track record in delivering similar work and learning from experience. The level of staffing/ volunteers and or management will bring the right skills/experiences to ensure the work is a success and the application demonstrates a clear link between existing and proposed work. Stated outcomes are achievable within budget and timescales.
<b>Score 2-3 Sufficient</b>	The applicant has some track record in delivering similar work, some evidence of learning from experience, and the work is well planned. Staff, management and volunteers will bring the right skills/experiences to ensure the work is a success. Stated outcomes are achievable but there may be challenges in delivering all of the outcomes within budget or timescales.
<b>Score 0-1 Weak</b>	The applicant has no track record in delivering similar work and is unable to demonstrate what change(s) the project will achieve. There is uncertainty that the staff, volunteers and/or the management have the right skills/experiences to enable the project to be a success. There is significant uncertainty that the stated outcomes are achievable within budget or timescales.

<b>Does the applicant demonstrate good partnership working with local authorities, within the sector, across other protected characteristics or with any other relevant organisations?</b>	
<b>Score 4-5 Strong</b>	The applicant demonstrates: a culture which clearly recognises the value of working with wider stakeholders and partners; a clear understanding of the benefits of collaborative working; clear opportunities for improving meaningful partnership working; realistic and well described plans for engaging with stakeholders, and where the application is submitted in partnership, clearly set out governance procedures.
<b>Score 2-3 Sufficient</b>	The applicant demonstrates: a culture which to a degree recognises the value of working with wider stakeholders and partners; some understanding of the benefits of collaborative working; plans for engaging with stakeholders, and where the application is submitted in partnership some consideration has been given to governance procedures.
<b>Score 0-1 Weak</b>	The applicant demonstrates: little or no evidence of a culture which recognises the value of working with wider stakeholders and partners; little or no understanding of the benefits of collaborative working; little, no or unrealistic plans for engaging with stakeholders, and where the application is submitted in partnership, little or no consideration of governance procedures.

Does the applicant fully describe the project's outcomes and activities and are these supported by robust monitoring and evaluation of the funding?	
<b>Score 4-5 Strong</b>	The application is clear and well written, fully describing the project's outcomes and activities. There is very clear evidence and tools to monitor the impact of the proposed activities.
<b>Score 2-3 Sufficient</b>	The application is sufficiently clear and well written, and describes the project's outcomes and activities. There is some evidence and tools to monitor the impact of the proposed activities.
<b>Score 0-1 Weak</b>	The application is poorly written and does not adequately describe the project's outcomes and activities. There is little or no evidence and tools in place to monitor the impact of the proposed activities.

Does the applicant have suitable plans for the long term development or sustainability of the project?	
<b>Score 4-5 Strong</b>	The applicant demonstrates a clear plan for longer term development or sustainability of the organisation and/or project which may include an exit strategy or alternative funding models. The applicant demonstrates a systematic approach to self-evaluation and continuous improvement.
<b>Score 2-3 Sufficient</b>	The applicant demonstrates some plans for longer term development or sustainability, but further work is needed to strengthen these plans. The applicant demonstrates some steps towards self-evaluation and continuous improvement.
<b>Score 0-1 Weak</b>	The applicant demonstrates no clear plan for longer term development or sustainability. There is no clear exit strategy in place and the project is likely to be unsustainable in the long term without continuing government support. The budget may appear unrealistic and/or several items require re-profiling.