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Your request number is CRN00126985

Our reply to your request is:

Bid detail is below

Rough Sleeping and returning home

The DCLG has granted £180,474 to the project over two years. The project will be co-ordinated by the Safer Bristol ASB Team.

The project will employ a full-time Apprentice Outreach Worker reporting to the EEA Outreach Worker and focusing on reconnections for EEA and other non-UK nationals and a full time Streetwise Officer to build a stronger intelligence picture of migrant rough sleeping, liaise with ICE, liaise with Police to target detention of individuals for enforced administrative removal, liaise with Outreach to facilitate the process of voluntary departure. The project will also provide additional resource to fund an extra night worker only when required to allow small groups of non-UK nationals to stay in a Night Assessment Centre to allow better coordination of and engagement with reconnection and additional funds to support the additional costs of increased reconnections.

Bristol ESOL for living together project

The DCLG has granted £174,202 to this project over two years. The project will be co-ordinated by the BCC Learning Communities Team.

The funding will contribute towards the development of a local ESOL Strategy – covering both Bristol and the West of England area to inform the commissioning of devolved Adult Education funding from 2018/19, support the training of volunteer ESOL trainers that work across a range of partner organisations, provide an ESOL Development Fund to procure high quality ESOL schemes of work and strengthen and maintain 15 local conversation clubs that are hosted by partner agencies. The fund will also fund the Work Zone to employ an employment navigator specifically to work with migrants and personalised language and other access support.

Vison and Values

£126,228 has been awarded to the project over two years. The project will be led by United Communities, UpOurStreet and City of Sanctuary.

United Housing was the local winner of 100 Resilient Cities & Citymart Social Cohesion Challenge in 2015/16, and their project will now be piloted as the Vision and Values project. The project includes 12 neighbourhood conversations, 7 pop-up interactive events, 4 Active Citizen's Training, a film on Bristol Values, and co-ordination time from a neighbourhood Engagement Worker.

Tackling Rogue Landlords who exploit migrants and drive down property standards

£321,750 has been awarded to the project over two years. The project will be led by the Private Landlords Team.

Rogue landlords target recent migrants as they can offer substandard, unsafe accommodation. This then impacts the established resident communities of these areas as standards fall and the dangers associated with poor-quality housing increases. The Rogue Landlords project will conduct intelligence work to identify and target rogue landlords in the city who exploit migrants, and to take legal enforcement action. To undertake this work we intend to recruit an additional officers consisting of 1 Tenancy Relations Officer to provide support and prevent unlawful eviction, 0.5 Legal Support Officer to take a range of legal action and 1 Environmental Health Officer/Caseworker to undertake targeted inspections of known rogue landlords' properties.

- Funding agreement, including time frames

DCLG monitoring arrangements

Funding is allocated to the local authority at the beginning of each financial year.

Projects will be expected to carry out what was set out in the proposals in terms of success criteria and how these would be monitored. Project leads will be expected to stay in regular contact with the team and update on progress - ie quarterly phone calls with DCLG and highlighting if there are any issues etc. If there is a serious risk to delivery or performance of a project, payments may be delayed or withdrawn for future years. The DCLG expect this to only be the case in extreme instances, and encourage councils who have any concerns at all about any of the projects to just raise these with the DCLG as early as possible.

Leads will be asked to complete end of project 'impact summaries' using a DCLG template. This will be similar to a critical case study to capture learning from the project.

Other terms and conditions detailing the responsibilities of both the Home Office and Bristol City Council.

Grant letters are attached below

