

**MAIN PROGRAMME GRANT: OFFICER RECOMMENDATION SHEET FOR
2011– 2014**

General Information	
Full name of organisation Victim Support	
Address 300 Sangley Road Catford London SE6 2JT	
Ward located: Catford South/Rushey Green	Ward(s) served Borough wide
Last AGM held: 11 th November 2011	LBL reps on management committee No
If registered charity/Company, when returns are due to regulatory body and have they been submitted on time: Yes. For Charity Commission on 21/12/2010 and Companies House on 01/02/2011.	
Amount requested: Year 1: £10,363 Year 2: £26,316 Year 3: £26,316	Grant level recommended: Year 1: £10,363 Year 2: £26,316 Year 3: £26,316
Purpose of grant: Grant is a contribution towards the running cost of the organisation, including the salary of an admin worker. Period of grant is 2.5 years. The Theme funded under is: Communities That Care (Counselling, mediation and support groups).	

Organisational details

Services provided by the organisation

Victim Support has been established since 1978. As their name indicates, their main area of service is to provide practical help and emotional support to victims and witnesses of crime. Their service is free and confidential. They receive referrals from the Police, and work closely with other statutory and voluntary sector organisations.

Performance against general criteria

The organisation has demonstrated excellent evidence of clear management structure, local involvement in decision making and trustees with appropriate skills and experience to oversee delivery of services. The organisation has been able to demonstrate a track record of active fundraising with less than 50% of the project costs coming from main grants. The organisation has provided excellent evidence which clearly demonstrates sound financial management including regular reporting to trustees. The organisation is operating with a surplus.

Victim Support is a Stonewall diversity champion which allows them to benchmark with other organisations. The organisation is able to demonstrate how it meets the diversity needs of its users. They are able to demonstrate an effective track record of delivering services in the borough and able to evidence the impact of their work.

The organisation's monitoring reports for previous years confirm their sound management and effective service delivery within the London Borough of Lewisham.

Grant proposal

The grant to cover the cost of part time admin salary (20 hours) and a contribution towards their general running cost. They present a coherent outline of the proposed service – able to demonstrate a clear understanding of the service required; geographical coverage and how services will be delivered are explained. The organisation has shown how they will ensure that the funding provided will be used to maximum impact in terms of number of people accessing service and has clear, measurable outcomes. Evidence of relevant and measurable benefits to be achieved and the budget clearly links to the services, is well costed and shows value for money. The organisation is able to clearly outline how other organisations will be involved in the proposed service delivery and the role of partners is defined.

Key Expected Outputs and Outcomes 2011/2012:

Outcomes:	Outputs:
Victims will have more information to make informed decision with regard to their own safety and that of their children	Number of clients successfully contacted within 48 hours of referral Number of clients who benefit from Home Security Programme
Vulnerable victims will be enabled to access financial support when injured or bereaved as a result of crime	Expected 300 CICA applications in 2012/13.

Conclusion and Recommendation

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Victim Support has many years experience of delivering widely recognized services. They provide victims of crime with practical help and emotional support to enable them to overcome their ordeal.

The organisation has demonstrated effective service delivery in a manner that is professional and accessible to all victims.

Recommendation:

Funding is recommended at the following rates:-

Year 1: £10,363

Year 2: £26,316

Year 3: £26,316