Bereavement Services Grants – Frequently asked Questions

This document provides a list of potential questions.

Whilst this sets out a response to the questions and the intended approach at this time, it should be noted that the definitive approach will be set out within the Grant documents at the time of application, and these should be checked thoroughly in case of any divergence with these responses.

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| Question | Response |
| What are the grants for? | The grants are intended to provide short term funding for adults and children across Essex to enable them to receive support to cope following a bereavement. |
| Why do we need a bidding process for grants? | As a Local Authority with responsibility for spending taxpayers’ money ECC must abide by the Public Contract Regulations 2015 and must demonstrate best value for money is being achieved. |
| Who can access this provision? | The intention is to support adults and children living within the ECC boundaries to receive support to enable them to recover from a bereavement. There is not expected to be out of area referrals for support. |
| Do I bid by area or as a provider? | You would be bidding for the grants as areas to ensure that we achieve countywide provision.  Providers are welcome to bid to work in more than one quadrant. |
| How has funding been split? | We have allocated 100k to each of the 4 quadrants in the ECC footprint. The funding is intended to be used as an all age, short term intervention. |
| Why have I been asked to provide an exit plan for withdrawing the support? | This funding is a one-off payment and there is no expectation that it will continue following the 12 months we have specified in the guidance. |
| Are we able to bid as a consortium | Yes, we would be happy to receive bids from a consortium of organisations, our only criteria is for an all age provision of support to be offered. Please note, if we receive a consortium bid that is successful, we will only pay the grant award to one provider. |