

Rape Crisis Specific Fund 2017–20

Eligibility Criteria

1. Purpose of the Rape Crisis Specific Fund 2017–20

The purpose of the Rape Crisis Specific Fund (RCSF) is to ensure that local rape crisis services currently in receipt of funding can continue providing direct support to women. Funding will be available for three periods: 1 July 2017 – 30 June 2018; 1 July 2018 – 30 June 2019; and 1 July 2019 – 31 March 2020.

2. Fund Outcomes

Applicants must demonstrate that their project outcomes will contribute to the following two RCSF outcomes:

1.	The harmful effects of sexual violence are reduced by survivors being able to access appropriate, high quality services from local rape crisis centres.
2.	Services for survivors of sexual violence are improved through the participation of survivors.

Projects funded under the Rape Crisis Specific Fund are expected to deliver against the priorities in Equally Safe, Scotland's strategy for preventing and eradicating violence against women and girls. Applicants should also show how, if applicable, their project would help deliver against the Scottish Government Equality Outcome to reduce violence against women through strategic and coordinated approaches.

3. Fund Eligibility

Only organisations currently in receipt of funding under the RCSF 2016–17 can apply. In order to be eligible for funding applicants need:

- To be 100% compliant with the Rape Crisis Scotland National Service Standards.
- To have a service which is lesbian, bisexual, trans and intersex (LBTI) inclusive.
- To have in place effective and accountable governance, management and financial systems and structures.
- To have policies which state exactly how your service users are able to input into service development.

4. How much is available?

The value of the RCSF 2017–20 is £700,000 per annum and each applicant can apply for a maximum of £50,000.

The Equality Budget for 2017–18 is £20.3 million, however, the value of the Equality Budget in 2018–19 and 2019–20 will not be known when grant offers are made. Any grant offer, therefore, will only provide indicative figures for 2018–20 which will be confirmed once the Equality Budget has been agreed for those financial years. If the Equality Budget in 2018–19 or 2019–20 should reduce from £20.3 million, it is likely that there will be reductions in the indicative offers of grant made in those financial years. The detail of the way in which this will be managed will only be determined once the Equality Budget figure is known.

5. What is not eligible for funding?

Funding does not cover:

- Trustees' expenses.
- Capital projects (for example, purchase of buildings, building works and refurbishment or ICT infrastructure and hardware).
- Attendance at non-outcome related conferences (either UK or international).
- Projects that do not benefit those who the RCSF is intended to support.
- The advancement of religion or politics (including requests to support the core activities of religious or political groups).
- Trips abroad.
- The repayment of loans or payments of debts.
- Costs already incurred or activities which will take place before a decision is made on awarding a grant (retrospective funding).
- Overhead costs exceeding 20% of the total funding.
- Individuals or groups without a constitution, and for-profit agencies.

6. How to apply

A RCSF Word application form, Excel budget form, application guidance and LGBTI Inclusion Plan template can be downloaded from the VAF website:

www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk. Please follow the links under the Funding heading on the homepage.

The deadline for applications is **midnight on Friday 17 March 2017**. Applications submitted after this deadline will not be considered.

Completed applications, budgets and supporting documentation should be submitted to rcsfapplications@vaf.org.uk. The mailbox has an automated response acknowledging receipt of your application. Please contact Irene Glasgow (01383 620780) if you do not receive an automated response.