

Title of proposed EIA	Homelessness Prevention Grant Top-Up Winter 2022-23
Reference No	EQUA1042
EA is in support of	Amended Service
Review Frequency	No preference
Date of first review	01/04/2024
Directorate	City Housing
Division	Housing Solutions and Support Service
Service Area	Housing Solutions and Support Case Worker Service
Responsible Officer(s)	Debbie Parkes
Quality Control Officer(s)	Kieran Cronin
Accountable Officer(s)	Stephen Philpott
Purpose of proposal	To obtain Cabinet approval to accept the allocation of Homelessness Prevention funding offered by the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities for winter 2022/2023
Data sources	relevant reports/strategies
Please include any other sources of data	Birmingham Homelessness Strategy 2017 Council Plan 2018-2022 Homelessness Reduction Act 2017 Housing Birmingham Partnership Strategy Gov.uk/data
ASSESS THE IMPACT AGAINST THE PROTECTED CHARACTERISTICS	
Protected characteristic: Age	Service Users / Stakeholders
Age details:	<div> <p>No negative impact of this proposal has been identified. The acceptance of this funding will strengthen the assistance available to people who are homeless or threatened with homelessness irrespective of age.</p> <p>Young people are most disadvantaged by the housing market, are likely to have low income and can be regarded as high risk. There are 5325 young people facing homelessness in this city most of whom have been made homeless from the family home.</p> </div>
Protected characteristic: Disability	Service Users / Stakeholders
Disability details:	No negative impact of this proposal has been identified. 14% of all households owed a homelessness duty in England have physical ill health or disability. The extra funding will ensure that these

vulnerable households can be supported to stay in their homes rather than face eviction.

Protected characteristic: Sex

Service Users / Stakeholders

Gender details:

No negative impact of this proposal has been identified.

It is recognised that the majority of people sleeping rough in Birmingham are male and aged over 25. Working with partners our aim is to support this group to be able to access accommodation by providing rent deposits and rent in advance to secure accommodation. Current rough sleeper count identifies 28 rough sleepers a number reduced since the introduction of funding to support this group.

Protected characteristics: Gender Reassignment Service Users / Stakeholders

Gender reassignment details:

No negative impact of this proposal has been identified. The extra funding will ensure that these vulnerable households can be supported to stay in their homes rather than face eviction and to be supported into accommodation.

A quarter of trans people (25 per cent) have experienced homelessness LGBT in Britain - Trans Report is Stonewall's new research, based on research with 871 trans and non-binary people by YouGov and highlighting the profound levels of discrimination and hate crime faced by trans people in Britain today. One in four (25 per cent) were discriminated against when looking for a house or flat to rent or buy in the last year. One in five non-binary people (20 per cent) have experienced discrimination while looking

Protected characteristics: Marriage and Civil Partnership

Not Applicable

Marriage and civil partnership details:

Not applicable

Protected characteristics: Pregnancy and Maternity

Service Users / Stakeholders

Pregnancy and maternity details:

No negative impact of this proposal has been identified. The acceptance of this grant will strengthen the assistance available to prevent pregnant women becoming homeless. Pregnant women have a priority need for accommodation under the main homelessness duty.

Protected characteristics: Race

Service Users / Stakeholders

Race details:

No negative impact of this proposal has been identified. Ethnic minority households are around three times more likely to become statutorily homeless than are the majority White population. In every region in England, ethnic minority households

are over-represented amongst those accepted as homeless by local housing authorities.
Government data for Jan to March 2022, shows that 50% of the applicants owed a prevention or relief duty where Black/Asian/other

Protected characteristics: Religion or Beliefs Not Applicable

Religion or beliefs details:

Protected characteristics: Sexual Orientation Not Applicable

Sexual orientation details:

Socio-economic impacts

Birmingham suffers from high levels of multiple deprivation. The scale of deprivation in the City reveals that Birmingham is:

- The 6th most deprived authority nationally.
- The most deprived authority in the West Midlands metropolitan area;
- The most deprived of all the greater Birmingham and Solihull LEP local authorities;
- The third most deprived of the Core Cities after Liverpool and Manchester.
- Just under 40% of the population live in areas described as in the most deprived 10% in the country;
- Almost a third of all children in Birmingham experience child poverty.

Homelessness both causes and is caused by many aspects of poverty, including financial pressures and unemployment. Birmingham is ranked the most deprived city for numbers of people who are income or employment deprived – this is largely influenced by the size of the authority compared to other major cities.

Please indicate any actions arising from completing this screening exercise. None

Please indicate whether a full impact assessment is recommended NO

What data has been collected to facilitate the assessment of this policy/proposal?
Government Statistics
Shelter Data
Service Level Data
The main finding concludes that those with a protected characteristic are more likely to experience homelessness and therefore are more likely to be helped by this funding to prevent homelessness.

Consultation analysis None

Adverse impact on any people with protected characteristics.	None
Could the policy/proposal be modified to reduce or eliminate any adverse impact?	Not applicable
How will the effect(s) of this policy/proposal on equality be monitored?	All individuals accessing this grant funding will have had a full Housing Needs Assessment, and we will be able to profile the percentage of households where homelessness has been prevented
What data is required in the future?	None
Are there any adverse impacts on any particular group(s)	No
If yes, please explain your reasons for going ahead.	
Initial equality impact assessment of your proposal	
Consulted People or Groups	
Informed People or Groups	
Summary and evidence of findings from your EIA	This grant will provide an opportunity to intervene, prevent and tackle homelessness for the people of Birmingham by developing an effective tailored response to individual needs and protected characteristics.
QUALITY CONTORL SECTION	
Submit to the Quality Control Officer for reviewing?	No
Quality Control Officer comments	Reviewed and approved
Decision by Quality Control Officer	Proceed for final approval
Submit draft to Accountable Officer?	Yes
Decision by Accountable Officer	Approve
Date approved / rejected by the Accountable Officer	19/01/2023
Reasons for approval or rejection	all correct and in line with grant
Please print and save a PDF copy for your records	Yes