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The Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex
(by email)

Dear Police and Crime Commissioner,

**OFFER OF POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER (PCC) VICTIMS GRANT
FUNDING FOR FINANCIAL YEARS 2026/27 and 2027/28**

I write in relation to the budget allocations for 2026/27 and 2027/28. After careful consideration, I am writing to confirm the terms of the victims grant offer to PCCs as follows.

**OFFER OF FORMULA-BASED GRANT FUNDING FOR FINANCIAL YEARS
2026/27 and 2027/28**

I can confirm a new grant agreement of 24-months of funding for the formula-based local commissioning of victims support services via PCCs (*'the Core victims fund'*).

This letter constitutes a formal offer of grant funding by the Secretary of State for Justice to **The Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex** for the amount of **£2,101,169.10 in 2026/27 and £2,143,192.48 in 2027/28**, to commission local victim support services. These amounts are committed to for the financial period from 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2028.

**OFFER OF GENERAL GRANT FUNDING FOR FINANCIAL YEARS 2026/27 and
2027/28**

I can confirm a new grant agreement of 24-months of funding for the general grant for local commissioning of Domestic Abuse (DA) and Sexual Violence (SV) support services via PCCs (*'the DA/SV victims fund'*).

This letter constitutes a formal offer of grant funding by the Secretary of State for Justice to **The Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex** for the amount of **£1,809,004.08 in 2026/27 and £1,845,184.16 in 2027/28** to commission local DA and SV victim support services. These amounts are committed for the financial period from 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2028.

OFFER OF DEVOLVED RAPE AND SEXUAL ABUSE SUPPORT FUND (RASASF) TEST FOR FINANCIAL YEARS 2026/27 AND 2027/28

I can confirm that there is a 24-month extension to the devolved RASASF Test Area framework funding. This letter constitutes a formal offer of grant funding by the Secretary of State for Justice to **The Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex** for the amount of **£669,390.95 in 2026/27 and £682,778.77 in 2027/28** to commission local victim support services for victims of Sexual Violence. These amounts are committed for the financial period from 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2028.

METHODOLOGY

We have explored the option to update the population formula applied to the formula-based grant to the most recent population estimates. After careful consideration, we have decided at this time to not update the population formula applied to the formula-based grant. There will also be no change to the allocation methodology for the DA/SV grant, and this will continue to be allocated based on existing Strategic Needs Assessments (SNAs).

Please confirm your acceptance of these offers via email to the PCC Victims Funding Team (victimservicescommissioning@Justice.gov.uk) no later than **Friday 12 December 2025**.

Please note that the award of the grants is subject to you meeting the funding requirements and satisfactory outcomes from due diligence checks, and that payment will be made in two equal instalments during the funding period. The payment schedule will be outlined in the grant agreements.

After we have received your acceptance of this offer, the PCC Victims Funding Team will send you new grant agreements for you to review, sign and return. Please note, payment of the grants will not be made until the grant agreements have been signed and returned to the PCC Victims Funding Team.

Thank you for your ongoing collaboration with my team.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Rachel Coffey". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and slightly larger than the rest of the letters.

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