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via email to network membership

Dear colleague

Following on from the communications previously sent to you, I'm now sharing with you the announcement that the Community Services Support Fund, led by colleagues at Women's Aid, is going live **22.10.2026 at 10:00am**.

As you may remember, this fund comes as part of the package of support for survivors affected by the government's decision to release prisoners early (known as Early Release Scheme).

We know that many survivors will choose to seek help from local specialist organisations they already know and trust. Women's Aid will therefore administer this fund to help specialist VAWG organisations meet additional demand.

Grants will be available of **£400 for every eligible organisation that is supporting an eligible survivor**. There is no limit to the number of eligible survivors an organisation can claim for, the **£400 is per survivor supported**.

More information can be found about how to apply and eligibility on our website - https://womensaid.org.uk/what-we-do/i-work-with-survivors/prisoner-early-release-guidance/community-services-support-fund/.

Services can access the application via their SurveyMonkey Apply account.

If you **haven't** already got a SurveyMonkey Apply account with Women's Aid, please email Communityservicesupportfund@womensaid.org.uk.

I would once again like to thank Women's Aid for the clarity in which they have managed this situation and for fully engaging a variety of stakeholders in the development of this model.

With kind regards



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We Are Survivors