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Dear Mr Gibbs

Re: **Grant Aid for Victim Support**

As a charity Victim Support Hampshire & Isle of Wight seeks financial support from local District, Town and Parish Councils to enhance the services we provide to victims of crime across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. These funds are vital to us as we try to reach as many people affected by crime as possible, in order to provide the support they need to cope and recover.

Victim Support delivers a range of free and confidential services in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight and in 2020/21 we supported nearly 4000 victims of crime or anti-social behaviour. As might be expected the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic had a significant impact on the people we support, resulting in an ever greater need for the services we provide. Despite lockdown easing, these effects have not gone away and additional funding will help us to purchase more resources and produce more self help booklets that can be used to help victims of crime.

This year we are particularly looking at developing the support we provide to victims of domestic abuse, as well as those who are classified as having Enhanced Entitlements within the new Victims Code; these include children and young people, those impacted by hate crime, those with additional needs including mental health and various other vulnerabilities. Our additional services not only provide free professionally printed self-help workbooks but other materials and aids which help with communication, assist clients to express their feelings in the aftermath of a crime and which help them to further develop their own coping strategies at a pace that suits them.

Our teams have been largely working from home over the past year but we anticipate returning to our offices in Chandlers Ford and Basingstoke in the coming months. From these locations we will once again be able to oversee the provision of the best possible care for those impacted by crime whilst allowing for administration costs to remain at a minimum. The important work is undertaken by our wonderful team of staff and volunteers working in their local community to meet the various needs of our service users.

Some other key areas we will be concentrating on in 2021/22 which require additional funding include:

- Providing a range of commissioned services to victims (practical help such as the provision of free personal alarms and home security devices)
- Identifying and working on local projects to benefit the Hampshire and Isle of Wight community

If you would like further information about our organisation or if you would like us to provide you with more information about the services we provided in your area last year, please do not hesitate to contact us. We hope you are able to support us with our request for a grant contribution on this occasion and very much look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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