

## Funding History

Standing Together began in 1998 with grants from the Lottery and from SRB 5, (later Regenis) and with support in kind from the local authority and the police.

The EEC Daphne Programme paid for the development of the 'STATS' offender tracking data base, housed at Standing Together.

Substantial expansion and development was achieved under the government's Crime Reduction Programme which funded Standing Together for two and a half years from 2000. Development workers and finance and administration staff were employed and three major projects resulted: the Health Project; Survivors Consultation; training of the entire Police Division and the Specialist Domestic Violence Court.

London Councils (formally the ALG) took over the further development of the cross Borough elements of the Specialist Court work for 3 years from 2004, funding this under the Women's Programme and the Community Safety Programme. This included coordination of witness support agencies and consultation with service users. This support was the backbone of statutory support but came to an end in March 2007.

Through 2008 to 2010 Standing Together has negotiated statutory support for core functions it carries out. These include coordination of the Specialist Court and the Hammersmith & Fulham Domestic Violence Partnership; the MARAC in two Boroughs; bringing health services into the coordinated response. Funds have come from local authority 3<sup>rd</sup> sector investment funds; community services, community safety and children's services budgets; the Police and the Primary Care Trust/NHS.

The partnership approach encourages statutory agencies in the criminal justice system to 'go the extra mile' in effect doing additional work at no additional cost to the local authority. In return Standing Together has raised grants so that we could offer training in the Standing Together initiatives to their key staff, and supply them with resources and materials. But as financial support from the Home Office and from the Police has sharply declined in recent years, a charge is now made for training. Training programmes initially reduced in scale, but increased by over 100% in 2009-10.

Standing Together aims to share expertise with other London Boroughs and other regions of the UK. Part of the funding from London Councils and the Crime Reduction programme was designated for this but as these sources of funding ended Standing Together had to implement a new approach, charging a fee for sharing our skills and experience. This has been successful in diversifying our funding base. The fees earned from this social enterprise are used to maintain the high quality of the services.

Standing Together delivers a large number of effective interventions for its size. Standing Together concentrates on quality and demonstrable impact and has maintained these standards. Charitable Trusts have been essential in supporting the development and maintenance of new areas of work.

These funders have included: the Lottery; Awards for All; the Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation; Camelot; Charing Cross Hospital Amenities Committee; the City Parochial Foundation; Dr Edwards & Bishop Kings Fulham Charity the Henry Smith Charity; the Mercers Foundation; the Poor Box Charity; the Henry Smith Charity; the Sigrid Rausing Trust.

Local authority funding enables Standing Together to lever in funding from outside the borough and to demonstrate that the effective approach to domestic violence, which has been developed in LBHF, is valued and supported by the Borough. This funding is essential to a robust fundraising strategy, to the credibility of Standing Together and to the growth of our efforts to market our services to other partnerships in other boroughs and towns.