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### **£3.1m London Councils funding awarded to women's charity Eaves**

Eaves is delighted to announce that we have been awarded a total of £3,100,308 over the next four years by London Councils, to develop new and expand existing projects.

#### **The money includes:**

- £798,860 (over four years) to develop a drop-in advice centre and support services for women affected by rape, sexual abuse and domestic violence. This includes funding for a service manager, two advice workers and workshops.
- £692,900 (over four years) for specialist counselling for women affected by rape, sexual abuse and domestic violence as well as the expansion of Amina, Eaves' existing peer mentoring scheme.
- £480,556 (over four years) to establish a pan-London resettlement service for women. Funding will commence in July 2008 and will cover the cost of two resettlement workers, who will work in 22 of the 33 London boroughs to ensure positive outcomes for homeless women. The funding will also cover the costs of producing a multi-lingual skills and information manual for women moving into independent accommodation and a resettlement advice and support service around accessing independent accommodation.
- £443,200 (over four years) commencing in September 2008 for the POPPY Project to provide counselling and skills development workshops for women exiting prostitution (both trafficked and UK national women), organisational training and research.
- £357,144 (over four years) commencing in September 2008 for the Lilith Project to continue co-ordinating networks for women's groups concerned with sexual and domestic violence and disability issues; conduct training and seminars to boost the capacity and knowledge of the violence against women sector; and consult and campaign on issues of violence against women.

- £207,648 (over four years) for a Youth Homelessness Prevention and Support service.
- £120,000 (over four years) commencing in September 2008 towards the provision of services for women with no recourse to public funds.

Eaves Denise Marshall chief executive comments:

“It was absolutely fantastic to receive this money from London Councils, particularly as it came in the same week as the revelation from New Philanthropy Capital that donkeys are more important to the nation than women who suffer violence.

“This money not only means we can continue our excellent work in certain projects – for example the Amina Scheme, which has gone from strength to strength since we launched it last year – but that we can also realise some of our longer-term dreams.

“We are particularly excited about the new drop-in advice centre for women experiencing rape, sexual abuse and domestic violence. The UK has an extremely poor track record in supporting these groups of women, and we intend to change that.

“This money will make a real difference to London’s women, and we thank and commend London Councils for their support and their vision.”

**– NOTES TO EDITORS –**

Eaves is a London-based charity which provides high quality housing and support to vulnerable, homeless women – including those trafficked into prostitution and those who have experienced domestic violence – through two housing projects – the POPPY Project and Eaves Women’s Aid respectively. We also carry out research, advocacy and campaigning to prevent all forms of violence against women through the Lilith Project.

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