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The UK Government have <u>announced</u> new emergency security for mosques with a rapid response process for mosques at risk of violent disorder. The emergency funding can be accessed through the Protective Security for Mosques Scheme for which the Government have <u>committed</u> to providing UK Muslims with £29.4 million of security funding.

The scheme provides funding to mosques and associated faith community centres that are vulnerable to hate crime, which is vital in light of recent attacks. Mosques will be able to apply for CCTV, secure fencing, intruder alarms and security guarding services.

MEND welcomes the continuation of this scheme and encourages all vulnerable mosques and associated faith community centres to <u>apply</u>.

MEND also warns against any conditions being attached to the funding, such as participation in any PREVENT or other counter-terror programmes. If any mosques or faith community centres are approached on such matters, we encourage them to get in touch with MEND for advice and guidance at info@mend.org.uk.

To Apply:

- 1. Complete the form on the following link: https://www.homeofficesurveys.homeoffice.gov.uk/s/ powapply23_4cKGUxi/
- 2. Provide detail of hate incidents and explain the impacts on the place of worship, those who attend the place of worship and the community; include supporting evidence
- 3. Indicate a need for security guarding services (if required), for example at Jumu'ah or Tarawih prayers
- 4. Carefully read the application guidance available <u>here</u>.



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