

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LEICESTERSHIRE *DECISION RECORD*

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DECISION OF POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

Date: 09/11/2022

Officers present:

Received in OPCC Date:

OPCC Ref: EXE0031-22

**Title: The Community Fund: Diversion from Anti-Social Behaviour and Crime
(Commissioner's Safety Fund Round 5)**

Summary of Issue:

The Community Fund: Diversion from Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) and Crime is a collaboration between the OPCC and VRN reflecting our shared commitment to prevention and early intervention and the value of partnering with communities in our collective efforts to keep our children and young people safe.

We are looking to fund voluntary and community organisations (including grassroots groups, charities, community groups, social clubs, sports clubs, faith groups and voluntary organisations) to provide purposeful community-based diversionary activity for children and young people between the ages of 10 – 24 years old. We know that providing relevant and purposeful activities are important in protecting children and young people from involvement in ASB and crime (as potential perpetrators and/or victims). Whilst activities alone play an important role, there can also be additional benefits realised through delivery such as increases in confidence and self-esteem and the acquisition of new skills. For this round we were keen to receive applications which focused on both delivery of activities and the achievement of outcomes which reduce the risk of young people becoming involved in ASB and crime including violence. We were particularly interested in receiving applications from organisations which are embedded in their local community (or communities) and as a result are able to reach and engage children and young people who are most at risk.

The OPCC ring fenced £100,000 from the Commissioner's Safety Fund budget for this round, and the VRN match funded this, giving a total budget of £200,000.

For this round, applicants could submit bids up to the value of £20,000, with a project duration of between 12 and 24 months.

The Community Fund opened for applications on 26/09/2022 and closed on 24/10/2022 at 17:00. 34 applications were submitted during this time.

The evaluation panel for this round included Kaitlin Trenerry, Commissioning and Contracts Officer (OPCC), Lisa Wilkinson, Community and Young Person Involvement Officer (VRN) and Laura Summers, Lead for Trauma Informed (VRN). The panel individually evaluated each application upon closure of the round and met to moderate their scores on 28/10/2022. Charlotte Highcock, Head of Commissioning (OPCC), adjudicated the moderations, and Grace Strong, Strategic Director (VRN) attended in an advisory capacity. The final score was calculated for each application by taking the average of the 3 evaluators scores.

Recommendation(s) presented:

Of the 34 applications submitted, 11 applications scored 70% or higher, 10 applications scored 60% or higher, and 13 applications scored below 60%. Due to the volume of applications received, the decision was made to recommend funding to those applications scoring 70% or above.

34 applications were submitted in this round, with a total value of £518,419.61, exceeding the total budget. The total sum for highest scoring applications (those which scored >70%) is £184,369.00. Which if awarded would leave £15,631.00 in the budget. Due to this potential underspend, the panel decided to select one further application (scoring >60%) to recommend receiving funding on this occasion. After a discussion of all the applications in the 60-70% range, the panel have recommended awarding £19661.33 to Harborough District Children and Young People's Charity for their Crazy Times project, which would take the total sum of bids to be awarded to £204,030.33. The VRN will absorb this overspend, contributing an additional £4,030.33.

The Crazy Times project was selected above other similar scoring applications due to the unique nature of the project. It was agreed that this project will reach a cohort of children and young people from the Traveller Community who will not be reached via any other provisions funded in this round. Although the reach of young people is relatively small for this project, it is targeted and meaningful, and the potential impact on the individuals is high. This project strongly meets the aims of The Community Fund, in that the organisation is already embedded in the community and as a result they can reach and engage children and young people who are most at risk.

The recommendation for this round is as follows:

Organisation	Project	Summary	Sum bid for	Score %
St Matthews Big Local	The Big SMILE Project	To fund a Senior Sports Coach and Assistant Sports Coach for 12 hours per week; management support for one hour per week; as well as other associated costs, enabling the beneficiary to facilitate the project. The purpose of the project is to provide diversionary activity in the form of daily sports provision for young people, straight after school hours until the late evening and on the weekends. The activities will be aimed at 10 to 21 years who live in St Matthews and East Leicester area.	£13,260	82
Passion Shephed	Drop in Service	To fund 2 paid youth workers to facilitate youth drop-in sessions 3 times per week engaging 25-30 young people per session. To provide a 'safe place' for young people with complex needs. Providing a range of activities including pool, karaoke, arts and crafts and discussion circles, as well as providing hot food and drink. To develop the young peoples' confidence and encourage them to engage in new opportunities.	£19,500	75
Pedestrian Limited	We are Here	To provide face-to-face intervention sessions to girls (aged 10-16 years) currently working with youth services, focusing on prevention and future-focused positive engagement. Interventions to consist of creative activities based around female empowerment with decisions made by young people to empower them and develop their emotional well-being.	£19,750	75

		To deliver weekly, 2-hour sessions, engaging 8-12 young people in each session and 60 young people across the whole project.		
E2	Youth Led Intervention Project	<p>To fund a Project Lead, 6 Youth Workers, a Designated Safeguarding Lead and Therapist to deliver the project.</p> <p>To deliver Strand 1 to medium to high-risk young people - key workers and trained therapists will work intensively on a one-to-one basis to help the children and young people integrate into Strand 2 of the project or refer them to partner agencies. The purpose of Strand 1 is to engage and divert high-risk young people to move away from ASB and crime and reintegrate into community projects, formal agencies as well as family networks. 39 sessions will be delivered over a 12-month period, taking place on a weekly basis.</p> <p>To deliver Strand 2 to low-risk young people - Three social action projects that have been chosen by children and young people in a recent consultation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. F.U.N.K.I. Café (Fun, Unique, New, Kool, Inclusive): A cafe experience that includes cooking and eating, barista training and socialising. 2. Teenfluencers: A social media creative development and marketing project that aims to create and spread positive messages to young people with incentives of prizes and raffles to encourage creativity and online sharing. 3. Live the Game: A football project that will develop football skills, improve physical fitness, encourage socialising, and develop team building skills and confidence. 	£20,000	74
The Braunstone Foundation	The Grove Community Hub	To provide a range of free sport and physical activity sessions at The Grove Community Hub for 46 weeks, including, Street dance, Boxing and Football, engaging 250 young people.	£19,946	73
FC Belgrave	Unite Leicester	<p>The purpose of the funding is to cover the cost of 2 assistant football coaches for 1 hour per week each (for 40 weeks) football field usage and associated costs, a boxing coach for 1 hour per week (for 40 weeks), venue hire for boxing sessions and venue hire for addiction support drop-in sessions.</p> <p>The project will include:</p> <p>Football - Providing FC Belgrave's existing schedule of football training sessions and expanding the current offering by holding new sessions in collaboration with Nirvana FC, engaging 150 young people weekly.</p> <p>Boxing – Partnering with the Gurdwara Shri Guru Dashmesh Sahib to hold new regular boxing training sessions.</p> <p>Addiction support –Partnering with Jit Chauhan of 7events Local CIC to support community initiatives aimed at curbing addiction, engaging 150 young people monthly.</p>	£9,770	73
Highfields Centre	Young Futures	<p>Funding will contribute towards the cost of the staff, venue hire, and the resources required to deliver the project. The project will provide two 3-hour youth sessions weekly over 40 weeks, with termly external visits during each 12-week block. 25 young people will be engaged in each session, equating to 250 unique young people and 50 family members over the project's duration.</p> <p>The purpose of the project is to offer diversionary activities and enable young people to engage in recreational activities alongside access to mentoring support from youth workers.</p>	£19,768	72

		The young people will develop their understanding on risks of getting involved in criminal activity and their focus channelled into engaging in weekly activities that will aim to give young people a sense of community.		
Wesley Hall Community Centre	Preventing Anti-Social Behaviour in Spinney Hills	<p>Funding will contribute towards a Project Coordinator, Sessional Staff and delivery costs.</p> <p>The project will offer a one year 'recovery' youth service for the Spinney Hills community. Based in Wesley Hall Community Centre, it will support young people aged 11-16, offering structured youth sessions including sports and arts, along with directed intervention to promote communal understanding between different sections of the community. Group sessions will operate three times per week at on Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday mornings. Small groups and one-to-one support sessions will be booked on a needs basis to offer intensive support to help young people most at risk of engaging in anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>The aim of the project is to get young people from all religions and backgrounds to work together, to understand their differences whilst also recognizing and building on their similarities.</p> <p>The project will support more than 200 young people in a year during three sessions per week for 48 weeks and offer approximately 20 young people one-to-one support and 10 small group sessions during the year.</p>	£20,000	72
The Centre Project	Freedom Youth Club	<p>The purpose of the funding is to provide a Youth Worker, Assistant Youth Worker, and cover associated project costs.</p> <p>The project will provide a safe social space for young people to prevent isolation and boredom and sustain social networks, targeting refugees, unaccompanied asylum-seeking young people and new arrivals. The project aims to support young people's personal and social development; improve young people's physical and mental health and emotional wellbeing; and raise young people's aspirations and build their resilience.</p> <p>The Youth club will run open drop-in sessions on Tuesday and Friday in the City centre. Activities will include various indoor sporting activities and a cybercafé.</p>	£20,000	71
Team Hub CIC	Boyz Zone	<p>The funding will cover the costs of 3 members of staff, room hire, resources and refreshments.</p> <p>The project will consist of a boy's only session for ages 10yrs – 13yrs on a Thursday evening with a maximum of 10 - 12 young people. 30 young people will be supported over the 24-month project. The sessions will take place at the Team Hub games room where the young people can take part in gaming and other activities available based on their interests. Discussions will take place around the challenges the young people are facing and ways to support them to deal with issues in a more positive way. Each young person will be allocated a mentor who will set out an individual support plan.</p>	£13,000	71
Sensational Vibes Youth and Community	Sensational Vibes on the Street	Sensational Vibes will collaborate with Street Vibes to deliver 3 elements of youth programme to young people from Street Vibe's fully equipped vehicle. The funding will cover the cost	£9,375	70

Development Group		of 3 staff members, associated administration and Street Vibe bus hire. The project will include: 1.Diversionary activity: Music production, offering a variety of skills soft skills 2.Mentoring: Youth workers work with each young person, identifying challenges and goals and working out how to achieve them step by step. 3.Anti-knife crime programme - a mix of education, information, self-awareness and self-care 15 x 2-hour sessions will take place over 12 months, delivered by 3 mentors, at 4 crime hotspots in Leicester on weekend evenings.		
Harborough District Children and Young People's Charity	Crazy Times	The project is aimed at 11-19-year old's and will provide the young people with an opportunity to engage in purposeful activities, in a way that is culturally appropriate and relevant to them. They will be able to gain vocational qualifications that help to improve their soft skills and build their confidence, breaking down the barriers to employment and participation in further education. The funding will cover the salary costs, staff costs and operational/ activity costs associated with the delivery of this project. The sessions (3-hour session - once a week on site) will take place on site at the Greenacres Travellers site just outside Market Harborough. The project will be run in partnership with the Prince's Trust using their 'Achieve' programme of courses. 15 – 20 young people will be supported through this project over the 12-month period.	£19,661.33	61

Total Sum of Recommendation: **£204,030.33**

OPCC: £100,000.00

VRN: £104,030.33

Key discussion points

All bid applications were evaluated, moderated and discussed in detail with the final decision on all the recommendation presented made by the PCC.

OFFICE OF PCC APPROVAL

Chief Executive or Chief Finance Officer:

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that appropriate advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner


Signature:

Name: Kira Hughes

Date: 09/11/2022

Publication Scheme

Decision of Monitoring Officer:

As Monitoring Officer for the Office of Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire I have determined that:

It is appropriate to publish this record of decision made by the Police and Crime Commissioner : **Yes**

It is appropriate to publish the contents of the report proposing this course of action prepared by either of the senior post holders in the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire (i.e. either the Chief Executive or Chief Finance Officer) : **Yes**

It is appropriate to publish details of the decision by the Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire : **Yes**

Reasons for any non Publication (referencing appropriate legislation): None


Signature:

Name: Elizabeth Starr

Date: 9/11/22

Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire

Having received the advice set out above and reviewed relevant documentation my decision in regard of this matter is:

Supported


Signature

Date:11/11/22