

**POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER  
FOR LEICESTERSHIRE  
*DECISION RECORD***

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**DECISION OF POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER**

**Date:** 24/07/2023

**Officers present:** Lily Thorne, Sajan Devshi and Andy Champness

**Received in OPCC Date:**

**OPCC Ref:** EXE0038-23

**Title:** People Zones Grants Fund – 2023-2024 - Round 1 Successful Bids

**Summary of Issue:**

People Zones are locations with a boundary attached, that has been identified through crime and public health data. People Zones follow an Asset Based Community Development approach, which focuses on highlighting what assets are in the area and how we can help communities to build upon and enhance them.

The hope is to empower residents and workers to work collaboratively to become a stronger, safer, and self-sustaining community. To be eligible to apply for People Zone funding, applicants must be living, working, or providing a service within a People Zone, and the project must meet one or more of the themes identified within the People Zones research report. This decision relates to the first round of funding of the 2023-2024 financial year, ring fenced for People Zones.

This funding round opened on 19/06/2023 and closed on 17/07/2023. 6 applications were submitted during this time. Community Development Officers Lily Thorne and Performance and Assurance Officer Sajan Devshi marked each application during the period 18/07/2023 - 20/07/2023, and then later moderated their scores on 20/07/2023 under the supervision of Heather Pearce, Commissioning and Contracts Officer.

All 6 applications were approved by moderators.

Upon review, the PCC approved to fund all 6 bids in this round. This equates to a funding commitment of £32,957.67.

A second and third moderation process was required for this round. Due to an internal administration error, it transpired that one other application was successfully submitted before the deadline, therefore, these further applications were accepted. Community Development Officer Lily Thorne and Performance and Assurance Officer Sajan Devshi both marked the first application on 01/08/2023 and then later

moderated their scores on 02/08/2023 under the supervision of Heather Pearce, Commissioning and Contracts Officer.

Community Development Officer Lily Thorne and Performance & Assurance Officer Sajan Devshi individually marked the second additional application on 10/08/2023 and then moderated their scores on 14/08/2023 under the supervision of Heather Pearce, Commissioning and Contracts Officer.

Upon review, the PCC approved to fund these bids. This equates to a further funding commitment of £10,708.80, making the overall total for Round 1 - **£43,666.40**.

**Recommendation(s) presented:**

Organisation	Name of project	Project brief	Geographical area	Amount of funding
Fearon Hall Community Association	Stories of Kindness	The project will begin with a call out to our local community for anecdotes of stories involving an experience of receiving simple acts of kindness from someone in their neighbourhood. This invitation to reflect on a positive experience is life affirming in itself and is an opportunity to reflect on the goodness of people in residential areas where often the emphasis is on the negative. These stories will be collated together and through collaboration between arts coordinator Jacqui Gallon and two poets/storytellers/musicians, the anecdotes will be transformed into a performative piece.	Bell Foundry People Zone	£9,900.00
Marios Tinenti Centre	Back To The Fuchsia Gardening Project	A group of residents that attend the local community centre have identified that the green areas within the estate have become uninviting spaces that are primarily used as a cut through to travel quickly across the estate, as opposed to green spaces that are utilised by the community. The group intends to rejuvenate these green spaces and support those who live adjacent to them to manage and maintain them. It has already been identified that Chapman street gardens is an area of the estate that is liked by many residents and the group are keen to replicate this in other areas. The aim	Bell Foundry People Zone	£4,680.67

		is to instil pride of place, reduce the likelihood of crime and give people a purpose by providing them with activity, that will both help with their health and wellbeing as well as upskill the residents in the area.		
ZamZam Unlimited Possibilities CIC	SmartScreen Studios	The project aims to address the emotional wellbeing of young individuals by providing them with a platform to learn mobile photography and videography. By engaging in creative activities and developing valuable life skills, participants can find a positive outlet for self-expression and personal growth.	Bell Foundry People Zone	£6,450.00
Team Hub CIC	Youth Project	This project will develop and deliver a supportive mentoring project working with some of the hardest to reach young people in the area we will also work with the young people to break the cycle of criminality and ASB. The project will work with key agencies to develop pathways back into education, apprenticeships and employment.	New Parks People Zone	£9,926.00
GNR8 Academy	Adaptive Equipment	This project aims to find a collaborative way to address all the needs of disabled people living in the community, whilst improving mental health through fitness and exercise.	New Parks People Zone	£3,259.00
Rose Alchemy CIC	Aligned & Empowered	Aligned & Empowered is a project aimed to support females who have been subject to trauma and abuse and are in a spiral of poor mental health, low self-esteem, low confidence and lack future life prospects. 12 workshops will take place every Tuesday for a group of women. The project will be marketed into the community through Juniper Lodge and the New Parks Community Hub, as well as social media. At the end of the project, the women will be able to do a fundraising event into the community. The aim is to get the community to	New Parks People Zone	£3,140.00

		engage and see if other services which support vulnerable women will contract Rose Alchemy CIC to run workshops for them for the recovery of the women.		
Marlene Reid Centre	Dial A Drive	This project aims to provide free transport allowing residents to access services such as the Social Supermarket at the Charles Booth Centre. The proposal is to run a mini bus on Wednesdays for 12 weeks stopping at the Thringstone Members Club, Charles Booth Centre (both Thringstone), The White Horse Pub in Whitwick and Coalville Town Centre.	Thringstone & Whitwick People Zone	£2,052.00
The Hare & Hound and Whitwick Scouts Group	Defibrillators	If successful, this project plans to install two lifesaving defibrillators at key points within the village of Whitwick. Training and training equipment will be provided for use by local groups. The aim is to ultimately ensure community groups and residents are trained in first aid and the use of Defibrillators and feel confident enough to use one in an emergency to save lives.	Thringstone & Whitwick People Zone	£4,258.80
				<b><u>£43,666.40.</u></b>

**Key discussion points**

All bid applications were discussed in detail with the final decision on all bids 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: 04/10/2023**

**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: Claire Trewartha**

**Date: 04/10/23**

**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:**

**Name: DPCC Rani Mahal**

**Date:09/10/2023**