

# POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LEICESTERSHIRE *DECISION RECORD*

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## DECISION OF POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

**Date:** 12/12/2023

**Officers present:** Lily Thorne, James O'Connell and Claire Trewartha

**Received in OPCC Date:**

**OPCC Ref:** EXE0047-23

**Title:** People Zones Grants Fund – 2023-2024 - Round 3 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 **third** round of funding of the 2023-2024 financial year, ring fenced for People Zones.

This funding round opened on 06/11/2023 and closed on 04/12/2023. 17 applications were submitted during this time. Community Development Officers Lily Thorne and James O'Connell conducted due diligence checks on 05/12/2023, individually marked each application during the period of 06/12/2023 - 07/12/2023, and then moderated their scores on 08/12/2023.

8 applications were approved by moderators.

Upon review, the PCC approved to fund 8 bids in this round. This equates to a funding commitment of **£44,158**.

**Recommendation(s) presented:**

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Name of project</b>	<b>Project brief</b>	<b>Geographical area</b>	<b>Amount of funding</b>
Limehurst Academy	Limehurst Wellbeing Hub	The project aim is to improve the health and wellbeing and support emotional regulation for all students, particularly those that have additional vulnerabilities including those that have experienced trauma and adverse childhood experiences (ACE's) and who struggle to manage school life.	Bell Foundry People Zone	£9,500
Love4Life	New Parks – Young People's Community Group	Love4Life groups provide the early intervention required to stop YP spiralling downwards. Through the provision of a safe space and skilled dedicated staff, we provide social/emotional support, enabling these YP to be heard, improve their mental health and wellbeing and make well-informed life choices.	New Parks People Zone	£5,934
Team Hub	Crafty Hands Creative Minds	Our project supports members of the community with their health by providing a safe environment to undertake crafting projects. This is a real benefit to many of the crafters mental health and enables them to feel less isolated and socialise more with other people from the area. Many attendees are accompanied by their carers and this is again another health benefit within the community.	New Parks People Zone	£1,500
Thringstone Members Club	Youth Club	A youth club will offer the young people a warm, safe place to go, and this has been highlighted to the steering group as something that the young people would like to have. ASB and lack of youth activities were highlighted heavily within the People Zone report and having this	Thringstone & Whitwick People Zone	£9,994

		type of activity available to the local young people may alleviate some of the other issues highlighted including community safety concerns and improvements in community cohesion.		
St Joseph's Rural Centre	Wellbeing Sanctuary	The project is to move all our wellbeing support and workshops to a new area within the grounds of our Centre. In our new area, we will be continuing our informal wellbeing support and we will also be delivering two types of more structured workshop groups, one for families and individuals and one for businesses, schools and groups.	Thringstone & Whitwick People Zone	£9,970
Limelight Performing Arts	Community Choir	The sessions will offer a fun singing sessions for all, the local care homes are able to access the session which will help with isolation and help those with poor mental health and/or dementia. Sessions are already very well attended elsewhere, with the project moving to a more central location, it is expected many more will wish to join.	Thringstone & Whitwick People Zone	£960
Thringstone Primary School	Sensory Garden	This project aims to create an outdoor sensory space for the students and families at Thringstone Primary School. It aims to better their imagination, confidence and learning in a safe and inspiring environment.	Thringstone & Whitwick People Zone	£3,800
Whitwick Scouts Group	Heating Upgrade	This Project will upgrade the temporary heating solution at Whitwick Scout HQ, with permanent and environmentally considerate Air Source Heating System. This project will increase access to our building and the type of events we can host across the year, increase the use of our building for more events, and meetings during winter months and increase the availability and use of	Thringstone & Whitwick People Zone	£2,500

		the building for community focused events.		
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**£44,158**

**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: 19/12/23**

**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: 18/12/2023**

**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: 20/12/23**