



OFFICE OF THE POLICE & CRIME  
COMMISSIONER FOR THAMES VALLEY

**Report for Decision: PCC 2018 / 006**

**Title: Police Property Act Fund – High Sheriff and Community Foundation awards 2017/18**

**Executive Summary:**

The Police Property Act Fund is created from the proceeds of sale of goods recovered by the police that cannot be returned to their original owner. In accordance with the Police Property Act Fund (PPAF) Regulations (1997) all awards from the fund must be for charitable purposes.

Earlier this year the PCC and Chief Constable jointly agreed to give £25,000 to each of the three county based High Sheriffs to award to local charities and/or community groups that support delivery of the PCC's Police and Crime Plan.

The three High Sheriffs submitted their individual proposals to the PCC and, following approval, cash payments to the individual organisation were made from this office. Attached at Appendix 1 is a list of grant allocations from each of the three High Sheriffs. In total, 20 separate awards have been made, totalling £75,000.

The PCC and Chief Constable also agreed to give the four Community Foundations £105,000. They have been tasked with obtaining additional matched funding in order to increase the total grant pot to at least £150,000. Given that this was a new initiative this year the Community Foundations have not spent their full allocation during 2017/18. As shown in Appendix 2 the PCC and Chief Constable have so far approved 15 individual grant awards using £42,935 of PPAF money. The Community Foundations have added £72,217 of partnership funding, supporting total project costs of £182,175.

**Recommendation:**

The PCC is asked to APPROVE the following awards from the Police Property Act Fund in 2017/18:

- The High Sheriff grant awards as set out in Appendix 1
- The Community Foundation grant awards as set out in Appendix 2

**Police and Crime Commissioner**

I hereby approve the recommendation above.

**Signature**

**Date** 28.3.18

## **PART I – NOT CONFIDENTIAL**

### **1 Introduction and background**

- 1.1 The Police (Property) Act 1997 is a fund whereby allocations are received from the sale of recovered stolen goods or property. If the owners of the property are not traceable then the goods are sold at auction. The monies from the sales of the goods are then redistributed by way of grants or donations for charitable purposes that support and complement local policing and crime reduction priorities.
- 1.2 Approximately £300,000 is available for distribution during 2017/18, of which £92,950 was awarded to 28 separate organisations through the public bidding round in November 2017. A further £14,000 has since awarded to 2 separate organisations i.e. the Police Memorial Trust and volunteer Police Cadets in Buckinghamshire.
- 1.3 £75,000 has been given to the three county based High Sherriff's for them to allocate to local good causes who help the police reduce crime and disorder.
- 1.4 At the start of the financial year the PCC and Chief Constable agreed to donate money through the 4 Community Foundations in the Thames Valley area. The Community Foundations have been given £105,000 and have been tasked with obtaining additional match funding in order to increase the total grant pot to at least £150,000. The Community Foundations can retain 12% of the initial TVP contribution (total of £12,600) to assist with their costs in obtaining the match funding.
- 1.5 Any unspent monies in 2017/18 will be carried forward and added to the new funding for distribution in 2018/19.
- 1.6 Under the Scheme of Governance, Financial Regulations provide for the PCC and Chief Constable to jointly determine the payments to be made in accordance with the Regulations.

### **2 Issues for consideration**

- 2.1 The three High Sheriffs have nominated their preferred charities, the amounts to be awarded and explained, in each case, how these organisations will help the PCC to deliver his Police and Crime Plan aims and objectives.
- 2.2 A full list of awards is provided in Appendix 1.
- 2.3 The Community Foundations have provided a steady stream of recommendations throughout the year which the PCC and Chief Constable have considered carefully. So far 15 individual grant awards have been approved which uses £42,935 of PPAF money, but has attracted an additional partnership funding of £72,217, supporting total project costs of £182,175.
- 2.4 A full list of grant awards is provided in Appendix 2.

### **3 Financial comments**

- 3.1 £75,000 has been allocated through the High Sheriff grant award process.

3.2 The community foundations have received £105,000, but £12,600 will be retained by them help to fund their running costs. Total awards to date from the PPAF amount to £42,935. The residual amount of £49,465 will be carried forward to 2018/19.

**4 Legal comments**

4.1 Under regulation 6(4)(c) of the Police (Property) Regulations 1997 the payment must be made for "charitable purposes". By virtue of the Charities Act 2011 a charitable purposes is one that falls under section 3(1) of the Act and is for the public benefit, which means it does not necessarily have to be a registered charity.

**5 Equality comments**

5.1 No specific implications arising from this report.

**6 Conclusion**

6.1 The PCC is asked to asked to formally approve the list of grant donations as set out in Appendix 1 and 2.

**7 Background papers**

n/a

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<p><b>Is there a Part 2 form? No</b></p>

<b>Name &amp; Role</b>	<b>Officer</b>
<p><b>Head of Unit</b>            Grants have been awarded in accordance with Financial Regulations</p>	<p>Chief Finance Officer</p>
<p><b>Legal Advice</b>            Under regulation 6(4)(c) of the Police (Property) Regulations 1997 the payment must be made for "charitable purposes"</p>	<p>PCC Chief Executive</p>
<p><b>Financial Advice</b>            The fund is managed effectively and robustly and donations are made within the definitions of the regulatory framework.</p>	<p>Chief Finance Officer</p>
<p><b>Equalities &amp; Diversity</b>            No specific implications arising from this report</p>	<p>PCC Chief Executive</p>

**OFFICER'S APPROVAL**

We have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that financial and legal advice have been taken into account in the preparation of this report.

We are satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

  
Chief Executive

Date: 27 March 2017

  
Chief Finance Officer

Date 27 March 2017

	Organisation	Amount	
Berks	Thames Valley Partnership	£2,500.00	
	Parents and Children Together (PACT)	£5,000.00	
	Berkshire Police Cadets	£5,000.00	
	Berkshire Care Trust	£5,000.00	
	Launchpad	£5,000.00	
	Reading Minister	£2,500.00	£25,000.00
Oxon	Aspire	£5,000.00	
	Getting Court	£2,500.00	
	Youth Challenge Oxfordshire	£5,000.00	
	Thames Valley Partnership	£2,500.00	
	Edge Housing	£2,500.00	
	South Oxfordshire Food & Education Alliance	£2,500.00	
	Ark T	£1,500.00	
	The Porch Day centre	£1,000.00	
	Children Heard and Seen	£1,500.00	
	Oxon Police Cadets	£1,000.00	£25,000.00
Bucks	Drug FAM	£5,000.00	
	Bucks Association for the Care of Offenders	£10,000.00	
	The Hardman Trust	£4,000.00	
	Bucks Police Cadets	£6,000.00	£25,000.00
<b>Total Grant Awards 2017/18</b>		<b>£75,000.00</b>	<b>£75,000.00</b>

## Approved Community Foundation awards 2017/18

Organisation	Project cost	CF support	PCC element
<b>Berkshire</b>			
DrugFAM	15,000	5,000	5,000
Elizabeth Fry	8,280	4,140	4,140
<b>Berkshire Total</b>	<b>23,280</b>	<b>9,140</b>	<b>9,140</b>
<b>Buckinghamshire</b>			
Aylesbury Youth Motor Project	1,460	730	730
Trailblazers Mentoring	25,593	2,500	2,500
Wycombe Women's Aid	3,678	1,839	1,839
Aylesbury Homeless Action Group	39,489	2,500	2,500
Bucks Search & Rescue	3,058	1,529	1,529
Wycombe Wanderers Sports & Education Trust	5,610	2,500	2,500
<b>Bucks Total</b>	<b>78,888</b>	<b>11,598</b>	<b>11,598</b>
<b>Milton Keynes</b>			
MK Act	30,640	25,640	5,000
Global outreach foundation	5,000	2,500	2,500
<b>MK Total</b>	<b>35,640</b>	<b>28,140</b>	<b>7,500</b>
<b>Oxfordshire</b>			
Reducing the risk of domestic abuse	10,000	5,000	5,000
Aspire	4,926	3,284	1,642
Thames Valley Partnership	10,000	8,500	1,500
DrugFAM	9,910	4,555	4,555
Didcot TRAIN youth project	9,531	2,000	2,000
<b>Oxon Total</b>	<b>44,367</b>	<b>23,339</b>	<b>14,697</b>
<b>Total Community Foundations</b>	<b>182,175</b>	<b>72,217</b>	<b>42,935</b>