



OFFICE OF THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR THAMES VALLEY

Report for Decision : PCC 2018 - 011

Title: Community Safety Fund Grant Awards June 2018

Executive Summary:

The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) reviewed the use of the Community Safety Fund (CSF) as part of the preparation of the 2017-2021 Police and Crime Plan. The PCC decided to retain 10% of the overall CSF pot each financial year to facilitate funding of the PCC's local priorities and central commissioning of services. In 2018/19 this equates to £0.304m. A further £0.1m is available from the earmarked reserve for Community Safety Initiatives meaning that circa £0.4m is available.

This round of funding was to be targeted at specific areas of the Police & Crime Plan, including elder abuse, reducing re-offending and Serious Organised Crime.

The grant bidding process opened on 30th April and closed on 30th May 2018. Thirty-four applications were received by the deadline date and late applications were rejected. Seven of these bids were judged as not passing the gateway criteria which left twenty-seven bids to be assessed by a panel.

Assessments were completed by four members of staff from the OPCC using pre-set evaluation criteria (i.e. 40% value for money / 60% quality of proposal). The independent assessors scored on their own initially and then met to discuss and develop a consensus score across all bids.

The top seven bids are recommended to the PCC for approval covering the following areas:

- Re-offending (four bids from eleven applications)
- Elder abuse (one bid from two applications)
- Young people at risk of exploitation / gangs (two bids from eleven)
- There were three bids around substance misuse which did not score high enough to enter the top seven.

Recommendation:

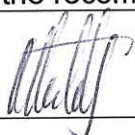
That the PCC award the following grants out of the 2018/19 CSF "top slice" fund, to improve outcomes around re-offending, improve understanding around elder abuse, and improve data sharing & exploitation of young people.

Organisation	Funding amount	Geographical area covered			
		Berks	Bucks	Oxon	MK
Re-offending					
Thames Valley Police	£46,322	√	√	√	√
Aspire Oxford	£72,875		Wycombe	√	√
Circles South East	£52,464	√	√	√	√
TV Local Criminal Justice Board	£40,000	√	√	√	√
Subtotal	£211,671				
Elder abuse					
Age UK Oxfordshire	£55,224			√	
Subtotal	£55,224				
Youth - gangs & exploitation					
Wycombe Youth Action	£19,446		Wycombe		
Berkshire Youth	£76,193	√			
Subtotal	£95,639				
Total all applications	£362,534				

Police and Crime Commissioner

I hereby approve the recommendation above.

Signature



Date 10.8.18

PART 1 – NON-CONFIDENTIAL

1 Introduction and background

- 1.1 The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) reviewed the use of the Community Safety Fund (CSF) as part of the preparation of the 2017-2021 Police and Crime Plan. The PCC decided to retain 10% of the overall CSF pot each financial year to facilitate funding of the PCC's local priorities and central commissioning of services. In addition, the PCC also has an earmarked revenue reserve for Community Safety Initiatives
- 1.2 There were some areas within the PCC's Police and Crime Plan which were key aims that would benefit from additional focus, in order to facilitate the delivery of the Plan. The funding was made available through a bidding process for projects which addressed any of the following criteria:-

Priority 1 – Vulnerability

Key Aim: Better understanding by police and partners of the extent and nature of **elder abuse**, followed by positive action taken to address the issues uncovered.

Priority 3 – Reducing Re-offending

Key Aim: A review by police and other criminal justice partners on whether processes for identifying and referring individuals in contact with the criminal justice system into **substance misuse services** are as effective as they could be.

Key Aim: Improved data sharing on gangs, with the aim of reducing **exploitation of young people** through gang membership and reducing and preventing violent crime, especially knife crime

Key Aim: A modern offender management strategy for Thames Valley addressing gaps in existing schemes and **tackling offenders** across the crime spectrum who pose the greatest risk or threat of harm.

Priority 4 – Serious Organised Crime & Terrorism

Key Aim: Better engagement and information sharing between police and organisations supporting **vulnerable migrants and rough sleepers**, with the aim of preventing exploitation by organised criminals

2 Issues for consideration

- 2.1.1 The grant bidding process opened on 30th April and closed on 30th May 2018. Thirty-four applications were received by the deadline date and late applications were rejected. Seven of these bids were judged as not passing the gateway criteria which left twenty-seven bids to be assessed by a panel. In total, the funding bids from the thirty-four applicants amounted to over £1.3m.

2.2 A summary of the bids is as follows:

Category	Number of bids	Range of bids
Elder abuse	2	£38,425 - £55,224
Substance misuse	3	£30,000 – £49,100
Young people	11	£19,446 - £95,000
Tackling offenders	11	£19,450 - £75,000
Total	27	£19,450 - £95,000

2.3 Applications were assessed independently by a panel of 4 staff from the OPCC according to pre-set evaluation criteria (i.e. 40% value for money / 60% quality of proposal). The independent assessors scored on their own initially and then met to discuss and develop a consensus score across all bids.

2.4 The recommendations of the panel of assessors were then forwarded to the PCC for approval. The panel recommended seven bids for approval, amounting to total grant funding of £362,534.

3 Financial comments

3.1 The PCC has retained 10% of the CSF to facilitate funding of his local priorities and central commissioning of services. In 2018/19 this amounts to £0.304m. A further £0.1m is available from the earmarked reserve for Community Safety Initiatives which means that circa £0.4m is available for this grant funding round.

3.2 The total value of the proposed grant allocations is £362,534. This proposed expenditure can be fully funded from within the PCC's Community Safety Fund budget.

4 Legal comments

4.1 No specific issues arising from this report.

5 Equality comments

5.1 None specific arising from this report. The PCC invited bids through an open and transparent process.

6 Background papers

Panel scoring matrix (displays a precis of each bid, cost, geographical area, project length and all collated scores).

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Is the publication of this form to be deferred? No

Is there a Part 2 form? No

Name & Role	Officer
Head of Unit Grant allocations are being made following an open and transparent bidding process. This will support the PCC to meet one of his strategic priority areas within the Police and Crime plan.	Policy Development Manager
Legal Advice No issues or implications arising	PCC Chief Executive
Financial Advice Expenditure is fully covered by the PCCs community safety fund budget for 2018/19 and earmarked reserve monies	PCC Chief Finance Officer
Equalities and Diversity No specific issues arising. Grant allocations are being made following an open and transparent bidding process	PCC Chief Executive

PCC'S STATUTORY CHIEF OFFICERS' 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 6/8/18


Chief Finance Officer

Date 24/5/18

