



OFFICE OF THE POLICE & CRIME
COMMISSIONER FOR THAMES VALLEY

Report for Decision: PCC 2018 / 014

Title: Police Property Act Fund donations 2018/19

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 Regulations (1997) all awards from the fund must be for charitable purposes.

Applications were invited on 20 June 2018 from local voluntary and community groups who are working to improve the lives of people in the Thames Valley Police area. The closing date for submitting applications was 12.00 pm on 17th July 2018.

Applicants had to demonstrate how their project or activity contributed to the following Police and Crime Plan priorities:

- Reducing reoffending - Targeting and managing harm and risk
- Serious organised crime and terrorism – Improving the local response

In total 52 separate bids were received requesting funding of £0.46m.

All applications were considered in detail by an officer working group and, where relevant, additional information and/or support was obtained from local police areas or specialist departments.

Their recommendations were considered by the PCC and Chief Constable on 5th September.

In total the PCC and Chief Constable have agreed to provide a grant to 20 separate organisations with funding of £97,950.

Recommendation:

The PCC is invited to APPROVE grants worth £97,950 to those local charities and community groups as set out in Appendix 1.

Police and Crime Commissioner

I hereby approve the recommendation above.

Signature

Date 10.10.18.

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 £275,000 is available for distribution during 2018/19, of which £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. The remaining £200,000 is available for allocation through two public bidding rounds.
- 1.3 Applicants had to demonstrate how their project or activity contributes to meeting the following Police & Crime Plan objectives:
 - Reducing reoffending - Targeting and managing harm and risk
 - Serious organised crime and terrorism – Improving the local response
- 1.4 The bidding process commenced on 20th June and closed at 12.00pm on Tuesday 17th July 2018.
- 1.5 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 Applicants were asked to explain how their work will help the PCC to deliver his police and Crime Plan objectives.
- 2.2 In total 52 separate bids for funding were received requesting total funding of £0.46m, which is over four and a half times higher than the amount currently available (£100,000) for distribution in this funding round. This therefore meant that the PCC and Chief Constable could only support a relatively small proportion of the total bids that had been received.
- 2.3 As such, all bids were reviewed and considered in detail to identify those that provide the greatest benefit to the PCC and Chief Constable in helping to deliver the Police and Crime Plan objectives. Where appropriate, additional views and comments were sought from Local Police Area commanders and/or specialist departments to ensure that the local policing context was also considered.
- 2.4 The PCC and Chief Constable have agreed to support 20 separate organisations with individual grants ranging from £1,500 to £10,000.

3 Financial comments

- 3.1 The PCC and Chief Constable have agreed to support 20 separate organisations with individual grants ranging from £1,500 to £10,000, as set out in Appendix 1. In total these grants amount to £97,500

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: 8 October 2018


Chief Finance Officer

Date 8 October 2018

- 3.2 This leaves a relatively small amount of money for the PCC and Chief Constable to support other worthy causes outside of the public bidding round.

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 formally approve the list of grant donations as set out in Appendix 1.

7 Background papers

n/a

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Is there a Part 2 form? No

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

Organisation Name	Location	Amount
Barnardos R U Safe Missing and Exploitation Service	Buckinghamshire	10,000
Building Lives Project CIC	Berkshire	10,000
MK ACT	Buckinghamshire	8,000
Wycombe Youth Action	Buckinghamshire	8,000
Windsor Street Angels	Berkshire	5,000
Didcot TRAIN - Inspiring Young People	Oxfordshire	5,000
Thames Valley Partnership	Thames Valley	5,000
Aldates Community Transformation (ACT)	Thames Valley	5,000
The Know How	Berkshire	5,000
Sound Inclusion (WYSP/ Roundhouse CYAC)	Buckinghamshire	4,000
Reducing the Risk of Domestic Abuse	Oxfordshire	4,000
Somali Outreach Project	Buckinghamshire	4,000
St Mungo's	Berkshire	3,500
Elizabeth Fry Charity	Thames Valley	3,500
Parents And Children Together (PACT)	Berkshire	3,500
Emmaus Oxford	Oxfordshire	3,500
Launchpad Reading	Berkshire	3,500
Citizens Advice Milton Keynes	Buckinghamshire	3,000
Abingdon Street Pastors	Oxfordshire	2,500
Insider Access	Thames Valley	1,500

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Berkshire	27,500
Buckinghamshire	32,500
Oxfordshire	17,500
Thames Valley	20,000
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