



OFFICE OF THE POLICE & CRIME  
COMMISSIONER FOR THAMES VALLEY

**Report for Decision: PCC 2019 / 005**

**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 23<sup>rd</sup> November 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 Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 9am.

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

- Vulnerability
- Prevention and Early Intervention

In total 116 separate bids were received requesting funding of £0.811m.

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 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

In total the PCC and Chief Constable have agreed to provide a grant to 32 separate organisations with funding of £100,700.

**Recommendation:**

The PCC is invited to APPROVE grants worth £100,700 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** 19.2.19.

## **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:
  - Vulnerability
  - Prevention and Early Intervention
- 1.4 The bidding process commenced on 23<sup>rd</sup> November and closed at 9am on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December 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 116 separate bids for funding were received requesting total funding of £0.811m, which is over eight times higher than the amount currently available (approx. £0.1m) 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 32 separate organisations with individual grants ranging from £1,000 to £6,000.

### **3 Financial comments**

- 3.1 The PCC and Chief Constable have agreed to support 32 separate organisations with individual grants ranging from £1,000 to £6,000, as set out in Appendix 1. In total these grants amount to £100,700



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

## 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: 19/2/2019

  
Chief Finance Officer

Date 19-2-19

Organisation Name	Recommended
Safety Centre (Hazard Alley) Ltd	6,000
Mediation Buckinghamshire	5,000
SAFE! Support for Young People Affected by Crime	5,000
The Abingdon Bridge	5,000
Reading Street Pastors	5,000
Lindengate, Mental Health Charity	5,000
First Stop	4,500
Paving The Way	4,000
Homeless Oxfordshire	4,000
Browns Community Services	4,000
Bucks Search and Rescue	4,000
Salvation Army Bridges	4,000
My Life My Choice	3,800
Family Friends in Windsor and Maidenhead	3,000
The Dash Charity	3,000
Newbury Street Pastors	3,000
Thames Valley Police Cadets	3,000
Voices and Choices CIO	2,500
National Ugly Mugs	2,500
Pilgrims Heart Trust	2,500
Aylesbury Town Chaplaincy	2,500
Reducing the Risk of Domestic Abuse	2,400
Search Dogs Buckinghamshire	2,000
Caritas Diocese of Portsmouth	2,000
Slough Intergration Services	2,000
wantage and Grove street Pastors	2,000
Age UK Berkshire	2,000
SHOC- Slough Homeless Our Concern	2,000
the Somali community Milton Keynes	1,500
The Porch	1,500
Advocacy After Fatal Domestic Abuse (AAFDA)	1,000
Newbury Soup Kitchen division of HAVEN (west Berkshire)	1,000
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