



OFFICE OF THE POLICE & CRIME
COMMISSIONER FOR THAMES VALLEY

Report for Decision: PCC 2019 / 008

Title: Police Property Act Fund – High Sheriff and Community Foundation awards 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 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, 9 separate awards have been made, totalling £75,000.

In April 2017 the PCC and Chief Constable agreed to give the four Community Foundations £105,000 and tasked them 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 the Community Foundations didn't spend their full allocation during 2017/18 and the residual balance of £49,465 was carried forward to 2018/19. As shown in Appendix 2 the PCC and Chief Constable have approved a further 12 grant awards using £38,462 of their carried forward money. The Community Foundations have added £34,120 of partnership funding, supporting total project costs of £169,906.

Recommendation:

The PCC is asked to APPROVE the following awards from the Police Property Act Fund in 2018/19:

- 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

1.5.19

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 £198,200 has been awarded to 52 separate organisations through two public bidding rounds.
- 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 In April 2017 the PCC and Chief Constable agreed to donate money through the 4 Community Foundations in the Thames Valley area. The Community Foundations were given £105,000 and 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. Given that this was a new initiative, not all the funds were allocated during 2017/18 and the PCC and Chief Constable agreed that any unspent monies would be carried forward for distribution in 2018/19.
- 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 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. During 2018/19 a further 12 individual grant awards have been approved which uses £38,462 of their carried forward PPAF money. This has attracted additional partnership funding of £34,120, supporting total project costs of £169,906. 21
- 2.4 A full list of grant awards during 2018/19 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 during 2017/18 amounted to £42,935. The residual amount of £49,465 was carried forward to 2018/19. Grants

amounting to £38,462 have been approved during 2018/19 which means that a small residual balance of £11,003 will be carried forward to 2019/20.

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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Is there a Part 2 form? No

Name & Role	Officer
Head of Unit Grants have been awarded in accordance with Financial Regulations	Chief Finance Officer
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

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: 30 April 2019

Chief Finance Officer

Date 30 April 2019

	Organisation	Amount	
Berks	Blue Sky	£5,000.00	
	Elizabeth Fry	£5,000.00	
	Parents and Children Together (PACT)	£5,000.00	
	Berkshire Care Trust	£5,000.00	
	Browns Community Services	£5,000.00	£25,000.00
Oxon	Youth Challenge Oxfordshire	£5,000.00	
	SAFE	£20,000.00	£25,000.00
Bucks	Milton Keynes Christian Foundation	£5,000.00	
	Buckinghamshire Association for the Care of Offenders	£20,000.00	£25,000.00
Total Grant Awards 2018/19		£75,000.00	£75,000.00

Organisation	Project cost	CF support	PCC element
Berkshire			
Berkshire Care Trust	8,000	4,000	4,000
Children Hear and Seen	10,164	2,000	3,950
DrugFAM	34,000	5,108	7,500
Thames Valley Partnership	10,000	3,210	3,210
The Forward Trust	37,640	3,000	3,000
Berkshire Total	99,804	17,318	21,660
Buckinghamshire			
Be your best foundation	5,000	954	954
Startup	5,000	954	954
Wycombe Youth Action	4,918	939	939
Mediation Bucks	5,000	954	954
Bucks Total	19,918	3,802	3,802
Milton Keynes			
Thames Valley Partnership	5,000	2,500	2,500
MK Total	5,000	2,500	2,500
Oxfordshire			
Abingdon Damascus	6,000	3,000	3,000
Aspire	39,184	7,500	7,500
Oxon Total	45,184	10,500	10,500
Total Community Foundations	169,906	34,120	38,462

