



OFFICE OF THE POLICE & CRIME
COMMISSIONER FOR THAMES VALLEY

Report for Decision: PCC 2019 / 013

Title: Police Property Act Fund donations 2019/20

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 30 May 2019 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 9.00am on 20th June 2019.

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 61 separate bids were received requesting funding of £0.344m.

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 27 separate organisations with funding of £106,733.

Recommendation:

The PCC is invited to APPROVE grants worth £106,733 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

12.8.19

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 £350,000 is available for distribution during 2019/20, 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 £280,000 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 30th May and closed at 9.00am on Thursday 20th June 2019.
- 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 61 separate bids for funding were received requesting total funding of £0.344m, which is 2.5 times higher than the amount currently available (£140,000) 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 27 separate organisations with individual grants ranging from £1,000 to £6,925.

3 Financial comments

- 3.1 The PCC and Chief Constable have agreed to support 27 separate organisations with individual grants ranging from £1,000 to £6,925, as set out in Appendix 1. In total these grants amount to £106,733

3.2 The unspent money from this funding round will be carried forward to the autumn to increase the amount available in the second public bidding round.

3.3 It will also provide a relatively small amount of money, should it be necessary, 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

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: 6 August 2019


Chief Finance Officer

Date 2 August 2019

Police Property Act Fund Donations 2019-20

Organisation Name	Amount
Britwell Youth and Community Project (BYCP)	6,925
Berkshire Care Trust	6,000
The Mustard Tree Foundation for our Rahab project	6,000
Abingdon DAMASCUS Youth Project	6,000
Community Youth Ventures CIC	5,928
Banbury Young Homeless Project (BYHP)	5,000
Reading Refocus	5,000
Windsor Street Angels	5,000
Haybrook College Trust	5,000
Parents And Children Together (PACT)	5,000
Thames Valley Police	5,000
Aik Saath - Together As One	5,000
Aspire Oxford	4,280
Somali Outreach Project	4,250
The Dash Charity	4,000
The London and Slough Run Charitable Trust	3,000
Windsor Christian Action	3,000
MK ACT	3,000
Sunrise Multicultural Project	3,000
Wantage and Grove Street Pastors	3,000
Pilgrims Heart Trust	2,500
Reading Rep	2,500
Thames Valley Police in partnership with the Ben Kinsela Trust	2,500
Youth Emerge Community Development	2,000
Elevated Hope	1,850
Phoenix Lifestyle Innovations cic	1,000
Abingdon Street Pastors	1,000
	106,733

