



OFFICE OF THE POLICE & CRIME
COMMISSIONER FOR THAMES VALLEY

Report for Decision: PCC 2020 / 001

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 28 October 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 12.00pm on 22nd November 2019.

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 169 separate bids were received requesting funding of over £1.16m.

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 8th January.

In total the PCC and Chief Constable have agreed to provide a grant to 42 separate organisations with funding of £166,800.

Recommendation:

The PCC is invited to APPROVE grants worth £166,800 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 13.1.20

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. £106,733 was allocated following the first public bidding round last Autumn leaving around £170,000 to be allocated in this second public bidding round.
- 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 30th May and closed at 12.00pm on Friday 22nd November 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 169 separate bids for funding were received requesting total funding of just over £1.16m, which is 6.8 times higher than the amount currently available (£170,000) 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 42 separate organisations with individual grants ranging from £1,000 to £10,000.
- 2.5 Some of the bids are conditional on the organisation seeking match funding from other partners or providing confirmation that they will work with their local policing team to deliver the stated outcomes.

3 Financial comments

- 3.1 The PCC and Chief Constable have agreed to support 42 separate organisations with individual grants ranging from £1,000 to £10,000, as set out in Appendix 1. In total these grants amount to £166,800.

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

Public access to information

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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”	Governance Manager
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

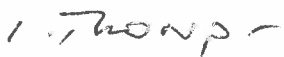
OFFICER'S APPROVAL

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: 13 January 2020


Chief Finance Officer

Date 13 January 2020

Police Property Act Fund Donations 2020-21

Organisation Name	Amount £
Ok Our Kids	10,000
Pilgrim Bandits	8,000
Berkshire Lowland Search & Rescue	7,500
Children Heard And Seen	7,000
The Abingdon Bridge	6,000
Family Friends in Windsor and Maidenhead	6,000
Thames Valley Police	6,000
Browns Community services CIC	6,000
Autism Berkshire (the working name of Berkshire Autistic Society)	5,000
Reading Street Pastors	5,000
First Stop	5,000
Mediation Buckinghamshire	5,000
Action4Youth	5,000
Launchpad Reading	5,000
Elmore Community Services	4,000
St Mungo's	4,000
Oxfordshire Lowland Search & Rescue	4,000
Safety Centre (Hazard Alley) Ltd	3,800
Age UK Milton Keynes	3,500
Reducing the Risk of Domestic Abuse	3,500
involve Community Services	3,500
Youth Network MK	3,000
Donnington Doorstep	3,000
National Ugly Mugs	3,000
Aylesbury Town Chaplaincy	3,000
The Ark Trust	2,500
Didcot TRAIN - Inspiring Young People	2,500
Rape Crisis (Wycombe, Chiltern & South Bucks)	2,500
Local Media Initiatives CIC	2,500
The Porch	2,000
ACT (Aldates Community Transformation)	2,000
Suzy Lamplugh Trust	2,000
RAW Workshop	2,000
Thames Valley Partnership	2,000
Lindengate Mental Health Charity	2,000
Slough Foodbank	1,500
Homeless Oxfordshire	1,000
Advocacy After Fatal Domestic Abuse (AAFDA)	1,000
Emmaus Oxford	1,000
Conditional awards	
Bucks Search & Rescue	7,500
Pause Slough	5,000
Mustaqbill Future Foundation	3,000

166,800

