

Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey – Decision Making Record

Title: Community Safety Fund – June to August Applications
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Executive Summary:

The Community Safety Fund has been allocated to Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) to support them in the delivery of the Police and Crime Plan for Surrey. For the financial year 2013/14 the PCC for Surrey has been allocated £659,000 of which £509,000 has all been made available for applications from bodies that can support the PCC in his work.

For June to August the PCC received twenty-one applications totalling £151, 523.90. Sixteen applications have been recommended for approval. Thirteen are for countywide projects, with the remaining focusing on the boroughs of Spelthorne, Epsom and Ewell and Horley.

Applications

The following provides an overview of those applications received and recommended for approval.

Surrey Police – Prevent Partnership Workshop

£2000 has been awarded to the Surrey Police Prevent team to run a workshop for partner organisations to raise awareness of the risks of extremism and the processes for reporting extremist crimes.

This application was approved as it has clear links to zero tolerance policing and also raises awareness of how victims will be supported by Surrey Police and the CJS.

Invoices for the venue will be requested and the number of audience members and the organisation they represent will be monitored.

Be Your Best – Rock Challenge

This is a performing arts competition for young people, encouraging the audience to be their best without the need for alcohol, tobacco or other substances. The panel decided to award £5000 to contribute towards the overall cost of the project. 500 young people from a range of secondary schools will come together for a final performance.

This project was supported due to the evidence from previous occasions that this project has run and the outcomes achieved. This outcomes include, decrease in use of tobacco and alcohol, less anti-social behaviour, improved behaviour in schools.

Invoices for the venue will be requested along with a report at the end of the year.

SHOuT Youth Conferences

At the two remaining youth conferences, the attendees will vote for their favourite project out of a number that are exhibited. The winning project will receive funding from the other areas which will be match-funded by the PCC Community Safety fund (£2000 for each remaining conference).

The projects that the young people propose must meet criteria of reducing crime and disorder; combatting drugs and alcohol, and reducing re-offending. This project involves young people in driving the direction of their borough and having a say in local developments.

Spelthorne Police and Crime Summit

£500 will be awarded to support Spelthorne Borough Council to be awarded to a community project nominated by local people at the crime summit. This allows the public to have a say in how money is spent locally and where problem-solving should be focussed. The projects should meet criteria of reducing crime and disorder; combatting drugs and alcohol, and reducing re-offending.

The winning project will provide updates throughout the year on how the money has been spent and will report back the following year at the next crime summit.

Surrey Police – Personal Safety Workshops

£512 has been requested to provide personal safety items such as attack alarms and bottle tops to prevent drinks being spiked. The items will be used in support of inputs to youth clubs on the subjects of alcohol awareness, drugs intervention and personal safety.

This has been approved as it supports the reduction of crime and disorder, targets young peoples use of drugs and alcohol and reduces offending and anti-social behaviour.

Invoices will be provided for the items purchased and a report outlining the number of people attending the workshops.

Surrey Police – Volunteers Equipment

Surrey Police volunteers support the force by attending local events and engaging with communities. They distribute advice and guidance on crime reduction and encourage involvement in the volunteer programme.

The team have requested £857.50 to provide wet weather clothing to provide a more corporate and professional image during the winter months.

Invoices will be provided.

Youth Empowerment Service – Session work

£5000 has been approved to support the delivery of twelve sessions of group work to young people with the highest level of needs. The workshops explore offending behaviour; victims; and the role of drugs and alcohol in offending. The outcomes include reduced offending, re-entry into mainstream schooling; reduction of ASB.

The programme was supported as it increases awareness of the impact of crimes on victims and highlights the zero tolerance approach.

A report will be supplied at the end of the school term to evidence the outcomes of the 12 sessions.

Transform Housing and Support

£4000 has been requested to extend an existing property to provide self-contained flats for ex-offenders looking to move on from their assisted housing. This project has been approved as it meets the PCC's criteria of reducing reoffending. The evidence of the existing programme shows a reoffending rate of 13% compared to a national average of 47.5%.

Invoices will be provided to show how the money has been spent and once the flats are completed, a report to show their occupancy and impact will be received.

Outline – LGBT crime reporting

£2700 has been requested to provide a targeted promotional campaign to raise awareness of crime reporting routes for members of LGBT communities. The money will be used to develop bespoke artwork and communication messages. A request will be made to support and influence the communications materials to reflect the Peoples Priorities. The desired outcomes include an increase in reporting of crimes from the LGBT communities and increased confidence.

Horley Town Council – CCTV

Horley Town Council manages nine parks and recreation grounds and monitors 21 CCTV cameras. £3500 has been awarded to connect the cameras to enhance maintenance and supervision for crime reduction and detection purposes and to increase the public sense of safety. Invoices will be supplied.

Epsom and Ewell Borough Council – Drug & Alcohol Education

E&E BC have previously supported the development and production of a peer-led project on drug and alcohol misuse. £4700 has now been requested to further develop this production into curriculum materials so it can be viewed more widely across schools in the borough. Both qualitative and quantitative reviews will take place – the number of schools utilising the materials and educational satisfaction levels of the content.

Surrey Police – Opening Doors

The Diversity Directorate have requested £6500 to run a training day to enhance officer knowledge of the impact of disability hate crime on victims. There will be an expectation that people who attend will share their learning through briefings with their teams. Invoices and evaluations will be supplied.

Cyber Champions

The aim of the project is to deliver workshops in schools to promote digital literacy and e-safety, this will also be extended to targeted adult groups in Surrey. The outcome of delivering these workshops is the reduction of crime and improved personal safety. £2000 has been awarded for delivery between September 2013 and January 2014. A report will be fed back following the initial pilot.

Youth Support Service – Substance Misuse Team

£54,595 has been requested to part-fund the cost of the YSS Substance Misuse Team. The team deliver services that are aimed at reducing and preventing the misuse of drugs and alcohol by young people. The young people selected are high risk and have been involved in offences associated with drug and alcohol use, the aim is that there will be a demonstrable reduction in risk behaviours and a reduction in reoffending. Quarterly reports will review the numbers of young people presenting for treatment and mark progress of their treatment.

Young Witness Service

The Young Witness Service consists of one manager and eight volunteers who provide support to young people going through the CJS either as victims or witnesses. With the change in provision in Witness Care the YWS are left with a funding gap from April to October 2014. £30,000 has been requested to pay for the Managers' post during this time. This bid was successful as it supports the zero tolerance and victims' first priorities. Quarterly reports will be requested to monitor the numbers of young people using the scheme and the number of volunteer hours that are invested. A final report at the end of the funding period will provide more detail on the Ministry of Justice performance indicators.

Surrey Appropriate Adult Volunteer Scheme (SAAVS)

The SAAVS team manage over 100 volunteers to act as appropriate adults in custody centres across the county. £3000 has been requested to upgrade their IT system to better the website, the partnership working with the Youth Support Service and to provide a more professional service. The service provided supports zero tolerance policing by speeding up the investigation process while offenders are in custody. They are also support vulnerable victims and witnesses, and will act as impartial witnesses while in custody, supporting police officers where appropriate. An end of year report has been requested to highlight the impact of the service provided by SAAVS.

Recommendation

The Commissioner supports the recommendations of the Community Safety Fund Decision Panel and awards £128,864.50 to the following;

- £2000 to Surrey Police for a Prevent Partnership Workshop
- £5000 to the Be Your Best Foundation to run The Rock Challenge.
- £4000 to Surrey Police to deliver two Youth Shout Conferences
- £500 to Spelthorne Borough Council to support their Police and Crime Summit.
- £512 to Surrey Police to run personal safety workshops.
- £857.50 to Surrey Police to support the Police Support Volunteers.
- £5000 to Youth Empowerment Service for session work for at risk young people.
- £4000 to Transformation to support the extension of their housing project for ex-offenders.
- £2700 to Outline to run a promotional campaign to encourage reporting of hate crime.
- £54, 595 to Youth Substance Misuse to part-fund their team.
- £6500 to Surrey Police Diversity Directorate to run an 'Opening Doors' workshop.
- £4700 to Epsom and Ewell Borough Council to deliver drug and alcohol abuse education in schools.
- £3500 to Horley Town Council to improve and upgrade their CCTV.
- £2000 to Cyber Champions for the delivery of e-safety education classes to young people.
- £30,000 to the Young Witness Scheme to fill the funding gap for the Manager's post.
- £3000 to the Surrey Appropriate Adult Volunteer Scheme to improve their IT.

Police and Crime Commissioner Approval

I approve the recommendation(s):

Signature: 

Date: 06/09/2013

All decisions must be added to the decision register.

Areas of consideration

Consultation

Consultation has taken place with appropriate lead officers depending on the application. All applications have been asked to supply evidence of any consultation and community engagement.

Financial implications

All applications have been asked to supply accurate financial information including the total costs of the project with breakdown where the money will be spent; any additional funding secured or applied for and plans for on-going funding. The Community Safety Fund Decision Panel considers the financial risks and opportunities when looking at each application.

Legal

Legal advice is taken on an application by application basis.

Risks

The Community Safety Fund Decision Panel considers any risks in the allocation of funding. It is also part of the process to consider when refusing an application the service delivery risks if appropriate.

Equality and diversity

Each application will be requested to supply appropriate equality and diversity information as part of the monitoring requirements. All applicants are expected to adhere to the Equality Act 2010

Risks to human rights

Each application will be requested to supply appropriate human rights information as part of the monitoring requirements. All applicants are expected to adhere to the Human Rights Act.

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