

Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey – Decision Making Record

Victims Fund – September 2015 applications

Decision number: 109/2015

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Protective Marking: Part One

Executive Summary

In October 2014, the Police and Crime Commissioner took responsibility for commissioning support services for victims of crime to help them cope and recover.

For the financial year of 2015/16 the PCC was allocated £1,276,567 by the Ministry of Justice for the commissioning and/or provision of emotional and practical support services for victims' of crime.

In September 2015, 10 applications for grant funding to provide specialist services to victims of crime were received. Of these applications, five were approved, and three applications are pending a decision for further scoping. Two applications were unsupported as they did not align with the PCC's commissioning strategy.

A total of £142,954 in grant funding was awarded.

Applications

The following provides an overview of the grant applications received and recommended for approval:

1. East Surrey Domestic Abuse Service (lead provider)

To award £24,985 for the provision of volunteer co-ordinators within East Surrey Domestic Abuse Service and Yoursanctuary. They will oversee and support the development of an existing programme of volunteering. The project promotes recovery through volunteering and peer support that enhances the physical and emotional health and well-being of victims of domestic abuse and their children.

2. Rape and Sexual Abuse Support Centre

To award £5,910 to Rape and Sexual Abuse Support Centre for the delivery of specialist training and clinical supervision for helpline supervisors; specialist training for independent sexual violence advisors (ISVAs) and update IT equipment for the office and ISVA team.

3. Surrey Minority Ethnic Forum

To award £10,000 to Surrey Minority Ethnic Forum to train five volunteer victim champions of diverse ethnicities. The champions will to raise awareness within communities of issues such as domestic abuse, honour based violence and female genital mutilation and provide information on the rights and support available for victims.

4. YMCA Downlink Group

To award £69,935 to YMCA Downlink Group for the provision of WiSE (What is sexual exploitation) workers to work with young people at risk of child sexual exploitation, providing one to one case work, welfare support and group work and have appropriate liaison with parents/carers.

5. Victim Support

To award £32,124 to Victim Support for the provision of the Young Witness Service, to assess the risks and needs of each young victim and witness of crime who has to give evidence at court and support them through the process, building up their resilience and enabling them to give best evidence.

Recommendation

The Commissioner supports the recommendations of the Victim Fund Panel and awards to the following;

Police and Crime Commissioner Approval

I approve the recommendation(s):

- To award £24,985 to East Surrey Domestic Abuse Service (ESDAS) for the provision of volunteer co-ordinators within ESDAS and Yoursanctuary.
- To award £5,910 to Rape and Sexual Abuse Support Centre for specialist training and to update IT equipment.
- To award £10,000 to Surrey Minority Ethnic Forum to train five volunteer victim champions of diverse ethnicities.
- To award £69,935 to YMCA Downslink Group for the provision of WiSE (What is sexual exploitation) workers to work with young people at risk of child sexual exploitation.
- To award £32,124 to Victim Support for the provision of the Young Witness Service.

Signature:



Date: 27/10/2015

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 Victims 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 Victims 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.

Data protection and safeguarding

Applicants must comply with the current national and local legal framework with regard adult and child safeguarding, information sharing, and data protection including compliance with Local Safeguarding Children Board's policies and procedures and any obligations that may ensue as a result of a child being made subject to a Child Protection Plan.