

Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey – Decision Making Record

Community Safety Fund – April 2016 Applications

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Executive Summary:

For 2016/17 the Police and Crime Commissioner has made available £690,920 of funding to ensure continued support to local community, voluntary and faith organisations.

For April 2016 the PCC received 7 new applications. Six applications have been recommended for approval, totalling £104088.21. There are two further applications already approved by the PCC for funding that have been carried forward from the 2015/16 funding round and total £119,102. This leaves a total of £473229.79 in the CSF.

Of the new recommended bids 5 are for countywide projects, with the remaining focusing on the borough of Elmbridge.

Applications recommended by the panel

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

Community Mediation Services

To award £29,997 to Surrey Community Mediation Services to continue to offer their free community mediation services to resolve neighbour disputes via referrals from the Police, Local Borough Councils, Housing Associations and self-referral. The services are all volunteer led and use the skills of trained volunteer mediators working across the whole of Surrey.

Elmbridge Junior Citizen

To award £8,500 to Elmbridge Borough Council. The funding will enable them to employ Child Safety Media, a group who specialise in coordinating Junior Citizen programmes across the UK, to undertake the administration and organising of Elmbridge Junior Citizen. Over a two week period, approximately 1200 Year 6 students from schools in Elmbridge will be invited to attend a junior citizen programme. Each session will last two hours and contain six (at most), interactive 'sets' of 15 minutes on a range of topics ranging from online safety to healthy lifestyles. In the weeks following the event the children will each receive a workbook which will enable them to reinforce the messages they learn back in school.

KeepOut

To award £27,500 to KeepOut, a diversion scheme to be delivered by dedicated teams of serving prisoners – managed by civilian staff inside UK prisons. Prisoners are trained by KeepOut staff to facilitate intervention programmes for low, medium and high risk young people and divert those between 13 and 17 who are either at risk of entering the criminal justice system, or are already involved in criminal activity. This funding will be utilised to deliver a programme of interventions at HMP Send to meet the needs of 100 young women from Surrey who have been assessed at risk of offending. (This is an increase of 53 young women from 2015/16.) It will also support a programme of interventions at HMP Coldingley

to meet the needs of 175 young men from Surrey who have been assessed at risk of offending. (this is an increase of 24 young men from 2015/16.)

KeepOut

To award £12,000 to the KeepOut diversion scheme. In order to provide operations at HMP Send for 5 days per week and the extended programmes KeepOut and the prison have agreed to erect a porta-cabin for the sole use of KeepOut. The total cost of the project is £187k and there is a shortfall of £12k in fundraising. This application seeks support to meet the shortfall.

Surrey Search & Rescue Team

To award SurSAR £3,999.96 for the purchase of four defibrillators. The team can be called out across Surrey Police's area to help search for missing vulnerable people. With their vehicles located around the county they can't predict in advance which of their five response vehicles will arrive first, as they don't know the locations in advance. What this currently means is that they have a 1 in 5 chance of the vehicle with the defibrillator arriving first. This funding will enable the team to place a defibrillator in all of their response vehicles.

Surrey Community Action

To award £16,591.25 to Surrey Community Action to deliver their prevention through education project (year 2) to educate and train the Trustees and Management Committees of Community Buildings in crime prevention (anti-fraud, scam awareness, digital awareness) health and safety (including fire safety, working at heights, first aid training) and community resilience, through 8 comprehensive capacity building training days with follow-up support. It will reach 300 organisations directly and an estimated 1800 trustees.

Applications not recommended by the panel

York Road Project

The York Road Project (YRP) currently deliver the contract for SHAWS (Single Homeless Alliance West Surrey) homeless outreach team commissioned by Waverley, Woking and Guildford borough councils requested £16,400 to part fund one worker to cover the boroughs of Woking and Waverley. The panel supports the work of the charity and recognised that the application fits in with the PCCs priorities. However, it recommends that this application be deferred for the following reasons;

- The application stated the funding was not required until February 2017 when it is anticipated the contract with SHAWS will come to an end
- The charity have significant funding in reserve and the panel thought it would be better to fund organisations without these kind of reserves
- The charity could potentially still receive the contract from SHAWS and the panel felt we should await the outcome of that decision prior to agreeing to fund the project

Applications carried forward from 2015/16, already approved but did not receive funding from the CSF in 2015/16.

Guildford Junior Citizen

To award £9,602 to Guildford Borough Council for their junior citizen event in June 2016. Guildford Junior Citizen is an event where year 6 pupils from all the local primary schools in Guildford are invited to take part in a half-day session on personal safety. Approximately 1500 young people will attend and learn some important lessons through fun, interactive sessions. This year's event takes place at Guildford Sea Cadets. The topics include stranger danger, safety in parks and open spaces, dogs, fire safety, advice around 999 and hoax calls, first aid, water safety, anti-social behaviour, internet safety and railway safety. Funding is being sought to offer each pupil a Junior Citizen work book so that the learning continues even after the sessions that they attend and a contribution towards transportation costs. The schools requiring transport are contributing £3 per child but this will leave a shortfall in funding.

SafetyNet

To award £109,500 to the ASB Strategy Board. The Safetynet Portal is a suite that includes integrated individual case management element and a Neighbourhood Management element. It is a tool to support secure partnership information sharing, accessed by responsible authorities named under the Crime and Disorder Act, and other co-operating bodies signed up to MAISP. MAISP is administered by Surrey County Council.

The Suite is web-based, meaning any organisation with a legitimate need can use the system to share or access information and jointly case manage using the same platform. Details of individual cases are only accessible by practitioners invited to work on a particular case, with a professional requirement to be aware of actions being taken by the various partners and to provide updates on action taken by their agency.

The funding is for the renewal of the licence in June 2016. The costs include the licence and development days, which will allow for the system to be improved and developed so other projects, i.e. the Family Support Project, can also use the system.

Recommendation

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

- £29,997 to the Surrey Community Mediation Service
- £8,500 to Elmbridge Borough Council for their junior citizen event in June 2016
- £34,000 to KeepOut to fund provision of the scheme
- £12,000 to KeepOut to fund the building of a portacabin
- £3,999.96 to Surrey Search & Rescue
- £16,591.25 to Surrey Community Action to deliver their prevention through education
- £9,602 to Guildford Borough Council for their junior citizen event in June 2016
- £109,500 to the ASB Strategy Board to cover the licence for the Safetynet Portal for the next 3 years
- Not to fund an application from the York Road Project for £16,400

Police and Crime Commissioner Approval

I approve the recommendation(s):



Signature:

Date: 26/04/2016

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.