

Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey - Decision Making Record

Covid-19 Fund Applications – April 2020

Decision Number: 017/2020

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Protective Marking: Official

Executive Summary:

At the start of the Covid-19 pandemic in the UK and national lockdown the Police and Crime Commissioner has made available £500,000 from the operational reserve to ensure essential services continue to support local vulnerable residents in Surrey, including those at greater risk due to isolation measures. The emergency funding was made available to those organisations who have already received funding from the PCC in previous years.

Applications for Covid-19 emergency funding

East Surrey Domestic Abuse Services

To award East Surrey Domestic Abuse Services £25,836.34 to ensure outreach services can operate remotely and continue to support survivors of domestic abuse. The funding will allow for the service to increase their opening hours to support victims, police and other front-line services. By working until 9pm the service can provide more resilience. In addition, the funding will allow for the production of extra communication content for six months to increase awareness of domestic abuse and ensure survivors know where they can access help.

Recommendation

The Commissioner supports the applications to the Covid-19 Fund and awards the following to East Surrey Domestic Abuse Service:

- Update to telephony systems to facilitate home working: £170.00
- Provision of laptops to support staff home working: £3,401.34
- Increase in opening hours: £16,500.00
- Production of communication material: £5,765.00

Your Sanctuary

To award Your Sanctuary £6,540.00 to ensure outreach services can operate remotely and continue to support survivors of domestic abuse. The funding will also allow for an increase in operation of the domestic abuse helpline and chat service which is likely to see an increase in usage whilst survivors may not be able to access other support.

Recommendation

The Commissioner supports the application to the Covid-19 Fund and awards the following to Your Sanctuary:

- Uplift in helpline and chat service £3,340.00
- Provision of laptops to support staff home working: £3,200.00

North Surrey Domestic Abuse Service

To award North Surrey Domestic Abuse Service £4,752.00 to ensure outreach services can operate remotely and continue to support survivors of domestic abuse. The funding will support the ability of home working.

Recommendation

The Commissioner supports the application to the Covid-19 Fund and awards the following to North Surrey Domestic Abuse Service:

- Provision of mobile phones to support staff home working: £1,400.00
- Provision of laptops to support staff home working: £3,352.00

Waverley Citizens Advice Bureau – Domestic Abuse Service

To award Waverley Citizens Advice Bureau Domestic Abuse Service £644.00 to ensure outreach services can operate remotely and continue to support survivors of domestic abuse. The funding will support the ability of home working and the technical support needed to implement this.

Recommendation

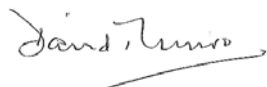
The Commissioner supports the application to the Covid-19 Fund and awards the following to Waverley Citizens Advice Bureau Domestic Abuse Service:

- Telephony solution to reroute landlines: £54.00
- Uplift in contracted tech support hours: £88.00
- Uplift in staff time to support remote working implementation: £644.00

Police and Crime Commissioner Approval

I approve the recommendation(s):

Signature:



Date: 22/04/2020

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 confirm the organisation hold accurate financial information. They are also asked to include 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/ Community Safety and Victims policy officers 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 and policy officers 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.