

Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey – Decision Making Record

Report Title: Coronavirus Support Fund

Decision number: 34/2020

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Executive Summary: The PCC has made available an additional £500,000 to support existing providers with their additional costs caused as a direct result of the Covid-19 pandemic

Background

The following organisation has applied for assistance from the Coronavirus Support Fund;

Catalyst – Cuckoo Project

To award £35,000 to support the cuckooing project manage the increase number of referrals due to Covid-19 and to cover the service's difficulty in sourcing additional funding. The service was set up in response to an increase in cuckooing where drug dealers take over the home of a vulnerable person to use as a base for dealing. Catalyst set up a small team to support adult victims of cuckooing & reduce ASB in communities. Specialist assertive outreach provides immediate support to victim's incl. custody visiting, practical help & support. COVID-19 has significantly impacted on service users & the level of support needed. A consistent need for the service was evidenced prior to and sustained during the lockdown and new referrals in June were double those for May. Approx. 65% of all closure orders have resulted in a referral to the specialist team since the project start and further increases in demand are anticipated coming out of lockdown. As we reach the end of lockdown, the need for this immediate funding will become more urgent if we are to continue to support clients and partner agencies.

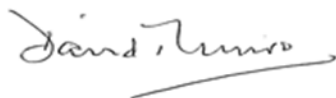
Recommendation:

That the Police & Crime Commissioner awards the sum agreed to the above mentioned organisation totalling **£35,000**

Police and Crime Commissioner Approval

I approve the recommendation(s):

Signature:



Date: 09/07/2020

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.