

Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey – Decision Making Record

Report Title: Community Safety Fund – January to February 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 January and February the PCC received twenty-three applications totalling £201,976. Fourteen applications have been recommended for approval. Five are for countywide projects, with the remaining focusing on the boroughs of Guildford, Epsom and Ewell, Mole Valley, Reigate and Banstead, Surrey Heath and Waverley.

Applications

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

Cyber Champions £24,500

Cyber Champions is a national organisation working with local communities to promote awareness of e-safety. Funding has been awarded for the organisation to role out their programme across Surrey. This includes identifying and training local professionals to become volunteer cyber champions, and organising and supporting the delivery of 40 cyber safety workshops in Schools, Colleges, Universities and other community centres.

Epsom Street Pastors £2125

Epsom Street Pastors are a voluntary organisation who patrol Epsom town centre on Friday and Saturday nights. They provide invaluable support to local people who are vulnerable through drink or drugs and prevents them from coming to harm or causing harm to others. Funding has been provided to cover the costs of appropriate wet weather and winter clothing for the volunteers.

Guildford YMCA £3822

Guildford YMCA have been provided funding to deliver 'Bitesize' workshops to vulnerable young people. The workshops provide skills and education on topics including CV writing; healthy lifestyles; the dangers of drugs and alcohol and first aid. Many of the young people attending are from deprived areas of Guildford and lack positive models in their lives. These sessions seek to improve and increase their self-esteem and confidence and seek to encourage them to lead more positive lifestyles. The funds cover the costs of youth workers delivering the sessions.

Liquid Connection £2500

Liquid Connection run a football league targeting at risk young men from a deprived area of Surrey. Currently there are 50 boys aged 11-16 attending every week, keeping them safe,

active and out of trouble. In addition to supporting the boys that attend, Liquid Connection offers volunteering opportunities for young men interested in gaining experience in sport. Funding is required to cover the costs of hiring the sports pitches, providing the youth workers and buying equipment.

Pitstop £3261

Pitstop is a charity providing support and care for the homeless, unemployed and socially isolated. The charity requires funding to take a group of their service users on an outdoor pursuits holiday in Derbyshire. The holiday aims to increase individuals abilities to work together as a team, overcoming challenges both individually and as teams and increasing self-confidence. All of these skills aim to help individuals change their lifestyle, overall leading to a reduction in crime, ASB, re-offending, and drug and alcohol use.

Surrey Care Trust £1637

Funding is requested to provide four laptops for an employability programme. The laptops are required to enable eight young people to undertake a Foundation learning programme. The young people involved in the project are all NEET and likely to be involved in criminality, they would otherwise lack the skills to make college or employment an option. The aim of the programme is to increase functional skills, confidence and self-esteem, with the overall aim of the young people moving onto further education or employment.

Surrey Care Trust £1685

Surrey Care Trust requested funding to train six ex-offenders to become peer mentors. Ex-offenders who have received peer mentoring previously have requested to be trained to provide the same support to others who are just starting out on their journey. The ex-offenders are keen to help others to turn their lives around by sharing their experiences. The training will also provide those trained with new skills and will help to develop their self-esteem. Funding will cover the costs of training and running the mentoring sessions.

Surrey Heath Learning Partnership £3375

Surrey Heath Partnership have requested funds to deliver a Young Citizen project as a replacement to Junior Citizens with all year 7 pupils in the borough, providing them with information on personal safety and crime reduction.

The programme provides young people with key messages on subjects such as the risks they may face, internet safety, anti-bullying, healthy relationships, and the effects of alcohol, providing information to enable young people to make sensible decisions. It discourages involvement in crime, ASB and alcohol and drug use and also prevents young people from becoming victims.

Surrey Police & YMCA £45,000

Surrey Police and the YMCA with support from the Local Safeguarding Childrens Board have requested funds to put support in place around a multi-agency campaign currently running to raise awareness of Child Sexual Exploitation.

The awareness raising campaign is known to lead to an immediate increase in referrals and funding has been requested to employ a full-time coordinator to cover these referrals. The post will manage and supervise volunteers, providing support to those affected by this crime. Funding will cover one year of the anticipated costs, with further funding coming from other sources in the future.

Surrey Police £50,000

Surrey Police e-business team are requesting funding to provide an on-line solution to improve community engagement. This includes an on-line portal where members of the public can view crime and safety alerts and are able to share these alerts through social networking sites. Surrey police officers, staff and partners will be able to post crime and

safety information and also allows members of the public to send their information into the force. Surrey Police are covering half of the costs and the OPCC have agreed to fund the other half.

Surrey Police £10,000

Surrey Police and the Surrey Youth Support Service have designed the Youth Restorative Intervention as a disposal method for youth crime. Match-funding is requested to support the evaluation of the Youth Restorative Intervention scheme.

Youth Restorative Interventions aim to reduce re-offending by diverting people from the criminal justice system. They provide an opportunity for the young person to repair any harm caused and in doing so also seek to increase victim satisfaction. An in-depth external evaluation is required to understand the impact of YRI and any correlation this scheme may have with the reduction in youth offending.

The 40 Degreez Centre £5000

This youth centre provides advice and guidance to vulnerable young people known to the police or referred by local schools. The youth club provides regular drop-in clinics offering advice on substance misuse, bullying and relationships. There are also one-to-one meetings helping young offenders to turn away from crime and gain employment. The centre also helps to signpost young people in to other specialist services, enabling them to get the support they require on specific issues.

Funding will be used to cover the salary costs for one year for the youth leader and youth assistant to run specific workshops.

Windle Valley Youth Project £5000

This youth scheme run a number of projects, engaging young people and keeping them active and out of trouble. Funding is requested to part cover the costs of a multi-use sports pitch to be used by local 13-18 year olds. The aim is to provide positive activity and reduce boredom and anti-social behaviour. The young people themselves are involved in raising the remaining funds.

Windle Valley Youth Project £2000

The Windle Valley Youth Project is developing a mentoring scheme for 11-18 year olds in Surrey Heath. A team of volunteer mentors will be recruited, trained and supervised while mentoring young people referred from schools and youth clubs. The aim is to support young people to tackle personal challenges, encouraging them to develop positive ways of dealing with challenging behaviour, thereby lessening their impact on the wider community. Funding will cover training, accreditation fees, development of the programme and publicity.

Recommendation

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

- £24,500 to Cyber Champions to recruit volunteers and deliver e-safety workshops.
- £2125 to Epsom Street Pastors to provide appropriate uniform.
- £3822 to Guildford YMCA to deliver Bitesize workshops.
- £2500 to Liquid Connection to run their Football League.
- £3261 to Pitstop to provide a residential outdoor pursuits course for socially isolated, unemployed, homeless men.
- £1637 to Steps Ahead to enable them to deliver an employability programme for young NEETs.

- £1685 to Surrey Care Trust to deliver an offender mentoring programme.
- £3375 to Surrey Heath Borough Council to deliver a Junior Citizen Scheme.
- £45,000 to Surrey Police and Guildford YMCA to employ a volunteer coordinator for one year to manage referrals about Child Sexual Exploitation.
- £50,000 to Surrey Police to match fund the cost of a new on-line community engagement system.
- £10,000 to Surrey Police to fund an external evaluation of the Youth Restorative Intervention scheme.
- £5000 to the 40 Degreez Youth Centre to deliver workshops to support young people.
- £5000 to Windle Valley Youth Project to contribute to the costs of a multi-sports pitch.
- £2000 to Windle Valley Youth Project to develop a youth mentoring scheme.

Police and Crime Commissioner Approval

I approve the recommendation(s):

Signature:



Date: 14/02/2014

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.