

Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey – Decision Making Record

Community Safety Fund – July to September Applications

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Executive Summary:

For 2014/15 the Police and Crime Commissioner has made available £627,370 of funding to ensure continued support to local community, voluntary and faith organisations. Between April and June the PCC committed funding to thirteen applications, totalling £108,001 thereby leaving £389,969 for future applications.

Between July and September the PCC received twenty-two applications totalling £225, 812. Eleven applications have been recommended for approval, totalling £161,980.00 thereby leaving £317,334 for future applications.

Of the successful bids six are for countywide projects, with the remaining focusing on the boroughs of Epsom and Ewell, Surrey Heath, Runnymede, West Surrey and Woking.

Applications

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

Home Security Scheme

£2,300 was awarded to Epsom and Ewell Borough Council's Home Security Scheme which supports elderly and vulnerable people in the community to improve their personal safety or within their homes. The scheme is run in partnership with Epsom and Ewell Borough Council and Surrey Police and officers identify vulnerable individuals or households that are at risk of burglary or robbery or have been victims of crime and provide education, safety assessments and if required intervention the form of personal items or home security measures. The funding will be used to purchase personal and home security items.

East Surrey Offender Mentoring

£8,880 was awarded to Surrey Care Trust to support them in working with 15 community based ex-offenders who are at risk of re-offending, but are no longer receiving Probation support. The project targets adults aged 19 and over, who have an offending history, and who, for a range of reasons, may be struggling to obtain or maintain employment, integrate into their local community and establish new networks and activities. The funding will also support Surrey Care Trust recruit, train and support a further 8/10 volunteers who will be available to work alongside ex-offenders and build community capacity for the future.

Youth Engagement Scheme

Surrey Fire and Rescue Service have been awarded £17,500 to deliver six week long Youth Engagement Scheme (YES) courses. The YES course delivers targeted interventions and support to young people who have been identified, for a number of reasons, as being at risk of involvement in youth crime or anti-social behaviour. The aim is to help the young people understand actions and consequences, boundaries, respect for self and others, build their self-esteem, take ownership of their actions and develop skills such as communication and leadership.

Client Support Pilot Project

Following a successful one off use of Alpha Extreme Services to support a Surrey Heath CIAG client the partnership bid for £3,520 to extend the pilot project to support a further 4 clients. The service delivers flexible home support which provides specialised support depending on the client's circumstances. The application gave an example of Client A who following the targeted support began to make improvements in co-operating with agencies, reduced his alcohol consumption and reduced his anti-social behaviour.

Cyber Champions – Family Fun Day

The use of the internet is growing exponentially across all generations and age groups and all digital users need to be aware of how to use the internet smartly, online risks and how to manage them. £3,000 was awarded to Surrey Police to provide assets to promote awareness of digital best practices and staying safe online to children, parents and senior citizens. The promotional material included quizzes for parents, children and teenagers, providing top tips to stay smart and safe online and signposting on where to get help and information. While the equipment and promotional goods were for the family fun day they will be used throughout the year and other events.

Operation Nightguard

£6,780 was awarded to Surrey Police to replace the mobile camera in a CCTV van. Epsom and Ewell suffers with high instances of anti-social behaviour and alcohol related violence in the town centre. The current CCTV is run by Safer Runnymede and does not offer a bespoke or local service for the borough. The upgrade of the CCTV van will offer fast time mobile CCTV that can be utilised to any area on Epsom and Ewell. The team will be able to gather intelligence, offer a high visible presence reassuring the community and used in conjunction with speed enforcement and education via the use of the ANPER technology fitted to the vehicle.

Junior Citizens

£5,000 was awarded to Surrey Police to support the partnership in Runnymede in delivering Junior Citizen. The Junior Citizen programme has been running for 10 years in the borough and works with agencies to ensure children learn vital life skills in a fun, exciting and memorable way. The grant allows the partnership to purchase the junior citizen handbooks which supports the programme and allows teachers to continue giving the safety messages in classroom.

Op Shed –a - Thief

In West-Surrey there is currently an increase in the number of shed break ins to take high value bicycles. Surrey Police have been awarded £4,000 to run an operation to make bicycles less attractive to thieves by datatag marking the bicycles and supplying signs to make the thieves aware they are tagged. The Police will also work with local cycles shops to run bike marking days which will be advertised locally. If the project is successfully there should be a reduction of offences.

The Bridge Project

£4,000 has been made available to support the set-up of a new 12 week peer to peer support programme for adults recovering from alcohol dependence in Woking. The funding will cover the first four months of the project. It is envisaged that during the project will aim to help 60 people recover from alcohol dependency, support their families, improve our local community and reduce the burden of alcohol related crime for the Woking Police Force.

Opening Doors

Surrey Police have been awarded up to £7,000 to hold an event to give police staff a better understanding of disability hate crime, its impact on victims and to improve our victim and witness care. The event will have a number of service users from various disability backgrounds, local disability charities and other support groups in an environment where officers and staff can talk freely about their concerns. It will also include four workshops in the morning session and again in the afternoon session with delegates attending two workshops throughout the day.

Truecall Care

Surrey's Trading Standards Team in Mole Valley have been awarded £8,000 to run a pilot project which will protect vulnerable residents from scam and unwanted telephone calls by installing trueCall Care units in their homes. These units block nuisance callers but let friends, family and legitimate callers through. Designed by Trading Standards and the Mole Valley SCC Adults Locality team, this is a pilot project in the Mole Valley District will also draw on the experience of other partners such as Citizens Advice and the Police in dealing with victims of scams and the nuisance of unwanted calls.

Recommendation

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

- £2,300 for the Home Security Scheme in Epsom and Ewell
- £8,880 for the East Surrey Offender Mentoring Scheme
- £17,500 for Surrey Fire and Rescue Service's Youth Engagement Scheme
- £3,520 towards Surrey Heath's CIAG Client Support Pilot Project
- £3,000 to Cyber Champions to spread awareness of cyber crime
- £6,780 to Surrey Police for Operation Nightguard
- £5,000 to Runnymede's Junior Citizens Programme
- £4,000 for Surrey Police's Op Shed-a-Thief to protect high value bicycles
- £4,000 for the Bridge Project which help set up a new support programme for adults with alcohol dependency
- Up to £7,000 towards the disability hate crime conference, Opening Doors
- £8,000 for Surrey Trading Standards to pilot a project to protect vulnerable residents

Police and Crime Commissioner Approval

I approve the recommendation(s):

Signature:



Date: 05/11/2014

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.