

## Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey – Decision Making Record

### Reducing Reoffending Fund Applications – April 2018

**Decision number:** 011/2018

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**Protective Marking:** Official

#### **Executive Summary:**

For 2018/19 the Police and Crime Commissioner has made available £750,000 of funding to ensure continued support to local community, voluntary and faith organisations. An amount of £250,000 has been ring-fenced for projects that will reduce reoffending in Surrey.

In April 2018 the Reducing Reoffending Fund, received 3 applications that were recommended by the panel for funding.

#### **Applications for core funding**

##### **Women in Prison – Checkpoint Navigator**

As the current Transforming Women's Justice project transitions into Checkpoint Women in Prison are seeking funding to retain one full time county wide specialist Checkpoint worker to be based at the Women's Support centre to work with women experiencing multiple disadvantage. As with the current Women's Justice Intervention workers the aim will be to divert women out of the formal criminal justice system and into a holistic support package. The support provided includes sessions around key pathways to offending including mental health needs, substance misuse and domestic abuse. Women referred receive one to one support from a specialist worker who can refer on to partner agencies and can provide advocacy around for example, accommodation and health issues.

**Sum Requested - £34,270**

##### **Women in Prison – Women's Support Centre Counselling Service**

This service will continue to provide a specialist counselling intervention for women who in addition to their involvement in the CJS have also often been victims of crime or abuse. In particular, the counselling service will offer ongoing counselling to women who are referred to the new Checkpoint programme and other women in Surrey who have experienced domestic abuse, sexual abuse, exploitation, trafficking or other trauma and who are involved in or at risk of involvement with the CJS.

**Sum Requested - £11,275**

#### **Standard Grant Applications**

##### **Voluntary Action Reigate & Banstead – Ex-offending volunteer project**

This project will build on a pilot delivered in 2017/18 and will enable an expansion of VARBs supported volunteering service to include the following dedicated support for ex-offenders:

- Help to identify and apply for suitable volunteer opportunities
- Guidance on preparing disclosure statements and the status of past convictions
- Ongoing support through interviews and initial placement

The project will also include training and advice for voluntary organisations to encourage them to consider ex-offenders in appropriate volunteer roles and to provide guidance on the use of risk assessments and DBS checks during the recruitment process.

**Sum Requested - £13,743**

#### **Recommendation**

That the Commissioner supports the applications to the Community Safety Fund for small grants and awards the following;

- £34,270 to Women in Prison to fund a Checkpoint Navigator post
- £11,275 to Women in Prison to part fund the Women's Support Centre Counselling Service
- £13,743 to Voluntary Action Reigate & Banstead to fund their ex-offender volunteer project

#### **Police and Crime Commissioner Approval**

I approve the recommendation(s):

Signature: 

Date: 16 Apr 2018

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/ Partnership

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/Partnership and Victims 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.

