

Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey – Decision Making Record

Community Safety Fund – June 2015 Applications

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Protective Marking: Part One

Executive Summary:

For 2015/16 the Police and Crime Commissioner has made available £690,920 of funding to ensure continued support to local community, voluntary and faith organisations.

For June 2015 the PCC received twenty applications totalling £160,959.72. Eleven applications have been recommended for approval and three recommended for part funding, totalling £81,389.20, thereby leaving £453,031.20.

Of the successful bids 2 are for countywide projects, with the remaining focusing on the boroughs of Runnymede, Elmbridge, Waverley, Guildford, Tandridge, Spelthorne, Woking and Mole Valley.

Applications

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

Be Your Best Foundation

To award £5,000 to the Be Your Best Foundation to support the delivery of the Rock Challenge. The Rock Challenge focuses on teaching young people the benefits of healthy lifestyles, including the dangers of substance misuse and anti-social behaviour through a performing arts competition. The panel felt the project supported young people and gave them both positive messages and a focus.

Busbridge CofE Church Disabled and Child Access Ramp

To award £5,000 to the local community and Busbridge CofE Church to build an access ramp through the church property which will provide a safe route to the pedestrian crossing. The panel felt this was a worthwhile and needed project that enabled parents and children a safe route to and from the local school. While not directly meeting the People's Priorities the project does fall within the PCC's additional focus for 2015/16 on Road Safety.

Effingham Village Recreation Trust

To award £4,687.20 to the Recreation Trust to upgrade and improve the existing CCTV security coverage, the lighting and security alarm system. The request was made following a rise in anti-social behaviour and vandalism on the site. The Panel felt this met the Zero Tolerance priority of the PCC.

Guildford Junior Citizenship

To award £9,602 to purchase the booklets to support the delivery of the Guildford Junior Citizenship event in July. The event, like other Junior Citizenships, will bring year 6 pupils from local schools together with key partners to learn important lessons on personal safety. Junior Citizenship is a priority for the PCC and fits within the Zero Tolerance priority.

Leatherhead Start – Out of a Pickle

To award £6,000 to start up an innovative new project to help homeless people turn their lives around. The project will set up a small social enterprise in the form of a community interest company making pickles and chutneys. The aspiration is the project will provide life skills, confidence and a route away from substance misuse. The Panel agreed this was a project worth supporting for its innovation and help it can give to a small but often disruptive group of individuals.

Skaterham

To award £3,000 to the Skaterham group to improve their local youth provision and support young people at risk of committing anti-social behaviour. Skaterham had requested funding for their annual excursion, taking young people at risk on a confidence and life skills building week. However, on reflection the leaders of Skaterham believed the funding would be better spent helping a wider range of young people and have amended their application. This project meets the Zero Tolerance priority

ASB Strategy Group Multi Agency Community Protection Notices Training

To award £5,000 to the ASB Strategy Group to deliver training to practitioners who will issue Community Protection Notices. The bid hopes to provide high quality multi agency training over two days to 60 officers from across Surrey that will have been delegated authority to issue CPNs, i.e. local authority Environmental Health Teams and Housing Departments, Registered Social Landlords and police. The Panel agreed the bid as it will improve responses to anti-social behaviour in a coordinated and professional way.

Elmbridge Junior Citizenship

To award £5,000 to purchase the Junior Life Skills booklets to support the delivery of the Elmbridge Junior Citizenship event, which ran in June for two and a half weeks. The event was held at Walton Fire Station and educated the young people on personal safety and the work of the emergency service. Junior Citizenship is a priority for the PCC and fits within the Zero Tolerance priority.

Runnymede Junior Citizenship

To award £6,000 to purchase the booklets which support the delivery of the Runnymede Junior Citizenship event. The event has been running for 14 years and it reinforces the messages of staying safe, having respect for the community and personal responsibility. Junior Citizenship is a priority for the PCC and fits within the Zero Tolerance priority.

Waverley Community Safety Partnership

To award £6,000 to the Waverley Community Safety Partnership as a contribution towards the cost of their third Domestic Homicide Review. This review requires an independent chair and therefore the costs of running the review is significantly more. A Domestic Homicide Review is an important process in understanding what happened and learning lessons from a tragic event so it does not happen again. This application meets the PCC's priority to put victims at the centre of the justice system.

Surrey Fire and Rescue

To award Surrey Fire and Rescue £13,000 to support the delivery of the Youth Engagement Scheme. Surrey Fire and Rescue Service delivers this targeted intervention which supports young people who have been identified, for a number of possible reasons, as being at risk of involvement in youth crime or anti-social behaviour. The Panel agreed this was a positive scheme and supported the Zero Tolerance priority.

The following provides an overview of those applications received and recommended to part fund;

1st Lingfield and Dormansland Scout Hut Extension

To award £4,000 to the 1st Lingfield and Dormansland Scout Group to extend their current scout hut to accommodate more young people. The Panel felt this provided a positive place for young people to go, therefore reducing the possibility of anti-social behaviour. However only agreed to part fund the project as the amount of anti-social behaviour was not as significant as other areas in Surrey.

Woking Leisure and Pool in the Park

To award £5,000 towards The Friday Night Project, which is a joint project between Freedom Leisure and Woking Borough Council. The project is an evening dedicated to young people to participate in physical activity at Woking Leisure Centre and Pool in the Park. Activities will include trampolining, swimming, football, SmashUp! (badminton) handball, netball, basketball, table tennis, squash, dance and the Wii. The Panel thought offering young people an alternative to football was positive and the event on a Friday would help reduce anti-social behaviour. However, the Panel felt it could not recommend awarding the total £10,203.64 applied for as they already have significant assets which can support the project.

Ashford Town FC

To award £6,100 to Ashford Town FC to support the setting up of a multi-sport sessions in Spelthorne. The aim is to provide an alternative for young people rather than 'hanging around on the streets' and causing anti-social behaviour. They hope to also run one local neighbourhood festival. The Panel felt this was a good project offering positive activities for young people to do in areas with high anti-social behaviour. However, they felt it was a significant amount of money for a sporting project. It was agreed they would pay the capital costs, venue hire etc.

Recommendation

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

- £5,000 to Be Your Best Foundation for The Rock Challenge
- £5,000 to Busbridge CofE Church for the Disabled and Child Access Ramp
- £4,687.20 to Effingham Village Recreation Trust
- £9,602 to Guildford Borough Council
- £6,000 to Leatherhead Start
- £3,000 to Skaterham
- £5,000 to the ASB Strategy Group (c/o Surrey County Council)
- £5,000 to Surrey Police for the Elmbridge Junior Citizen Event
- £6,000 to Surrey Police for the Runnymede Junior Citizen Event
- £6,000 to Waverley Borough Council
- £13,000 to Surrey Fire and Rescue
- £4,000 to the 1st Lingfield and Dormansland
- £5,000 to Freedom Leisure and Woking Borough Council
- £6,100 to Ashford Town FC

Police and Crime Commissioner Approval

I approve the recommendation(s):

Signature:



Date: 16/07/2015

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.