

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

### **Community Safety Fund Applications (Reducing reoffending) – February/March 2018**

**Decision number:** 008/2018

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**Protective Marking:** Official

#### **Executive Summary:**

For 2017/18 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 February/March 2018 the Community Safety Fund (reducing reoffending), received 4 applications for funding for a small grant.

#### **Applications for small grants £5000 and under**

##### **BehindBras – Supporting women inside & out project**

With support from Surrey PCC and KSS CRC, BehindBras will identify, assess, recruit and train serving and former female prisoners from five London and the South-East of England prisons so that they progress to become qualified and employable for work in the fashion, retail and creative industries.

The project will provide tangible, targeted and gender informed Through the Gate support to promote employability, desistance and improve social exclusion amongst women prisoners. BehindBras will achieve this by providing pre-employment training and support for serving women prisoners and ex-prisoners who have been released from their sentence.

**Sum Requested - £4996**

##### **Elmbridge Rentstart – Outreach service for rough sleepers**

This project involves actively seeking out local rough sleepers, or responding to reports from the public who have seen rough sleepers. The outreach worker meets with these clients and attempts to build rapport and strong relationships. Our initial aim is the safety and health of these clients and the outreach worker will ensure that they have food / clothing and access to any medical treatment they may require. The ultimate aim is to build a relationship that enables these clients to come into our offices for an interview which will then enable us to find them housing. Some clients are happy to immediately engage with us fully and seek housing, others need a longer time frame to build up trust in what we can do for them. Once housed we continue to provide practical and emotional support including help with benefits, medical needs, finances and starting to seek employment or training. We expect to meet with 50 rough sleepers over the next 12 months.

**Sum Requested - £5000**

### **Kent, Surrey, Sussex Community Rehabilitation Company – Experts by experience**

As part of Making Every Adult Matter, there is a requirement to engage with experts by experience and ensure that experts are involved in the development of the MEAM approach in a locality. Following policy from the MIND charity it is recommended that experts are remunerated for their contributions.

Experts will have experienced a combination of homelessness, substance misuse, mental health issues and engagement with the criminal justice system. Experts possess first-hand knowledge and experience of these issues and can therefore make a significant contribution to the co-production of support and services for people with multiple needs. Provision of these services will ultimately help to reduce reoffending and engagement of this kind for experts can enhance personal development and encourage desistance from criminal behaviour.

This application is for two experts by experience who are linked to KSS CRC.

**Sum Requested - £2000**

### **Transform Housing – Experts by experience**

As part of Making Every Adult Matter, there is a requirement to engage with experts by experience and ensure that experts are involved in the development of the MEAM approach in a locality. Following policy from the MIND charity it is recommended that experts are remunerated for their contributions.

Experts will have experienced a combination of homelessness, substance misuse, mental health issues and engagement with the criminal justice system. Experts possess first-hand knowledge and experience of these issues and can therefore make a significant contribution to the co-production of support and services for people with multiple needs. Provision of these services will ultimately help to reduce reoffending and engagement of this kind for experts can enhance personal development and encourage desistance from criminal behaviour.

This application is for one expert by experience who is linked to Transform Housing.

**Sum Requested - £1000**

### **Recommendation**

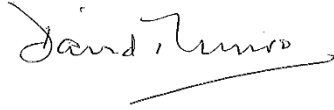
That the Commissioner supports the applications to the Community Safety Fund for small grants and awards the following;

- £4996 to BehindBras to deliver the supporting women inside & out project
- £5000 to Elmbridge Rentstart towards delivery of their outreach service for rough sleepers
- £2000 to Kent, Surrey, Sussex Community Rehabilitation Company for experts by experience
- £1000 to Transform Housing for experts by experience

## **Police and Crime Commissioner Approval**

I approve the recommendation(s):

Signature:



Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> April 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.