Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey – Decision Making Record

Community Safety Fund Applications – April 2018

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Executive Summary:

For 2017/18 the Police and Crime Commissioner has made available £500,000 of funding to ensure continued support to local community, voluntary and faith organisations.

Applications for Core Service Awards over £5000

Surrey Alliance of Mediation Services – Alliance Support Coaching

To award Surrey Alliance for Mediation Services £64,889 to continue to deliver the Alliance Support Coaching service which aims to provide support for vulnerable victims of anti-social behaviour. The service provides coaches to work with clients while other agencies (such as police, housing associations or local CHaRRMs) take whatever enforcement action is possible. Support coaching ensures vulnerable victims are listened to, develop coping strategies and are signposted to other sources of support.

Citizen Advice Woking – Guildford County Court Help Desk Project

To award Citizen Advice Woking £10,000 to run the Guildford County Court Desk Project which is a provision that supports those who are at risk of losing their homes due to Possession Proceedings. The aims are to prevent homelessness and stabilise the clients housing situation, improve access to legal service and improve the clients overall health and wellbeing by linking them into other supportive services.

GASP – Motor Project

To award the GASP project 20,000 to run their Motor Project. The small but expanding project supports some of the hardest to reach young people in the community by reengaging with them through learning. They provide accredited hand on courses in basic motor mechanics and engineering, targeting disaffected, vulnerable and potentially at risk young people.

Applications for Small Grant Awards up to £5000 – Community Safety Fund

Surrey Police – Conference on Gangs and Criminal Exploitation

To award £4,171 to Surrey Police to run a conference in the summer on Gangs and Criminal Exploitation of young people. Surrey is seeing an increase in intelligence relating to young people being exploited into criminal behaviour and several recent investigation have centred on young people being groomed into gang activity. To raise these issues and address the concerns the aim is to hold a large multi-agency conference for partners from all key agencies to equip them with the knowledge on how to identify and respond to signs of children and young people being at risk.

Beare Green Community Association – BGCA Security

To award Beare Green Community Association £575 to enhance their security and safety around Beare Green Village Hall.

Runnymede Borough Council – Junior Citizen

To award Runnymede Borough Council £2,500 towards the Borough's Junior Citizen event. This contribution to the event will support the purchasing of the handbooks which are used following the event in the young people's PSHE lessons.

Elmbridge Borough Council – Junior Citizen

To award Elmbridge Borough Council £2,500 towards the Borough's Junior Citizen event. This contribution will support the local partnership in their commissioning of Child Safety Media to coordinate and manage the event before and during the two week period.

Applications for Grant Awards for multiple years – Community Safety Fund

Surrey Alliance of Mediation Services – Community Mediation

To award Surrey Alliance of Mediation Services £47,750 for the second year to support the running of the core mediation service which supports communities particularly those suffering from anti-social behaviour. Surrey Alliance of Mediation Services successfully met all the outcomes as stated in the agreement.

Surrey Fire and Rescue – Safe drive Stay Alive

To award Surrey Fire and Rescue £35,000 for the second year to support the delivery of the Safe Drive Stay Alive events which aims to make young people more aware of their responsibilities on the road and the consequences of poor or irresponsible driving. The team successfully delivered the events in 2017 with 11, 800 people attended the 19 performances in late October and early November.

Surrey Community Foundation – #IWill

To award Surrey Community Foundation £30,000 towards the Youth Social Action Fund for Surrey now named #IWill. This will be the second year of the formal partnership between Surrey Community Foundation and the Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey. The funding in 2017 supported 14 initiatives across the county.

SMEF – Active Communities Project

To award SMEF £49,930 for the second year following successful monitoring of the Active Communities project. Year 1 sought to build on and consolidate the work done with BAME communities in Surrey. The Second year will look to grow and develop the People's Assembly, the support for a third party reporting of Hate Crime, deliver bespoke education and awareness raising events and in year two we are keen for SMEF to work with a wider range of partners and communities.

Applications not recommended/deferred by the panel - redacted¹

Surrey Police – Hate Crime

The proposal from Surrey Police was to develop an innovative and bespoke Hate Crime reporting App providing on-going third party reporting support for a period of 5 years. The panel felt it was important to increase the number of victims who feel confident reporting a hate crime to Surrey Police but felt there was already online reporting and other initiatives available. The Panel discussed in detail whether the barrier to reporting was a technological one or more to do with community confidence. The application was therefore not supported.

Petworth Court Residents Association – Creating a Safe Environment

The application sought funding for security and environmental improvements on the advice of the Designing Out Crime Officer following instances of ASB, Trespass and flytipping. The Court is owned and managed by New Vision Homes and it was not clear if they had been approached to complete the necessary improvements. Therefore the application was not supported as the panel felt the housing association should be looking to make these adjustments.

Browns Community Services CLC – The Rebuild Project

The Rebuild project provides innovative community-based support to the parents of children who have or are at risk of child sexual exploitation. This is provided through interventions designed to motivate and engage the parents of families with multiple and complex needs. The projects help families to reduce crisis situations, enabling them to gain greater control and stability in their lives. Rebuild helps clients to make informed choices about the health, wellbeing and safety of their children and the family as a whole. We are seeking funding for one, part-time parent support worker. The PCC has already awarded £5,000 to run the pilot and this does not report back until June. It was therefore felt that the application should be deferred until it is clear whether the pilot has been successful.

Surrey Police – BSL Information Video Clips

The application was to produce a series of video clips in BSL for the Surrey Police website. Following the Feeling Safe survey a series of recommendations and an action plan was agreed with partners, including engagement with disabled groups. A meeting was set up (with help of Sensory Services) with members of the deaf community who have proposed key areas they feel information in BSL is needed. These cover the Pegasus scheme, arrest and caution, emergency and non-emergency contact. The project has devised 8 short video clips to be produced in BSL for public access on the Surrey Police website. It was felt the video clips should be produced as a matter of course and as part of Surrey Police's drive to improve accessibility.

¹ The unsuccessful bids have been redacted so as not to cause potential prejudice to the applicants

Recommendation

The Commissioner supports the core service applications and small grants applications to the Community Safety Fund and awards to the following;

- £64,889 to Surrey Alliance of Mediation for the ASC project
- £10,000 to Citizen Advice Woking for the GCCHD Project
- £20,000 to GASP for the Motor Project
- £4,171 to Surrey Police for the Gangs and Criminal Exploitation Conference
- £575 to the Beare Green Community Association for enhanced security
- £2,500 to Runnymede Borough Council towards their Junior Citizen
- £2,500 to Elmbridge Borough Council towards their Junior Citizen

The Commissioner supports the second year funding for the following;

- £47,750 to Surrey Alliance of Mediation for their core mediation service
- £35,000 to Surrey Fire and Rescue towards the Safe Drive Stay Alive event
- £30,000 to Surrey Community Foundation to part fund the #Iwill fund
- £49,930 to SMEF for the Active Communities Project

Police and Crime Commissioner Approval

I approve the recommendation(s):

Signature:

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Date: 18/04/2018

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 confirm the organisation hold accurate financial information. They are also asked to include 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/ Community Safety 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 and 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.