

Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey – Decision Making Record

Reducing Reoffending Fund Applications – April 2019

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Executive Summary:

For 2019/20 the Police and Crime Commissioner has made available £255,000 of funding to reduce reoffending in Surrey. With £40,000 having been received from KSSCRC for Transform Housing, £25,000 from the CSF towards HICD and multi-year funding for core services this means the total amount available in April 2019 is £131,207.

In April 2019 the fund received the following applications;

Applications for Small Grant Awards up to £5000

Food Matters – Food Matters through the gate project - £5000

'Food Matters 'Through the Gate' is a new project to support offenders during resettlement. The project, which is initially planned over a year, aims to enable offenders to make healthier, more informed food choices to support their physical and mental well-being and that of their families. Poor diet is known to impact on physical and mental health, both of which are important for successful rehabilitation.

The Hope Hub – Training, outreach and reoffending reduction project - £5000

The Hope Hub provides outreach support to people in Surrey Heath who are either homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. This is to fund vital training for the volunteer outreach workers and to contribute to the case workers salary to increase capability to support clients who are offending or at risk of offending.

Elmbridge Rentstart – Housing & Supporting Rough Sleepers – £5000

"This project will support Elmbridge Rentstart's work with local rough sleepers in the following areas:

- Outreach work to find and engage with rough sleepers
- An initial assessment of need and identification of the most suitable type of housing
- Matching clients to a property and supporting them to move in
- Ongoing practical and emotional support as we encourage our clients to re-engage with society and build up the skills they require to live independently of our support

Applications for Core/Standard Grant Awards in excess of £5000

Public Health Surrey County Council – High Impact Complex Drinkers - £50,000

Alcohol harm reduction remains a public health priority, due to significant burden placed on a range of public services. The direct and indirect effects of alcohol misuse infiltrate all areas of society including health, social care and criminal justice; most of these harms are

preventable. In every locality there will be a group of more complex drinkers, whose alcohol use and associated lifestyle contributes to a pattern of more frequent contact with a range of frontline services. They are often characterised by the complexity of the needs, multi-morbidity and exclusion from society. This is a highly diverse service user group whose social circumstance ranges from being housed to being homeless or having temporary accommodation, involved in the criminal justice system, commonly experiencing mental health problems, facing financial difficulties and lacking in social capital or support networks. The service is based on developing best practice to assertively engage and sustain medium to long term change with those who are considered to be change or treatment resistant. Assertive outreach is an intensive approach and requires persistent work over a period of time – usually several months. The CHI (Catalyst High Impact) team members focus on building a positive relationship with the ‘client’ and motivate them towards treatment and other necessary support services which could facilitate recovery and improve access to and/or maintain engagement in treatment, improve social and community outcomes and reduce the demand on crisis/emergency services.

Public Health Surrey County Council – MEAM SMD Lead post – £39,438

The SMD Lead will develop an overview of the most complex individuals experiencing SMD in Surrey and how they engage with the system. Working with a peer mentor support assistant, they will lead a partnership group of practitioners to develop and improve professional responses to people with complex needs within housing, health and criminal justice services. The SMD Lead will have oversight of the person’s whole journey through the system, able to identify barriers, challenge local systems and recognise gaps in service provision or training needs of providers (such as trauma-informed care). They will make recommendations to the MEAM Steering Group about strategic change and integrated delivery as required, supporting disjointed services to coordinate better and addressing system issues such as limited coordination between mental health services and drug and alcohol provision.

Recommendation

The Commissioner supports the small grant application to the Reducing Reoffending Fund and awards to the following;

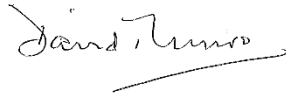
- £5000 to Food Matters for their through the gate project
- £5000 to the Hope Hub to deliver training for volunteer outreach works and increase the capacity of the case worker
- £5000 to Elmbridge Rentstart for their work to support rough sleepers
- £50,000 to Surrey County Council (Public Health) (with £25K coming from CSF) to co-commission the High Impact and Complex Drinkers service
- £39,438 to Surrey County Council (Public Health) to fund the Making Every Adult Matter (MEAM) Severe & Multiple Disadvantage Lead post

The Commissioner, from his office budget, has agreed to provide funding to the following;

Police and Crime Commissioner Approval

I approve the recommendation(s):

Signature:



Date: 18th April 2019

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.