

Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey – Decision Making Record

Reducing Reoffending Fund Application – February 2020

Decision number: 5/2020

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Protective Marking: Official

Executive Summary:

For 2019/20 the Police and Crime Commissioner has made available £255,000 of funding to reduce reoffending in Surrey. With external grants awarded to the value of £86,132, £25,000 from the CSF towards HICD and funding awarded for other services to date, this means the total amount available in February 2020 is £9,321. (It is planned that returned funds in the CSF will be transferred to the RRF to cover the following applications)

In February 2020 the fund received the following applications;

Applications for Small Grants under £5000

The Clinks Charity – The Clinks Restaurant Project - £5000

The aim of The Clink Charity is to reduce re-offending rates of ex-offenders by training and placing graduates upon their release into the hospitality industry. The charity represents a genuine opportunity for change, offering prisoners the chance to gain food preparation, food service and cleaning qualifications as well as experience within an exciting, operational business and in-depth guidance to find full-time employment within the hospitality industry upon release.

The Useful Wood Company – The Useful Wood Company Project - £5000

The service works with adults unable to access the job market at present, providing useful training and experience of a real work environment. They help people learn skills and disciplines to better their lives and ultimately to find gainful employment. The target participants include ex-offenders and those with life challenges who may be at risk of offending and the UWC will receive participants from people undergoing the Checkpoint scheme.

Headway Surrey – Headway ID Card Project - £5000

The Brain Injury ID Card is designed to help police officers and staff more easily identify brain injury survivors and ensure that they receive an appropriate response and support. The card can also provide brain injury survivors with added confidence in everyday social scenarios. Each card is personalised, helping the cardholder to explain the effects of their brain injury and request appropriate support. Convicted offenders have a prevalence of brain injury, more common than in the general public. Mild brain injury can be as debilitating as a severe injury and they are still at risk of persistent offending.

Recommendation

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

- £5000 to the Clinks Charity to support their Clinks Restaurant Project
- £5000 to the Useful Wood Company to support their UWC Project
- £5000 to the Headway Surrey Charity to support their Head Injury ID card Project

Police and Crime Commissioner Approval

I approve the recommendation(s):

Signature:



Date: 17th February 2020

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.

