

Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey – Decision Making Record

Report Title: Reducing Reoffending Fund (RRF) Applications April 2020

Decision number: 015/2020

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Executive Summary:

For 2020/21 the Police and Crime Commissioner has made available £266,667 of funding to reduce reoffending in Surrey.

Background

In April 2020 the following organisation submitted an application to the RRF for consideration;

Guildford Action – POP project – sum requested £4760

Most of Guildford Actions service users are experiencing homelessness, temporary housing and a lifetime of custodial sentences and substance misuse which in turn decreases secure housing opportunities. Many get released to no fixed abode, no benefits and default to old behaviours quickly which often leads to a swift recall, and so the cycle continues. Guildford Action will be assertive in picking up people upon release to ensure a benefit application is made, get ID for registration with a GP, housing register etc. and try to secure a benefit advance to reduce risk of offending early on.

They know that people very quickly start to use substances when they feel that nothing is happening and they have no hope. We want to introduce a positive programme which lessens the need to escape by offering uplifting experiences which leaves people feeling safe, improve mood and re-socialise them with non-offending behaviours and people. They will do this by supporting people to go to the gym, swimming, fishing, cinema and museums. We will also buy people clothing and footwear which leads to increased self-esteem. Guildford Action will target initially all those who have just been released from prison but the project will also be open to those who have been convicted or received a custodial sentence within the past 12 months.


Recommendation:

That the Police & Crime Commissioner awards £4760 to Guildford Action to deliver their POP project.

Police and Crime Commissioner Approval

I approve the recommendation(s):

Signature:

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Date: 17/04/2020

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 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.