

Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey – Decision Making Record

Report Title: Coronavirus Support Fund

Decision number: 024/2020

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Executive Summary: The PCC has made available an additional £500,000 to support existing providers with their additional costs caused as a direct result of the Covid-19 pandemic

Background

The following organisations have applied for assistance from the Coronavirus Support Fund;

Guildford Action – sum requested £3,744

Since the Covid19 epidemic Guildford Action have had to alter our services significantly. Most rough sleepers have been placed in bed and breakfast accommodation in Guildford, Croydon, Staines and Slough. Because of the high needs and chaos that often surrounds some of these individuals Guildford Action have increased their service to run 7 days a week. Because they are visiting people in Croydon, Staines and Slough Guildford Action have incurred extra costs which they are struggling to cope with. They have seen a steep increase in travel expenses and phone usage as they are having to use their mobiles and data to log on to universal credit, people to have video appointments with GP's etc.

Included in this application phone top ups for clients and essential items which haven't been donated, razors, deodorant, shower gel etc.

The East to West Trust – sum requested £5,090

The work of east to west is predominantly based in school and is primarily face to face focused. The recent Covid-19 outbreak has meant that in large part schools have closed and East to West Trust ability to work face to face has been significantly impacted. Whilst they've sought to be reactive and have moved their provision into a virtual form of delivery (through the use of phone calls), they're now seeking to move their support into face to face delivery through the use of video conferencing tools such as MS Teams, Zoom and Vsee.

The East to West Trust are therefore seeking funding to enable them to equip 10 of their team with Microsoft Surface Go tablets. This technology would allow the team to work virtually as well as connect to their existing network, meaning they can continue to access resources, record outcomes and utilise the latest technology to best continue to deliver support both during the existing pandemic, but into the future as well.

Women in Prison – sum requested £1000

This application is for the purchase of IT equipment such as smart phones and printers and office furniture to enable home working for the counselling service and Checkpoint Navigator service.

Recommendation:

That the Police & Crime Commissioner awards the sums requested to the above mentioned organisations totalling **£9,834**

Police and Crime Commissioner Approval

I approve the recommendation(s):

Signature:

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Date: 30/04/2020

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.