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Title of report: Crime and Disorder Reduction Grants PCC 2013/14 New Initiatives Fund Round 2	
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1. Purpose of report

- 1.1. To seek approval to allocate up to £168,777 in the form of crime and disorder reduction grants from the New Initiatives Fund (NIF), to organisations whose projects, services or activities contribute towards the priorities set out in the Police and Crime Plan for Essex. This would secure or lead to securing a reduction in crime and disorder.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 To approve on principle the allocation of NIF grants to support a broad range of projects and activities that will assist the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) achieve his wider community safety priorities. The payment of grants to successful applicants will be subject to a signed funding agreement.

3. Benefits of Proposal

- 3.1 The NIF has been created to perform crucial work in helping keep Essex safe by the grant of crime and disorder reduction grants and the monitoring of the money spent.
- 3.2 The organisations that have been identified are agreed by the PCC. The applications from the listed organisations have been assessed on how well they will contribute towards the success in the priority areas as outlined in the Police and Crime Plan.

4. Background and proposal

4.1 There have been two separate waves of bidding for the NIF. The first round of bids attracted 131 applications, worth approximately £2.3m, 16 organisations were successful in securing funds totalling £116,223.

4.2 In addition, provisional amounts were set aside for the following projects:

- Domestic Abuse - £120,000
- Crimestoppers - £25,000
- Specials - £40,000
- Community Messaging Service - £20,000
- Firebreak - £10,000

4.3 The OPCC is currently processing the funding allocations for Crimestoppers, Specials and Firebreak. The allocation for the community messaging system is subject to the force procurement process and on-going dialogue between the OPCC and project leads for the domestic abuse initiatives continues as the projects are developed.

4.4 The second round of bids closed in early August, with an amount of £168,777 available for allocation. Applications were welcomed by all sectors, public, voluntary, community groups and businesses who can contribute to securing crime and disorder reduction in Essex. In total 37 applications were received.

4.5 Following the process adopted for round one, comments and views were sought from specialists to help inform the PCC's decision making process.

4.6 As part of the second round of the application process, funding for the following projects has also been reserved:

- Firebreak - a further £5,000 has been set aside for a specific empower intervention for the Probation Service should suitable candidates be identified

4.5 Timetable for round 2 outlined below:

Date	Notes
26 th July 2013	The PCC invited applications for grants from the NIF for round 2
2 nd August 2013	37 bids were received totaling over £374k. Comments were invited from CSP Managers and the Commissioning Reference Group
9 th August 2013	Deadline for the return of comments
13 th August 2013	Evaluation by OPCC
14 th August	Further information requested from OPCC based on comments received from Commissioning Reference Group
10 th October 2013	Re-evaluated by the OPCC and Commissioning Reference Group
11 th October 2013	Recommendations submitted to PCC
18 th October 2013	Decisions by the PCC

- 4.6 The areas of focus that will use the funds of up to £168,777 are outlined in **Appendix 1**.
- 4.7 The proposals must cover activities that support the PCC's priorities as outlined in The Police and Crime Plan which details the priorities that will need to form the basis for the types of projects that would be supported. Proposals need to identify which priorities they are aiming to meet to qualify for funding.
- 4.8 The priorities within the Police and Crime Plan are:
- Reducing domestic abuse
 - Reducing youth offending and re-offending of all types
 - Tackling the consequences of drug and alcohol abuse and mental health issues
 - Improving crime prevention
 - Supporting our victims of crime
 - Improving road safety
 - Ensuring local solutions meet local problems
 - Increasing efficiency in policing through collaborative working and innovation
- 4.9 These activities could include practical work, research projects, group or partnership development, awareness raising, training, equipment and materials, marketing or promotion. The list of successful applications is shown at **Appendix 2**.
- 4.10 Funding is limited and not all applications were successful. Funding bids were assessed against the PCC's priorities.
- 4.11 A decision whether to award a grant was made by the PCC and all decisions are published on the PCC website.
- 4.12 A number of applications were unsuccessful following a review. *Unsuccessful bids are shown at Appendix 3*.
- 4.13 There will be a funding agreement that sets out the obligations of both parties and any conditions attached to the funding. This document will set out the details of any phased payments and arrangements for underspends.
- 4.14 For successful bidders and where the appropriate funding is made available, the OPCC will advise with regard to the monitoring and evaluation arrangements. This may involve visits or request for information from the OPCC.
- 4.15 Once the allocation of the second round of bids has been finalised, the remaining amount of NIF identified will be used to support crucial work in helping to keep Essex safe through further appropriate allocations by the PCC. As with all monies allocated by the PCC these will be subject to on-going monitoring to ensure the projects and initiatives achieve what they set out to deliver.

5. Review of Bids

5.1 The following applications are under consideration by the PCC:

- Federation of Small Business - £7,252
- Essex Probation - £27k
- Safer Chelmsford - £13,680
- Who Can You Trust? - £15,850
- Victim Support - £12,690
- Friends of Abandoned Dogs - £2,300

5.2 The total number of bids under consideration for Round 2 total at £78,772.

5.3 The total number of bids that have been approved in principle total £56,840

5.4 If all of these bids are successful, the remaining balance from the NIF grant fund totals at £33,165.

5.5 The NIF process will be left open indefinitely with no closing date. Applications will continue to be invited from all sectors to include public, voluntary, community groups and businesses who can contribute to securing crime and disorder in Essex.

Areas of Focus

Area of Focus	Amount (£)
Youth Offending/All Re-offending	18,000
Alcohol, Drugs and Mental Health	21,800
Crime Prevention	9,040
Victims	No successful bids
Domestic Abuse	No successful bids
Road Safety	8,000
Total	56,840

In Principle Agreed Applications

Applicant	Idea	Amount
YOUTH OFFENDING & RE-OFFENDING		
ATF	To provide football training sessions for ex-offenders and young offenders who have been through the IOM section at Southend Probation Services, in addition to those referred from the Homeless Resources Action Project.	5,400
Basildon Borough Council	1 year pilot project involving performing art engaging with young people who are in danger of offending or committing ASB, steering them away from crime.	12,600
ALCOHOL & DRUGS		
Safer Chelmsford Partnership	A 3 month research project that will consider the impact of Chelmsford's night time economy on the emergency services, with the evidence used to inform the decision around the requirement of an SOS bus, or equivalent.	5,000
Argos/Open Road	To provide training and subsequent employment for up to 12 individuals who have been through the CJS and received treatment through the Open Road rehabilitation programme.	16,800
CRIME PREVENTION		
Support 4 Sight	Project launch the 'sighted guiding & road Safety for visually impaired people', which includes mobility instruction and road safety training.	5,040
Ugly Mugs	Training for officers in addressing the sex worker industry.	3,000
Redeeming Our Communities (ROC)	Setting up and organising the ROC Conversation events	1,000
ROAD SAFETY		
Essex County Council	Pilot scheme to increase the level of enforcement – cycling on pavements/shopping centres 'Bike ability' course.	5,000
Essex County Council	Let's Look Out Campaign. Raise awareness for motorcyclists.	3,000
Total		£56,840

Unsuccessful Applications

Applications not taken forward for funding fall into the following areas:

- Some bids simply do not address the priorities within the Police & Crime Plan;
- Concerns that some bids reflect the bidding organisations core business;
- That the bid duplicates existing arrangements;
- That the bid is not sufficiently targeted or the need is not evidenced;
- The bid is not innovative;
- The activity not felt to be sustainable; and
- That while the bid maybe a good idea, the PCC NIF is not the most appropriate route e.g. bid for capital projects may be better suited to POCA.

Unsuccessful Applications

Applicant	Idea	Amount
Bar N Bar Trust	Use customised buses to provide mobile youth club service one night a week.	8,000
Choices Family Support Service Ltd	Deliver a 1 year pilot programme for up to 30 participants for offenders. Provide a workshop & 5 day intensive residential & coaching sessions	29,911
Great Horkesley parish Council	To purchase a radar Speed Device to deal with community speed watch.	650
Basildon MIND	Provide a counselling service to those experiencing Mental Health (target victims of DA/Youth Offending)	11,880
The Wilderness Foundation	'Turn Around' project, holistic intervention programme for 15-21 year olds vulnerable/risk. One programme per year for 10 people for Autumn conference	15,000
Young Concern Trust	Keep Yourself Safe 8 week pilot educational programme for young people -exhibiting risky behaviours.	7,192
Graham Andrew Carey for Thurrock Adult Safeguarding Partnership	Raise awareness and uptake of Lasting Powers of Attorney for vulnerable adults or at risk.	4,500
South East & Central Essex Mind	For breakfast club (currently run ad-hoc) to plan intervention and support activities over 12 months for ex-offenders, with new addition of Post-traumatic stress counselling.	10,412
Craylands Activity Zone	A Hate Crime Awareness Community Day 'One Race hate Crime'. Weekly art craft & sport activity club for children that have been affected by hate crime or incidents.	9,434
Blade Education	A Different Kind of Normal (DKN) project for domestic abuse victims. Short information film in ten languages encouraging victims to report incidents.	9,000
Thera Trust	'Deliver a series of 'Be Safer' workshops focusing on disability related issues, raise awareness and reduce hate crime/bullying.	12,090
Brentwood Catholic Children's Society	Supporting Parents Experiencing Domestic Abuse project (SPEDA)	5,560
Voluntary Sector Training	Training course for staff/volunteers to increase skills/knowledge on crime reduction.	10,000
Witham Industrial Watch	Vote Yes Campaign. PR activities, advertising, meetings, bill boards, flyers, banners - raise awareness.	15,000
Canvey Island Town Council	Erect new fencing at Waterside Farm allotments and upgrade to prevent further damage.	6,279
Essex Medics	'Provide medical cover Wed,Fri/Sat nights.	7,800
The Ark Family Resource Centre	Provision of practical and emotional support to families suffering from the effect of violence in the home, including setting up a formal programme visiting schools (year 9 upwards) and year 6 primary providing information and discussion.	9,000
Rayleigh Pubwatch	Option 1 Motorola Digital DP series radios	6,354
Day Centre Chelmsford	Pilot project for a Day Centre tackling drugs, alcohol & mental health.	22,000
Thurrock NhW	NhW project- prevention of burglaries/aggravated for vulnerable.	4,058
Leigh on Sea Pubwatch	Radio communication system between license premises	3,408
Cascade Foundation	'Deliver workshops to raise awareness of HLD	31,050
Total		238,578

Police and Crime Plan

- 6.1 This proposal supports the key priority areas in the Police and Crime Plan around reducing domestic abuse, reducing youth offending and re-offending of all types, tackling the consequences of drug and alcohol abuse and mental health issues, improving crime prevention, supporting victims of crime, improving road safety, ensuring local solutions meet local problems, increasing efficiency in policing through collaborative working and innovation.
- 6.2 It aligns with the PCC's Police and Crime Plan's approach of crime and disorder reduction grants from the New Initiatives Fund (NIF).
- 6.3 It also accords with the Police and Crime Plan where organisations whose projects, services or activities contribute towards the priorities set out in the Plan for Essex.

7. Police Operational Implications

- 7.1 There are no operational implications.

8. Financial Implications

- 8.1 The long term financial implications would be a rise in crime and disorder and increased demand upon policing.
- 8.2 The PCC would fund the cost from the allocated NIF for 2013-14 amounting to £59,840 to successful applications is shown at **Appendix 2**.
- 8.3 Pending the outcome of the applications under consideration, a potential £78,777 to be awarded to successful organisations.
- 8.4 The funding agreement would set out clear outcomes and performance monitoring arrangements to ensure that the service delivers on the PCC priorities to secure or lead to securing a reduction in crime and disorder.

9. Legal Implications

- 9.1 Essex Police Standard Terms and Conditions apply and compliant to the Home Office Grant Agreement.
- 9.2 The payment of grant monies is subject to a signed funding agreement with the successful applicant.
- 9.3 Crime and disorder reduction grants are made in pursuance of s9(1) Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.

10. Staffing and other resource implications

- 10.1 There are potential resource implications for the office of the PCC as the service and performance outcomes and to a lesser extent the financial performance, will have to be monitored regularly to ensure effective and efficient delivery against the Police and Crime Plan priorities.

10.2 These new functions of the PCC's office are a direct result of his ownership of the related commissioning and monitoring mechanisms that need to be put in place. Some of these new functions could be absorbed by the office in its current configuration but is likely to need additional resources over time as the commissioning approach and associated monitoring develops

11. Equality and Diversity implications

11.1 The continuation of this service would ensure that an underserved and hard to engage section of society would continue to have a specific element of support.

Report Approval

The report will be signed off by the Chief Executive and CFO and the PCC Solicitor where legal implications arise.

Chief Executive/M.O *[Signature]*
Chief Financial Officer
PCC Legal Advisor (As necessary)

Decision

I agree the recommendations to this report

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PCC/Deputy PCC

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because

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If the report is not for publication, the Chief Executive will decide if and how the public can be informed of the decision.

