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Report to PCC	Report reference number PCC/0046/13
Date of Decision Date of Report 15.11.13	Area of County/Stakeholders affected Countywide / the Public
Title of report: Crime and Disorder Reduction Grants PCC 2013/14 New Initiatives Fund Round 2 (Part 2)	
Report by	Pamela Standley, Operating Manager
Enquiries to	Pamela Standley, Operating Manager

1. Purpose of report

1.1. To seek approval to allocate £89,320 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 in 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 there is an accompanying process of monitoring how the money is 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 The second round of bids closed in early August. Applications were welcomed by all sectors, public, voluntary, community groups and businesses who can contribute to securing crime and disorder reduction in Essex.
- 4.2 There were 6 bids which were under consideration by the PCC; the results of which can be found at appendices 2 and 3
- Federation of Small Business
 - Essex Probation
 - Safer Chelmsford
 - Who Can You Trust?
 - Victims Support
 - Friends of Abandoned Dogs
- 4.3 Comments and views were sought from specialists to help inform the PCC's decision making process.
- 4.4 The areas of focus that will use the funds of £89,320 are outlined in ***Appendix 1***
- 4.5 The proposals must cover activities that support the PCC's priorities as outlined in [The Police and Crime Plan](#). The PCC's priorities need to form the basis for the types of projects that have been awarded funds and proposals need to identify which priorities they are aiming to meet to qualify for funding.
- 4.6 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
- 4.7 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***
- 4.8 Funding is limited and not all applications were successful. Funding bids were assessed against the PCC's priorities.
- 4.9 A decision whether to award a grant was made by the PCC and all decisions are published on the PCC's website.

- 4.10 A number of applications were unsuccessful following a review. Unsuccessful bids are shown at **Appendix 3**.
- 4.11 Each successful bid will be accompanied by 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.
- 4.12 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 requests for information from the OPCC.
- 4.13 Once the allocation of the second round of bids has been finalised, the remaining balance of the NIF 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.
- 4.14 The remaining balance of the NIF totals £77,617, the breakdown is shown below.

PCC's New Initiative Fund		
Decision Sheet Reference	Amount Awarded	Remaining Fund
		£ 500,000
PCC/33/13	£ 148,023	£ 351,977
PCC/41/13	£ 10,000	£ 341,977
PCC/43/13	£ 56,840	£ 285,137
PCC/46/13	£ 89,320	£ 195,817
PCC/47/13	-£ 31,800	£ 227,617
Earmarked funds:		£ 227,617
Domestic Abuse	£ 65,000	£ 162,617
Crimestoppers	£ 25,000	£ 137,617
Specials	£ 40,000	£ 97,617
Community Messaging System	£ 20,000	£ 77,617
Remaining Fund		£ 77,617

- 4.15 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.

5.0 Amendment

- 5.1 PCC decision sheet reference number PCC/0043/13 dated 18th October 2013. Review of Bids, Essex Probation for the amount of £27,000 will not be considered under the NIF. This bid will now be considered from an alternate funding source which is yet to be determined.

Areas of Focus

Area of Focus	Amount (£)
Youth Offending/All Re-offending	2,300
Alcohol, Drugs and Mental Health	13,680
Crime Prevention	6,550
Domestic Abuse	66,790
Total	£89,320

In Principle Agreed Applications

Applicant	Idea	Amount
YOUTH OFFENDING & RE-OFFENDING		
Friends of Abandoned Dogs	To provide volunteering opportunities to ex-offenders not ready for mainstream volunteering.	2,300
ALCOHOL & DRUGS		
Safer Chelmsford Partnership	Reducing the Strength initiative to ensure licensees of 'off licences' to voluntarily opt to vary respective licences.	13,680
CRIME PREVENTION		
Firebreak	To produce a DVD re the PCC sponsored Firebreak course. In addition a separate project to specifically empower intervention for the Probation Service.	6,000
Hotline	Carrier bags as a hand out with security advice for farmers at the Rural Crime Awareness event.	550
DOMESTIC ABUSE		
Victims Support	Provide early intervention, support & advice to victims of DA. On-site client support based in Basildon hospital & 2 GP surgeries.	12,690
Colchester and Tendring Women's Refuge (CTWR)	To place an IDVA trained domestic violence support worker in Chelmsford HQ DA Hub (MASH).	26,480
Basildon's Women's Aid	Increase qualified DA Support Worker in the Hub, for those at high risk & provide support to victims at risk.	27,620
Total		£89,320

Unsuccessful Applications

Applications not taken forward for funding fall into one or more of 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.

Applicant	Idea	Amount
FSB	To undertake research to tackle business crime	7,252
Who Can You Trust?	Launch a 12 month initiative 'Keep Gran Safe' Linking with students, 6 th formers to back a campaign on doorstep crime.	15,850
Total		£23,102

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 Should this decision not be agreed, the long term financial implications would be an increased spend to tackle a rise in crime and disorder and an increased demand on other policing resources.
- 8.2 The PCC would fund the cost from the allocated NIF for 2013-14 amounting to £89,320 to successful applications is shown at **Appendix 2**.
- 8.3 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 as will compliance with 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


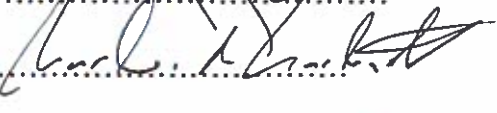
place. Some of these new functions could be absorbed by the office in its current configuration but is likely to need additional resources over time as the commissioning approach and associated monitoring develops

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 Executive Director and CFO and the PCC Solicitor where legal implications arise.

Executive Director/M.O 
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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