

Decision No 2014/38



REPORT TO: **POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LANCASHIRE**

REPORT BY: Robert Ruston – Commissioning & Partnerships Manager

DATE: 5 November 2014

TITLE: COMMUNITY ACTION FUND APPLICATIONS

Appendix A refers

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Commissioner has established a Community Action Fund for which £50,000 is available annually. The allocation for 2013/14 was not fully spent and the under-spend of £3,345 has been carried forward to the current financial year giving total available funding of **£53,345**.

Applications are invited from voluntary, community and faith (VCF) sector constituted organisations. The Fund is administered by LANPAC on behalf of the Commissioner.

LANPAC have received 10 applications in October which have been reviewed in line with the terms and conditions and criteria of the Fund as follows:

1. Skelmersdale Action for Youth – recommend approval of £2000
2. Creative Minds, Blackburn – recommend approval of £1750
3. TramShed Theatre Company – recommend approval of £2000
4. Nelson FC in the Community – recommend approval of £2000
5. Pendle Leisure Trust – recommend for rejection
6. Disability Equality (NW) Ltd – recommend for rejection
7. St Oswalds Church Hall – recommend for rejection
8. Fylde Foodbank – recommend for rejection
9. BME Lancashire – recommend that the Commissioner consider funding from the Victims Funding
10. Sophie Lancaster Foundation - recommend that the Commissioner consider funding from the Victims Funding

These Applications have been reviewed to ensure that they are operating in areas where there are high incidents of ASB, Criminal Damage, etc and that they support priorities identified by the Commissioner and the local Community Safety Partnerships.

RECOMMENDATION

The Grant Information indicated that, whilst the maximum grant is £2,500, the Commissioner would be looking for applications lower than this to enable the fund to be widely available as possible.

Where a lower grant than that applied for has been recommended LANPAC will work with the applicant to ensure that the project will be able to continue and will provide support and advice in regard to other funding options.

A separate report will be submitted to the Commissioner regarding applications 9 and 10.

The Commissioner is recommended to approve the level of funding for the Applications as outlined in Appendix A.

The total amount of funding recommended is £7,750.00

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The 2014-15 budget for the Community Action Fund is £53,345 of which £13,240 has already been approved and awarded to other projects and schemes. The **£7,750.00** funding for these applications will be met from the remaining £40,105.00, leaving an unspent balance in the Fund of £32,355.00.

Decision taken by the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire:

Original decision, as set out in the attached report, approved without amendment (please delete as appropriate)	YES	NO
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Original decision required to be amended and decision as detailed below:

The reasons for the amended decision are as detailed below:

Police and Crime Commissioner: Comments

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The PCC is asked to consider any personal / prejudicial interests he may have to disclose in relation to the matter under consideration in accordance with the law, the Nolan Principles and the Code of Conduct.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The recommendations are made further to legal advice from the Monitoring Officer and the Section 151 Officer has confirmed that they do not incur unlawful expenditure. They are also compliant with equality legislation.

Signed: Police and Crime Commissioner Date:	Signed: Chief Officer: Date:
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Signed: Chief Constable Date:	Signed: Chief Finance Officer: Date:
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