



## POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LANCASHIRE

<b>DECISION 2015/14</b>	<b>Date: 5<sup>th</sup> June 2015</b>
<b>TITLE: COMMUNITY ACTION FUND APPLICATIONS</b>	
<b>REPORT BY: ROBERT RUSTON</b>	

### **Executive Summary**

The Commissioner has established a Community Action Fund.

In 2014-15 the fund available was £50,000 with approved applications totalling £50,684, the additional funding being an underspend from 2013-14.

Increasing interest from community groups and organisations indicate that it would be beneficial to increase the Community Action Fund in 2015-16. It is proposed that the Fund is increased to £75,000 to maximise the impact of the Fund whilst ensuring that it is at a level that can be fully allocated.

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 8 applications in May 2015 which have been reviewed in line with the terms and conditions and criteria of the Fund as follows:

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| 1. Broadgate Residents Action Group       | - Recommended for approval     |
| 2. Eagles Wings                           | - Recommended for approval     |
| 3. Lancashire Sports and Arts Foundation  | - Recommended for approval     |
| 4. Larks in the Park Youth Committee      | - Recommended for approval     |
| 5. South Shore Cricket Club               | - Recommended for approval     |
| 6. Summer Fun for All                     | - Recommended for approval     |
| 7. St Joseph's Catholic Primary School    | - Not recommended for approval |
| 8. Stoneyholme Primary School Association | - Not recommended for approval |

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.

The Commissioner is recommended to approve the increase in the level of the Community Action Fund from £50,000 to £75,000 in 2015/16

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 £10,660**

**Financial Implications**

The 2015-16 budget for the Community Action Fund is £75,000 of which £0.00 has already been approved and awarded to other projects and schemes. The **£10,660** funding for these applications will be met from the remaining £75,000 leaving an unspent balance in the Fund of £64,340.

Signature

Police and Crime Commissioner

Date

**PART I**

**1. Background and Advice**

All applications have been assessed against the Fund Criteria and if recommended for approval meet all the criteria

**2. Links to the Police and Crime Plan**

All applications recommended for approval support one or more of the priorities details in the Police and Crime Plan

**3. Consultation**

N/A

**4. Implications**

- a. Legal
- b. Financial
- c. Equality considerations

Financial – The applications recommended for approval can be funded from existing funds allocated to the Community Action Fund

**5. Background Papers**

None

**6. Public access to information**

Information in this form is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and other legislation.

Part 1 of this form will be made available on the PCC website within 3 working days of approval. Any facts/advice/recommendations that should not be made available on request should not be included in Part 1 but instead on the separate Part 2 form.

<b>Officer declaration</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS – As above</b>	
<b>FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS – As above</b>	
<b>EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS – None</b>	
<b>CONSULTATION – None</b>	
<p><b>Director to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (Monitoring Officer)</b>                      I have been informed about the proposal and confirm that financial, legal and equalities advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire.</p> <p>Signature.....Date.....</p>	