

Decision No 2013/37



REPORT TO: POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LANCASHIRE

REPORT BY: Robert Ruston – Partnerships Officer

DATE: 11 February 2014

TITLE: COMMUNITY ACTION FUND APPLICATIONS

Appendix A refers

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Commissioner has established a Community Action Fund (Decision 2013/02) of £50,000 and has invited applications from voluntary, community and faith (VCF) sector constituted organisations. The Fund is administered by LANPAC on behalf of the Commissioner.

LANPAC have received applications which have been reviewed in line with the terms and conditions and criteria of the Fund.

3 applications have been forwarded to the Commissioner for approval.

A further 7 Applications had been recommended for rejection as they do not match the terms and conditions or criteria of the Community Action Fund.

Further information has been requested for 1 Application.

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 level of funding for the Applications as outlined in Appendix A.

The total amount of funding recommended is £4,600

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The annual budget for the Community Action Fund is £50,000 of which £34,990 has already been approved and awarded to other projects and schemes. The £4,600 funding for this application will be met from the remaining £15,010.

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:


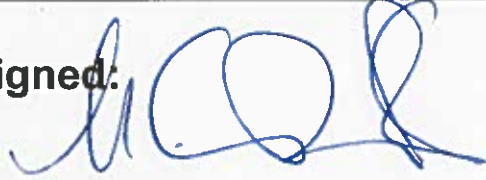
Police and Crime Commissioner: Comments

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.

<p>Signed:  Police and Crime Commissioner Date: 11th February 2014</p>	<p>Signed:  Chief Officer: Date: 11/02/2014</p>
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LANCASHIRE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER

APPLICATIONS FOR DECISION 2013/37 – 11 February 2014

The following Applications have been received by LANPAC on behalf of the Commissioner and fulfil the Terms and Conditions and Criteria laid out in the Grant Application Form.

The Commissioner is recommended to approve the level of grant funding as detailed for the following Applications:

1. NAME:	Blackpool D of E Open Access Group		
AREA:	Blackpool	PRIORITY:	ASB & Criminal Damage
AMOUNT REQUESTED:	£2,500.00	Match Funds:	£367.30 from existing group funds
Project Name & Cost	Duke of Edinburgh Award £2867.30		
Summary:	Project to purchase 8 bicycles and associated equipment to assist young people in undertaking the skill, physical and expedition sections of the DoE Awards. YPs are referred to the project via a number of agencies including YOT, Youth Support Workers, Schools, etc. When not being used by the DoE scheme the bicycles would be available for other charitable youth groups and the Council's Targeted Youth Team.		
Comments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This project supports working with vulnerable young people as well as reducing ASB and Criminal Damage priorities. • The bicycles will be suitable for long distance and multi-terrain use and will cost in excess of what families of many of the young people could afford. • The Application does not include any proposals to seek local sponsorship for any of the cycling equipment. 		
Recommendation:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That this application is supported by the Commissioner 2. That a grant of £1800 is provided to towards cost of the project being over 70% of the amount requested and equivalent to the purchase of 6 bicycles. 3. That the Commissioner requests that the Group pursue local sponsorship options for the additional cycling equipment and contributions from other groups who will have use of the bicycles. 		

2. NAME:	Project BME Lancashire		
AREA:	Hyndburn	PRIORITY:	Hate Crime
AMOUNT REQUESTED:	£2,209.00	Match Funds:	None
Project Name & Cost	"Peacock" £2209.00		
Summary:	This project will use a series of monthly workshop sessions to raise awareness of Hate Crime in the South Asian Community. As well as addressing issues of Hate Crime related to culture and religion the sessions will also look at homophobic hate crime especially in relation to the South Asian community.		
Comments:	Project BME (formerly BME PACT) have previously been involved in a wide range of projects and initiatives in the South Asian community and would have the resources to deliver this project. The application does not indicated the anticipated numbers attending – a recommendation is included to require a report after the first two sessions to provide an indication of the numbers attending.		
Recommendation:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That this application is supported by the Commissioner 2. That a grant of £1800.00 is made to support this project, equivalent to 80% of the total project cost. 3. That the funding is conditional on an update report being submitted to the OPCC after the first two sessions. 		

3. NAME:	Rossall Beach Residents & Community Group		
AREA:	Thornton Cleveleys	PRIORITY:	Crime Reduction
AMOUNT REQUESTED:	£1,500.00	Match Funds:	£1,500 Community Group £2,000 Wyre Council
Project Name & Cost	Rossall Beach CCTV Camera £5,000.00		
Summary:	Application for funding towards the costs of a CCTV camera to support work to tackle ASB and Criminal Damage in the Rossall Beech area. The Community Group has worked with the police, local authority, Probation Trust and local schools to tackle these issues and the addition of a CCTV camera would support this work.		
Comments:	The Residents Group and the Local Authority are providing funding towards the cost of the camera which will be linked into the local authority system and fully controlled and monitored at their control room.		
Recommendation:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That this application is supported by the Commissioner 2. That a grant of £1000.00 is made to support this scheme 3. That it is noted that LANPAC will make a further contribution of £500 towards this scheme. 		

The Commissioner is asked to note the following Applications which have been received that do not match the Terms & Conditions or Criteria for the fund:

A. NAME:	Highercroft, Longshaw & Peel Close Tenants & Residents Association		
AREA:	Blackburn	PRIORITY:	Protecting Vulnerable People
AMOUNT REQUESTED:	£2,500	Match Funds:	£600 Tenants Association Will apply for £2,500 from Sense of Place
Project Name & Cost	Bradda Road Safety Project £5,600		
Details:	Application is to fund the permanent closure of Bradda Road to prevent it being used as a high speed short cut. BwD Council are unable to provide funding for this		
Recommendation:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That this application is NOT supported by the Commissioner 2. That it is noted that the application does not support any of the Commissioner's Priorities. 		

B. NAME:	Incredible Edible, Rossendale		
AREA:	Rossendale	PRIORITY:	
AMOUNT REQUESTED:	£2,500.00	Match Funds:	Other funding has been applied for from Grow Wild, Heritage Lottery & Proffitts
Project Name & Cost	Helmshore Edible Green Route £4,900.00		
Details:	Project to provide planters, plants and trees to be maintained by the general public plus signage and publicity material to promote their activity.		
Recommendation:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That this application is NOT supported by the Commissioner 2. That it is noted that the application does not support any of the Commissioner's Priorities. 3. That it is noted that the application did not include their Constitution and Accounts as required. 		

C. NAME:	Unique School of Recitation of the Holy Qur'an		
AREA:	Blackburn	PRIORITY:	ASB & Criminal Damage
AMOUNT REQUESTED:	£2,500.00	Match Funds:	Groups resources
Project Name & Cost	Peace Project £5,000.00		
Details:	Provision of youth activities such as pool, table tennis, computer games etc based at the Church & Multi-faith Centre on Thompson Street, Blackburn. The application also includes funding for booklets, handouts and posters but is not clear what the aim and purpose of these would be.		
Recommendation:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That this application is NOT supported by the Commissioner 2. That it is noted that the organisation did not submit a copy of their Constitution and Accounts with the application. 		

D. NAME:	Peer Support		
AREA:	Lancaster & Morecambe	PRIORITY:	Protecting Vulnerable People
AMOUNT REQUESTED:	£2,500.00	Match Funds:	Reaching Communities (amount not stated)
Project Name & Cost	Peer Support £2,604		

Details:	This is a peer-led support group for people with severe and enduring mental health problems based on drop-in style events run in the Lancaster and Morecambe areas. Currently approximately 130 people use the sessions and the funding would enable additional sessions to be run at both locations.		
Recommendation:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That this application is NOT supported by the Commissioner 2. That it is noted that the organisation did not submit a copy of their Constitution and Accounts with the application. 		

E. NAME:	West View Community Association		
AREA:	Fleetwood	PRIORITY:	ASB & Criminal Damage
AMOUNT REQUESTED:	£2,500.00		
Project Name & Cost	Pied Piper £2,856.00		
Details:	<p>The Association want to establish a Saturday evening youth club activity to complement an existing Friday evening club. The Westview Estate has high levels of ASB & Criminal Damage which has already been impacted by the Friday club and the introduction of a Saturday club would continue to reduce the levels.</p> <p>PCSOs and local volunteers would support the work.</p>		
Recommendation:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That this application is NOT supported by the Commissioner 2. That it is noted that the organisation's accounts indicate that they have more than £10,000 of unrestricted funding available. 		

F. NAME:	Fylde Coast YMCA		
AREA:	Lancaster	PRIORITY:	ASB & Criminal Damage
AMOUNT REQUESTED:	£2,500.00		
Project Name & Cost	Ridge Community Centre £9,500.00		
Details:	<p>Proposal to deliver activities to tackle ASB on Tuesday and Friday evenings when the Community Centre is currently closed. Application is for funding towards staff and overhead costs.</p>		
Recommendation:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That this application is NOT supported by the Commissioner 2. That it is noted that the £3000 of the funding from the Commissioner to the Lancaster CSP has been designated for the Ridge Community Centre project. 		

G. NAME:	Marsh Community Centre		
AREA:	Lancaster	PRIORITY:	ASB & Criminal Damage
AMOUNT REQUESTED:	£1,909.04		
Project Name & Cost	SHOUT £4,526.40		
Details:	<p>A project to help tackle ASB and Criminal Damage in the area around the Community Centre through a series of workshops and activity programmes for a targeted group of 14-21 year olds.</p> <p>Workshops would address issues such as anger management, substance misuse, volunteering and engaging in work or education.</p>		
Recommendation:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That this application is NOT supported by the Commissioner 2. That it is noted that the organisation did not submit a copy of their Constitution and Accounts with the application. 		

The Commissioner is asked to note the following Applications which have been received but where further information is being sought before a recommendation can be made:

A. NAME:	Streetwise, Lytham St Annes		
AREA:	Lytham	PRIORITY:	ASB & Criminal Damage
AMOUNT REQUESTED:	£2,500.00	Match Funds:	None
Project Name & Cost	"Legless" £2,500.00		
Details:	Project to engage young people in producing a video about the damage that binge drinking can cause. Streetwise has produced a number of award winning videos with young people on issues such as anti-bullying.		
Additional Information Requested:	Further clarification is being sort on costings and how much is being done by the young people themselves.		