

Decision No 2014/06



REPORT TO: POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LANCASHIRE

REPORT BY: Robert Ruston – Commissioning & Partnerships Manager

DATE: 19 May 2014

TITLE: COMMUNITY ACTION FUND APPLICATIONS

Appendix A refers

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Commissioner has established a Community Action Fund (Decision 2013/02) and has allocated a further £50,000 in 2014-15, providing a total available fund 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 applications which have been reviewed in line with the terms and conditions and criteria of the Fund.

2 Applications received in May have been forwarded to the Commissioner for approval. A further 4 Applications received in May had been recommended for rejection as they do not match the terms and conditions or criteria of the Community Action Fund.

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.

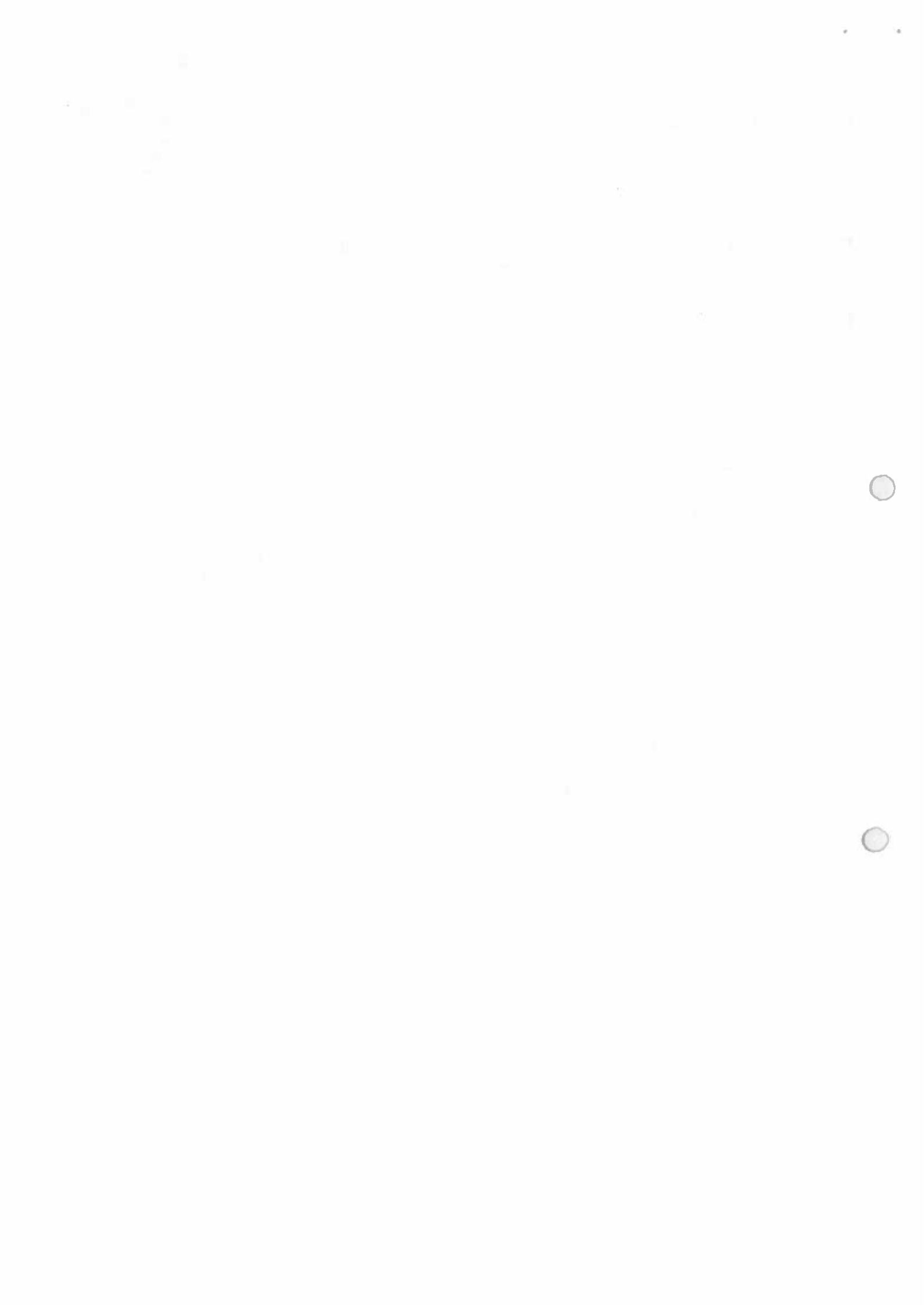
RECOMMENDATION

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 £1,740.00



FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The 2014-15 budget for the Community Action Fund is £53,345 of which £0 has already been approved and awarded to other projects and schemes. The £1,740.00 funding for these applications will be met from the remaining £53,345, leaving an unspent balance in the Fund of £51,605.00.

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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LANCASHIRE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER

APPLICATIONS FOR DECISION 2014/06 – 19 May 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:	Summer Fun 4 All		
AREA:	Darwen	PRIORITY:	Vulnerable People ASB & Criminal Damage
AMOUNT REQUESTED:	£240.00	Match Funds:	Partner and Agency input
Project Name & Cost	Keep Safe Summer Day £240.00		
Summary:	A community event aimed at children, young people and families held in the centre of Darwen supported by a range of agencies including police, fire & rescue, ambulance, Air Ambulance, Lifeboats etc to raise awareness of how to keep safe and fun in the school holidays.		
Comments:	This is the third of these events to be held by the group and the funding will primarily be used to support some additional fun activities to make the event attractive to children and young people.		
Recommendation:	1. That this application is supported by the Commissioner 2. That a grant of £240.00 is provided to towards cost of providing fun activities at the event.		

2. NAME:	Broadgate Residents Action Group		
AREA:	Riversway, Preston	PRIORITY:	ASB & Criminal Damage
AMOUNT REQUESTED:	£1747.50	Match Funds:	£345 LCC Local Members Fund Local businesses
Project Name & Cost	Broadgate Youth ASB Project £2092.50		
Summary:	Project aimed at reducing ASB in the area which has been developed from issues raised at local PACT meetings. A small group of young people have been identified who are either at risk of offending or already taking part in		

	offending behaviour. The project will enable those young people to access diversionary activities in the Preston area and cover the costs of coaching sessions for a 35 week period.
Comments:	This project links to the local PACT and is working to tackle issues that have been raised directly by local residents in consultation with the young people themselves.
Recommendation:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That this application is supported by the Commissioner 2. That a grant of £1500.00 is provided to towards cost of the project, being just over 70% of the cost of the project 3. That funding is conditional on match funding being secured to enable the project to go ahead as proposed.

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:	The Leyland Project		
AREA:	Leyland	PRIORITY:	ASB & Criminal Damage Targeted Initiatives to tackle Crime
AMOUNT REQUESTED:	£2000.00	Match Funds:	£1000 LCC Young Peoples Service £1000 applied Harries Charity £3000 applied Freemasons Grand Charity
Project Name & Cost	Off Da Streets Summer Activities £6897.00		
Details:	Funding request for 4 weeks of diversionary activities for the Broadfield and Wade Hall estates. Applicant failed to provide a copy of their Constitution and latest Accounts		
Recommendation:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That this application is NOT supported by the Commissioner 2. That it is noted that the applicant did not provide copies of their Constitution and latest Accounts as required in the grant terms and conditions 		

B. NAME:	Participation Works NW		
AREA:	Nelson and Brierfield	PRIORITY:	ASB & Criminal Damage Targeted Initiatives to tackle Crime
AMOUNT REQUESTED:	£2,300.00	Match Funds:	LCC Local Members Fund and other grant applications (Amounts not stated)
Project Name & Cost	The Hoods £8570.00		
Details:	Project in the Nelson and Brierfield areas working with a group of young men either on the verge of offending or known to the police. The project aims to tackle issues such as conflict, peace building and providing positive role models.		
Recommendation:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That this application is NOT supported by the Commissioner 2. That it is noted that the accounts provided with the application indicate that unrestricted reserves of more than £10K are held by the organisation and so will not qualify for a grant.. 		

C. NAME:	The Raft Foundation		
AREA:	Rossendale	PRIORITY:	Indirectly - Supporting Vulnerable People
AMOUNT REQUESTED:	£2,500.00	Match Funds:	Existing funding and provision in kind
Project Name & Cost	The Raft Foundation Food Bank Services £9960.00		
Details:	The project aims to provide food and essential household items to a range of vulnerable people including ex offenders and those impacted by Domestic Abuse.		
Recommendation:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That this application is NOT supported by the Commissioner 2. That it is noted that the accounts provided with the application indicate that unrestricted reserves of more than £10K are held by the organisation and so will not qualify for a grant. 		

D. NAME:	Pennine Lancashire Community Farm		
AREA:	Burnley	PRIORITY:	Indirectly - Crime Prevention
AMOUNT REQUESTED:	£2120.00	Match Funds:	
Project Name & Cost	Crime Prevention Action Days £2120.00		
Details:	A series of community activity days to enable local residents to better engage with a range of agencies include police, fire and rescue, local authority, youth services etc and provide crime prevention advice.		
Recommendation:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That this application is NOT supported by the Commissioner 2. That it is noted that the accounts provided with the application indicate that unrestricted reserves of more than £10K are held by the organisation and so will not qualify for a grant. 		

