

Decision 2015/75



REPORT TO: POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LANCASHIRE

REPORT BY: Steve Freeman – Chief Finance Officer

DATE: 23 February 2016

TITLE: Awards to community and voluntary organisations from PoCA receipts

Appendix A refers

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Commissioner has allocated £600,000 from the PoCA reserve for the awarding of grants to public sector, community and voluntary organisations to deliver projects that contribute to the delivery of the priorities set out in the Police and Crime Plan.

92 applications have been received requesting total funding in excess of £3.6m and following an extensive evaluation process a number of recommended grant awards have been identified.

A total of £463,817 in grant awards is recommended for approval.

RECOMMENDATION

The Police and Crime Commissioner is recommended to:


- 1) Note the report at Appendix A that describes the process undertaken to evaluate the applications for funding;
- 2) Approve the grant awards detailed in Appendix A

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: 23.2.16	Signed: Chief Officer Date:
Signed: Chief Constable Date:	Signed:  Chief Finance Officer: Date: 23/02/2016

1. Introduction

- 1.1. This report provides the recommendations made by the three divisional decision panels in respect of the funding to be awarded from the PoCA reserve to voluntary and community groups.
- 1.2. It also gives an overview of the process that has been undertaken to determine the recommendations that have been made.

2. Background

- 2.1. The availability of grant funding from the PoCA reserve was announced in November 2015 inviting applications from voluntary and community groups in respect of proposals that will deliver the priorities set out in the Commissioner's Police and Crime plan.
- 2.2. £600,000 was made available to be shared equally between the three divisions (£200,000 for each division).
- 2.3. A total of 92 applications were subsequently received by the closing date of 8th January 2016 requesting a total of £3.6m and the process to determine the recommended allocation of the funding commenced.

3. Allocating the funding

- 3.1. The first stage of the process was an examination of the applications to provide a short list for consideration by the decision panel for each division.

Shortlisting

- 3.2. The PoCA applications were initially scored on 2 criteria in order to produce a shortlist for consideration at each divisional panel, the Criteria used were "Priorities" and "Sustainability"
- 3.3. The **Priorities** score reflected how evident it was from the application that the proposal meets the Police and Crime Plan priorities
- 3.4. The **Sustainability** score reflected how evident it was from the application that the proposal meets the financial criteria set for the funding, including the provision of match funding for revenue costs and the long term sustainability of the proposals.

For each of these criteria the following scoring mechanism used was:

0	1	2	3	4	5
No evidence	Limited evidence	Some evidence	Evident	Substantially evident	Highly evident

Divisional Panels

- 3.5. Having produced the shortlists for each division these applications were then considered by a panel that consisted of members of the Commissioner's office and representatives from the Constabulary in each division.
- 3.6. The decision panels took the score from the two criteria identified above and considered a further criteria in conjunction with that score, that being 'impact'.
- 3.7. This criteria judges the impact that each proposal will have for the users of the service, the community in which it is delivered and the police service and its partners.

The scoring mechanism used for the impact criteria was:

1	2	3	4	5
Provides a positive impact for the users of the service	Provides a positive impact for the users of the service and the community in which it is delivered	Provides a positive impact for the users of the service and the community in which it is delivered along with the Police Service and its partners	Provides a positive impact for the users of the service, the community and specifically assists in managing the demand placed on the police service and its partners	Provides a positive impact for the users of the service, the community and specifically assists in reducing the demand placed on the police service and its partners

3.8. The final score for each application was calculated by taking the score for each criteria multiplied by the others to give a total score and then a 'rank' for each division.

3.9. The recommendations for funding were then based upon this ranking.

4. Recommendations

4.1. The recommendations from each panel are as follows:

Rank	Organisation/Group	Proposed allocation (£)
EAST division		
1	HARV Domestic Abuse Services	50,000
2	Pendle Action for the Community (PAC)	16,788
3	Clarets in the Community	20,000
4	Newground	19,455
5	Families Health & Wellbeing Consortium	35,000
6	Ynot Aspire LTD	9,999
7	Every Action Has Consequences	14,700
8	Calico Enterprise Limited	21,000
WEST division		
1	Fylde Veterans CIC	41,100
2	Fylde Coast Women's Aid (Burton House Fylde)	5,434
3	Fylde Coast Women's Aid (Laurel House Wyre)	6,014
4	Fylde Coast Women's Aid (Hayward House Blackpool)	6,474
5	Blackpool Council	100,000
SOUTH division		
1	Skelmersdale Action for Youth	22,000
2	Preston City Council on behalf of Preston Community Safety Partnership	57,000
3	The Haythornthwaite Sports Foundation	5,000
4	Ingol and Tanterton Community Trust (Intact)	13,853
PAN-LANCASHIRE		
	Safer Together	20,000
Total Funding		463,817

It is **recommended** that the Commissioner approve the grant awards detailed in the table above.