

POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LANCASHIRE

DECISION 2022-19	Date: 19th August 2022
TITLE:	SAFER LANCASHIRE NEIGHBOURHOODS FUND COMMUNITY FUND
REPORT BY:	BETH WILLMOTT POLICY AND PARTNERSHIPS SUPPORT OFFICER (FIGHTING CRIME)

Executive Summary

The Commissioner has provided funding for the provision of grants to enable activity that supports the delivery of his Police and Crime Plan.

The 'Safer Lancashire Neighbourhoods Fund' includes the 'Community Fund' which provides grants of up to £10,000 to deliver activity that will address one or more of the Police and Crime Plan priorities:

- Getting tough on Anti-social behaviour
- Disrupting and dismantling organised crime
- Tackling domestic abuse and sexual violence
- Cracking down on burglary and robbery
- Targeting dangerous drivers

The Police and Crime Commissioner received 19 applications to the Fund in July/August 2022.

This report sets out the proposed treatment of these 19 applications for funding

Recommendation

The Commissioner is recommended to award funding of £54,238.80 for the 6 projects set out in Appendix A.

Signature

Police and Crime Commissioner 20.09.2022

Date 20/09/2022

PART I

1. Background and Advice

All applications have been assessed against the Community Fund Criteria and if recommended for approval meet the criteria set out for the fund.

In total, 19 applications were considered for the Commissioner's Community Fund. It is proposed to reject funding for the following applications that did not meet the criteria:

1. The Billy Project CIC
2. Belvedere & Calder Vale Sports Club
3. Tockholes Parish Council
4. Fylde Coast Women's Aid
5. Groundwork CLM
6. Release Mates
7. Disability Equality NW
8. City Hearts
9. Safenet
10. Skool of Street
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Of the 19 applications received four are proposed for approval totalling £37,038.80 and two are proposed for approval subject to specific conditions, totalling £17,200. Further detail of the applications for which approval is proposed is set out in Appendix A.

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

None to consider.

b. Financial

The applications approved will be funded from existing funds allocated to the Safer Lancashire Neighbourhoods Fund.

c. Equality considerations

Equality data is currently gathered for all Community Fund applications.



5. Background Papers

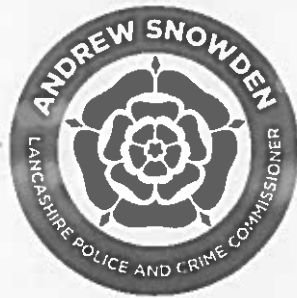
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6. Public access to information

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.

Officer declaration	Date
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS – As above	
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS – As above	1 st September 2022 
EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS – As above	
CONSULTATION – Not applicable	
<p>Director to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (Monitoring Officer) 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.....20/09/2022.....</p>	



Safer Lancashire Neighbourhoods Fund

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

NAME:	CANWe Solutions CIC		
PROJECT NAME & COST	Break the Cycle £50,000		
AREA:	East Division		
PROJECT DURATION:	Initial 1 year pilot with a view for a 3-year total duration		
AMOUNT REQUESTED:	£10,000	MATCH FUNDS:	Applying to other funding streams
SUMMARY:	<p>CANWe Solutions in partnership with the local police will target and work with young people who are subject to a No Further Action (NFA) disposal by the police. These young people do not meet the threshold for other services and therefore often 'slip through the net'.</p> <p>CANWe Solutions will complete an initial assessment with the young people to identify their needs for example, support with employment, training, education, counselling or substance misuse. Young people will then receive support through both 121 sessions and group diversionary activity sessions.</p> <p>CANWe Solutions will receive referrals from the Police identifying young people at risk of reoffending.</p> <p>CANWe Solutions also work in partnership with Lancashire County Council to access whole family support, local football community trusts to access further activities, Lancashire Wildlife Trust, We Are With You and the Princes Trust.</p> <p>Funding will contribute towards coordination costs, materials and resources.</p>		
NO. OF INDIVIDUALS EXPECTED TO ENGAGE:	900 Young People		
PRIORITY SUPPORTED:	<p>Getting Tough on Anti-Social Behaviour</p> <p>Disrupting and Dismantling Organised Crime</p> <p>Tackling Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence</p> <p>Cracking Down on Burglary and Robbery</p>		
ENGAGED WITH LOCAL CSP / POLICE:	Local Neighbourhood Policing Team		

RECOMMENDATION:	The Commissioner is recommended to approve the allocation of £10,000 conditional on CANWe Solutions CIC finding match funding to support the initiative.
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NAME:	Positive Action in the Community		
PROJECT NAME & COST	Waterside Youth Work £17,377.60		
AREA:	Pendle		
PROJECT DURATION:	12 months		
PROPOSED START DATE:	01/07/2022	PROPOSED FINISH DATE:	31/07/2023
AMOUNT REQUESTED:	£9,988.80	MATCH FUNDS:	Staff time
SUMMARY:	<p>In response to an increase in anti-social behaviour, Positive Action in the Community would like funding to support an additional two nights of youth club provision for young people. Young people will be able to take part in a range of diversionary activities.</p> <p>Funding would contribute towards staff delivery time and specialist activities.</p> <p>Positive Action in the Community work closely with partners on the Community Safety Partnership with the CEO of PAC chairing the Keeping Young People and Vulnerable Adults Safe subgroup.</p>		
NO. OF INDIVIDUALS EXPECTED TO ENGAGE:	75 Young People		
PRIORITY SUPPORTED:	Getting Tough on Anti-Social Behaviour		
ENGAGED WITH LOCAL CSP / POLICE:	Neighbourhood Policing Team Local Council		
RECOMMENDATION:	The Commissioner is recommended to approve the allocation of £9,988.80.		

NAME:	The Billy Project Personal Training		
PROJECT NAME & COST	Women and girls group exercise sessions £8,500		
AREA:	Blackburn with Darwen		
PROJECT DURATION:	12 months		
PROPOSED START DATE:	25/07/2022	PROPOSED FINISH DATE:	25/07/2023
AMOUNT REQUESTED:	£8,500	MATCH FUNDS:	N/A
SUMMARY:	The Billy Project Personal Training offer free fitness sessions for vulnerable women both victims and ex-offenders in the gym, and online. Sessions don't only focus on fitness they concentrate on		

	confidence building and relationships and the Billy Project can also refer onto other specialist services to target complex needs. Since the pandemic, The Billy Project have seen an increase in referrals and therefore they would like funding to run an additional five sessions per week. In addition, they are also seeking funding to buy an online database to record service user information.
NO. OF INDIVIDUALS EXPECTED TO ENGAGE:	80 Young People 250 Adults
PRIORITY SUPPORTED:	Getting Tough on Antisocial Behaviour Tackling Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence
ENGAGED WITH LOCAL CSP / POLICE:	Neighbourhood Policing Team
RECOMMENDATION:	The Commissioner is recommended to approve the allocation of £8,500.

NAME:	Fleetwood Town Community Trust		
PROJECT NAME & COST	YEP (Youth Engagement Project) £13,850		
AREA:	Wyre		
PROJECT DURATION:	12 Months		
PROPOSED START DATE:	01/08/2022	PROPOSED FINISH DATE:	31/07/2023
AMOUNT REQUESTED:	£10,000	MATCH FUNDS:	Fleetwood Town Community Trust
SUMMARY:	<p>Fleetwood Town Community Trust will provide a range of engaging activities for young people aged 12-18 years old in the borough of Wyre, specifically targeting wards in Fleetwood. Following a consultation with young people at local secondary schools, it was stated that 63% of those that responded would attend a youth hub facility, with activities ranging from Pool, Darts, Table Tennis, and a range of physical activities, such as Football, Basketball and Tennis.</p> <p>Delivery will take place in Marine Gardens and Memorial Park, two hotspot areas identified by the local police and council.</p> <p>Funding will contribute towards staff time, venue hire and equipment.</p>		
NO. OF INDIVIDUALS EXPECTED TO ENGAGE:	60 Young People		
PRIORITY SUPPORTED:	Getting Tough on Anti-Social Behaviour		
ENGAGED WITH LOCAL CSP / POLICE:	Local Neighbourhood Policing Team		
RECOMMENDATION:	The Commissioner is recommended to approve the allocation of £10,000.		

NAME:	The Washington Group (Northwest CIC)		
PROJECT NAME & COST	Fylde Coast Youth Strategy for Change – A Youth Led Project £25050.00		
AREA:	Blackpool, Fylde, and Wyre		
PROJECT DURATION:	8 Months		
PROPOSED START DATE:	01/07/2022	PROPOSED FINISH DATE:	01/03/2023
AMOUNT REQUESTED:	£8550.00	MATCH FUNDS:	Blackpool 6th Form, Empowerment, Sponsors, and volunteer time.
SUMMARY:	<p>Following a consultation with young girls from schools and colleges across Blackpool, Fylde, and Wyre it became apparent young girls are concerned around sexualisation in schools, colleges, work and within the community. Since the feedback, the Washington Group have worked with girls to develop a strategy and action plan for change.</p> <p>The Washington Group would like to work with young people to run two targeted events. The first, targeting young men aged 12 – 18 to address misogyny and the second, targeting young women and local partners to take part in a range of workshops and to then launch the strategy and drive change.</p> <p>The Washington Group work in partnership with a range of partners including local educations (schools, colleges and PRUs), local police, council, and charities.</p> <p>Commissioner's funding would contribute towards session time, coordination costs, workshop materials and resources and educational packs.</p>		
NO. OF INDIVIDUALS EXPECTED TO ENGAGE:	100+ Adults 500+ Young People		
PRIORITY SUPPORTED:	Tackling domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence		
ENGAGED WITH LOCAL CSP / POLICE:	Local Neighbourhood Policing Team Local Council		
RECOMMENDATION:	The Commissioner is recommended to approve the allocation of £8,550.		

NAME:	Wigan Athletic Community Trust		
PROJECT NAME & COST	Football in the Community £14,400		
AREA:	West Lancashire		
PROJECT DURATION:	12 Months		
PROPOSED START DATE:	01/09/2022	PROPOSED FINISH DATE:	31/08/2023

AMOUNT REQUESTED:	£9,600	MATCH FUNDS:	Wigan Athletic Community Trust
SUMMARY:	<p>The Trust will provide weekly football and sport sessions in the heart of the Digmoor and Tanhouse areas of Skelmersdale, hotspot locations identified by the local police and council.</p> <p>The activities will take place at accessible venues and times and target young people involved or at risk of being involved in ASB. Whilst acting as a diversionary activity to break down the barrier of engagement the sessions will include workshops on key issues such as ASB, knife crime, conflict management and wellbeing.</p> <p>Wigan Athletic Community Trust will identify young people involved higher level ASB and crime and refer them into the Youth DIVERT programme for more intensive support.</p> <p>Wigan Athletic Community Trust work closely with the local police and Community Safety Partnership.</p>		
NO. OF INDIVIDUALS EXPECTED TO ENGAGE:	80 Young People		
PRIORITY SUPPORTED:	Getting Tough on Anti-Social Behaviour		
ENGAGED WITH LOCAL CSP / POLICE:	Local Council		
RECOMMENDATION:	The Commissioner is recommended to approve the allocation of £7,200 towards football and sport sessions conditional on Wigan Athletic Community Trust finding match funding to support the initiative.		

The Commissioner is asked to note the following Applications which are not recommended for approval:

1. The Billy Project CIC
2. Belvedere & Calder Vale Sports Club
3. Tockholes Parish Council
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