



POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LANCASHIRE

DECISION: 2022-10	DATE: 02/12/2022
TITLE: STREET PASTOR, STREET ANGELS AND SIMILAR ORGANISATIONS FUNDING	
REPORT BY: BETH WILLMOTT POLICY AND PARTNERSHIPS SUPPORT OFFICER (FIGHTING CRIME)	

Executive Summary

The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) recently opened an opportunity for Street Pastors, Street Angels and similar organisations in Lancashire to bid into the PCCs Safer Lancashire Neighbourhoods Community Fund. Organisations were given from 14th September 2022 to Wednesday the 5th October 2022 to submit a funding application.

Further consideration and assessment of the bids the PCC is now recommended to make the grant awardsto the four organisations outlined in the recommendation below.

Recommendations

The Commissioner is recommended to approve the awards as set out below from the Community Safety and Partnerships Fund:

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| 1. Blackpool & the Fylde Street Angels | £10,000 |
| 2. Chorley Street Pastors | £7,000 |
| 3. Ormskirk Street Pastors | £3,000 |
| 4. Preston and South Ribble Street Pastors | £10,000 |

Signature

Police and Crime Commissioner

Date:

8/12/22

PART I

1. Background and Advice

The funding opportunity was open to all Street Pastors, Street Angels, and similar organisations. All organisations were signposted to the Commissioner's Safer Lancashire Neighbourhoods Community Fund page on the website.

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner received four applications as a result and this report details the activity each of those organisations will undertake.

Street pastors and are trained volunteers who usually patrol the streets of their community on a Friday and Saturday night to care, listen and offer assistance to those most vulnerable.

Each successful bid will be subject to a tailored evaluation to measure their performance against the activity they have set out in their application.

The following section details the bids received from these organisations.

Bids Received

a) Blackpool and Fylde Street Angels

Blackpool and the Fylde Street Angels offer care and support to vulnerable adults within the town centre. This includes intoxicated individuals, the homeless and those suffering from addiction.

Some of their support services include an Emergency Bed Unit 365 days a year, food street outreach, weekend and evening outreach, shelter for adults during severe weather conditions and a facility called Angels Rest which is used to run education and support groups.

Funding will contribute towards the coordination costs, training, and supplies.

The Commissioner is recommended to approve the allocation of **£10,000** towards the work of Blackpool and Fylde Street Angels.

b) Chorley Street Pastors

Chorley Street Pastors patrol the town centre offering support and immediate practical help to vulnerable people along with signposting onto further specialised services for support.

Funding will contribute towards the coordination costs, equipment, uniforms and training.

The Commissioner is recommended to approve the allocation of **£7,000** towards the work of Chorley Street Pastors.

c) Preston and South Ribble Street Pastors

Preston and South Ribble Street Pastors support vulnerable people within the night-time economy, homeless people and street sex workers offering assistance where required, signposting onto specialist services and safety planning and measures such as panic alarms.

Preston and South Ribble Street Pastors are the largest group in Lancashire and offer training sessions to other Street Pastor groups. This is a vital piece of training and is essential to all street pastors who are required to complete the training before patrolling the streets.

Funding will contribute towards the coordination costs, uniforms and training.

The Commissioner is recommended to approve the allocation of **£10,000** towards the work of Preston and South Ribble Street Pastors.

d) Ormskirk Street Pastors

Alongside supporting vulnerable people within the night-time economy Ormskirk Street Pastors support vulnerable young people.

Ormskirk Street Pastors have established a close working relationship with local schools and act as 'trusted adults' for a young person to talk to and confide in. The pastors work closely with young people and often provide safety, emotional and wellbeing support.

Funding will contribute towards the training, 1-1 sessions and supplies.

The Commissioner is recommended to approve the allocation of **£3,000** towards the work of Ormskirk Street Pastors.

2. Links to the Police and Crime Plan

The work of street pastors supports all five of the priorities outlined in the Police and Crime Plan:

- 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

3. Consultation

N/A

4. Implications

a. Legal

Invitations to the grant opportunities was advertised on the PCC website in the interest of openness and transparency

b. Financial

The grant awards will be maintained in the current annual budget for the Community Safety and Partnerships Fund.

c. Equality considerations

None to consider.



5. Background Papers

Advert on the PCC Website and grant invitation opportunity.

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	
EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS – As above	08.12.2022
CONSULTATION – As above	
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.	
Signature:  Date: 08.12.2022	