



RECOMMENDATION REPORT

DECISION: 80/2025	DATE: 23/02/2026
TITLE: REDUCING REOFFENDING - COMMUNITY FUND FUNDING ROUND	
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SPONSOR: REBECCA KEECH	
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 Reducing Reoffending Community Fund provides grants of up to £5,000 for projects to reduce reoffending by tackling key issues such as substance misuse, mental health, housing, and employment. The Police and Crime Commissioner received 43 applications in January 2026, of which 19 met published eligibility criteria.	
Recommendation The Police and Crime Commissioner is recommended to approve the allocation of £63,944 to support 13 projects.	

PART I

1. Background and Advice

The Reducing Reoffending Community Fund was open between 8th December and 12th January 2026. The OPCC received 43 applications of which 23 were ineligible in line with the fund guidelines. The funding round was aimed at reducing reoffending by tackling key issues such as substance misuse, mental health, housing, and employment.

The eligible applications were shared with partners from Lancashire Constabulary, the Problem Oriented Policing Team, Local Community Safety Managers, Prisons, Probation and internal policy leads in the OPCC for feedback and scoring.

Based on the feedback and scoring from partners the PCC is recommended to support 12 applications – detailed at Appendix A, with a total value of £58,944.

2. Links to the Police and Crime Plan

All applications make explicit links to the Police and Crime Plan, see Appendix A.

- Tackle Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour
- Get Tough on Serious Violent Crime

3. Consultations

Lancashire Constabulary, the Problem Oriented Policing Team, Local Community Safety Managers, Prisons, Probation and internal policy leads.

4. Implications:

a. Legal

All projects will be delivered under grant agreements.

b. Financial

Applications approved through the fund utilise budget allocated to the Community Fund by the PCC.

c. Equality Impact Assessment

Subject to the Equality Impact Assessment across all community funding – in development.

d. Data Protection Assessment

There are no direct Data protection implications in the making of this decision

5 Risk Management

Subject to Community Fund Risk Management matrix.

6. Background Papers

Appendix A – list of successful applicants.

7. 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	
CONSULTATION – As above	
Author Signature: Beth Willmott Date: 23/02/26	
Sponsor I have read the above report and confirm this is factually correct. Signature: Rebecca Keech Date: 23/02/26	
Section 151 Officer for the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner I have read the above report and have considered the financial implications. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate (financial) request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire. Signature: Steve Freeman Date: 25/02/26	
Chief Executive (Monitoring Officer) for the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire 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: Anna Hopkins Date: 25/02/26	