RECOMMENDATION REPORT

DECISION: 22/2026	DATE: 07/09/2026
TITLE: COMMUNITY GRANT 2026/27	
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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 Community Grants provide grants of up to £5,000 to deliver activity that will address one or more of the Police and Crime Plan priorities:

- Prevent Violence Against Women and Girls
- Tackle Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour
- Get Tough on Serious Violent Crime
- Rebuild Trust and Confidence in Policing

The Police and Crime Commissioner received an application from **The Foxton Centre.**

Recommendation

The Police and Crime Commissioner is asked to approve the allocation of **£5,000,** to **The Foxton Centre** for the **Foxton Youth Provision** project.

PART I

1. **Background and Advice**

The Commissioner's Grant opportunities opened on 11 May 2026, following a comprehensive redesign of the grant commissioning process. The community grant opportunities focus on outcome focused delivery, partnership working, accountability, and alignment with strategic priorities. The programme is explicitly designed to support preventative and early-intervention activity that contributes to the Police and Crime Plan 2024–2029, including tackling crime, antisocial behaviour, serious violence, and violence against women and girls.

Funding is delivered through three routes:

- **Community Grants (up to £5,000):** Supporting short-term, pilot, or community-led initiatives, with priority given to "crime prevention, youth diversion and VAWG initiatives". Applications must include a supporting reference from a relevant partner.
- **CSP Sponsored Grants (up to £20,000 per local authority area):** Designed to "develop and implement targeted interventions that address local crime issues, improve community safety, and strengthen partnership working between agencies". These require formal CSP support or sponsorship.
- **MP Sponsored Grants (up to £50,000):** Enabling MPs to lead or support projects that "improve safety, strengthen public trust, and contribute to long-term crime prevention".

Grant applicants are for partnership endorsement or sponsorship across all funding levels. This reflects the OPCC's expectation that projects must demonstrate they are "informed by local knowledge, aligned with existing services, and supported by partners with a strategic or operational role".

All applications are subject to an initial pre-evaluation process to ensure compliance with the grant requirements. This includes checks to confirm that proposals meet the published eligibility and assessment criteria, alongside appropriate due diligence on the applicant organisation. As part of this stage, consideration is also given to the extent and strength of partnership support, ensuring that applications demonstrate effective collaboration and alignment with wider local priorities before progressing to full evaluation.

The grant application was evaluated against the published assessment criteria and met the required standards which meant it could be accommodated within the available budget has been recommended for support to the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC).

2. **Links to the Police and Crime Plan**

- Prevent Violence Against Women and Girls
- Tackle Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour
- Get Tough on Serious Violent Crime

- Rebuild Trust and Confidence in Policing

3. Consultations

As part of the consultation process, the original grant guidance has been widely shared with key stakeholders to ensure transparency and accessibility. This has included, but is not limited to, police, CSPs, local authorities, service providers, PCC staff, and both previously successful and unsuccessful applicants. This approach supports open engagement and encourages a diverse range of applications. In addition, the Commissioning and Procurement team hosts a monthly drop-in session for potential applicants, providing an opportunity to seek clarification, discuss proposals, and receive guidance on the funding process.

4. Implications:

a. Legal

Funding to be issued directly to the **The Foxton Centre** on a Grant Agreement. The recommendation for signing includes delegated powers, and the 151 Officer has agreed to sign the Grant Agreement thereafter.

b. Financial

£5,000 to be allocated – utilising funding allocated by the PCC from Proceeds of Crime Act Receipts.

c. Equality Impact Assessment

Subject to the Equality Impact Assessment across all community funding.

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 – Overview of project.

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 07/09/2026

Sponsor

I have read the above report and confirm this is factually correct.

Signature Rebecca Keech Date 08/09/2026

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 22/09/2026

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 22/09/2026