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Police & Crime Plan for Our Safer Futures 2020-22

Safer Communities Fund

Police and Crime Panel ~ 12 March 2021

Safer Communities Fund – Applications up to £50,000

Funding Period - 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022

The Commissioner, through the work of the Commissioning and Partnerships Team, seeks to **reduce crime, prevent offending and support victims, enabling everyone to realise their life potential without being drawn into the Criminal Justice System.**

To that end the Commissioner created a **Safer Communities Fund** to commission work to help deliver the Police and Crime Plan priorities and gives services providers the opportunity through regular opportunities to bid for grant funding for projects on a yearly basis.

The Guide to Applying for Funding

- The Guide to Applying for Funding is document that has been continually **refined and improved over the past five years**
- The purpose of this document is to **provide guidance on the available opportunities** and exclusions when applying for funding
- Consultation on the content was undertaken to ensure that **double funding did not occur** and to **encourage bids where there were gaps in provision** – OPCC theme leads, police theme leads, domestic abuse and sexual crime commissioners

Safer Communities Fund – October 2020

Grants Round Open

- The grants round was open from 1 October to Friday 30 October 2020
- The maximum amount of funding that could be applied for per application was £50,000, however there was no limit to the number of applications that an organisation could submit as long as there were no duplications in projects
- Applicants were strongly advised to approach their local Community Safety Partnership (CSP) representatives and Violence Reduction Unit leads to seek support for their project. If the application was relating to domestic abuse or sexual crime, applicants were also advised to discuss their bid with the relevant local lead authority officer to ascertain if there was a need for such a service in their area
- A total of 93 applications were received, across a number of themes, and were worth a total of £2,839,889, far outweighing the amount of funding available

Consultation

- All Community Safety Partnerships
- Hampshire Constabulary District Commanders
- Domestic Abuse and Sexual Crime Commissioners
- The Head of Reducing Reoffending at Winchester HMP
- Hampshire Constabulary's theme leads

Application Scoring

- The applications were assessed following clear, fair and transparent process.
- Scored using only the information provided within the applications against the criteria provided in the 'Guide to applying for funding' document
- They were scrutinised for suitability in financial terms, business costings and staffing provision
- Using population and crime statistics, a fair and proportionate distribution of funding was achieved, both between themes and geographical areas. This was influenced, however, by the number of bids submitted
- Where there were competing applications for service delivery the score and support by local partners was taken into account

Safer Communities Fund – January/February 2021

Recommendations

Commissioning Theme	Successful Applications	Amount
Crime Prevention	5	£57,500
Cyber Behaviours	1	£29,000
Domestic Abuse and Adolescent to Parent Violence (APV)	8	£196,145
Hate Crime	2	£46,200
Hidden Harm	8	£217,480
Reducing Reoffending	6	£153,350
Restorative Practices	1	£11,640
Sexual Crime	2	£64,850
Supporting Victims	2	£21,625
Youth Diversion	22	£373,583
	Total	57
		£1,171,373

Organisations supporting our communities



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Performance Monitoring

- A review of performance monitoring for grant funded projects has been undertaken
- All projects required to provide performance monitoring information on a quarterly basis
- Reporting on the projects will be shared with the Community Safety Partnerships so they can see what successes have been achieved in their areas

Opportunities

- Each year we see more opportunities to grant fund services but there is still some **inequity of service provision at a local level**. In the coming year further work will be done to try to again address this issue whilst **maintaining the quality and consistency** of service across the whole area.



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