

Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey – Decision Making Record

Report Title: Community Safety Fund – April to June Applications

Decision number: 029/2013

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Protective Marking: Part One

Executive Summary:

The Community Safety Fund has been allocated to Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) to support them in the delivery of the Police and Crime Plan for Surrey. For the financial year 2013/14 the PCC for Surrey has been allocated £659,000 of which £509,000 has all been made available for applications from bodies that can support the PCC in his work.

For April to May the PCC received thirteen applications totalling £349,652. Eight applications have been recommended for approval. Five are for countywide projects, one for a local project in Redhill and one local project in Walton Leigh while the final bid is to support residents in the Elmbridge, Spelthorne and Runnymede areas.

Applications

The following provides an overview of those applications received and recommended for approval.

Rape and Sexual Abuse Support Centre - Part-Time Independent Sexual Violence Advisor

£22,000 requested to employ a part-time Independent Sexual Violence Advisor (ISVA) to offer support, guidance and referrals to relevant specialist agencies to victims of sexual assault. The officer will also accompany clients to court, to police appointments, medical appointments and they will ensure the client is kept informed of progress. The need for additional support has been raised by the professionals and SARC Governance Board.

This application has been recommended for approval owing to its clear link to the PCC's priority of ensuring all victims are at the centre of the criminal justice system and are professionally supported. The applications also showed clear outcomes and a robust performance management process.

There were no conditions attached however, it has been made clear that as this is for a paid post consideration needs to be made for the long term funding of ISVAs in Surrey.

Surrey Fire and Rescue – Youth Engagement Scheme

£39,334.50 requested to support the delivery of six youth engagement courses which are designed to provide an opportunity for young people to work with the Fire Service and take part in a variety of challenges that help to build self-esteem, develop leadership, improve communications skills and increase attainment and school attendance.

The application was considered and it was concluded that the project is well respected and supports the PCC's priority to take a zero tolerance policing approach by working to prevent anti-social behaviour and crime. However, it is recommended that the PCC support the non-personnel costs associated with the project of £21,220. Time will be taken to work with

Surrey Fire and Rescue to aid them in sourcing the additional funding for the staffing costs and to provide resilience for the future.

Surrey Fire and Rescue – Safe Drive Stay Alive

£9,000 has been applied for to support the delivery of the production Safe Drive Stay Alive, in particular to fund the cost of transport. Safe drive Stay Alive is an educational performance aimed at reducing death and injury among Surrey's young drivers. The performance is highly charged and emotive and has proved successful in making young people consider their behaviour when driving. The scheme has been running since 2005 and has reached 80,000 young people.

The application is recommend for approval as it support the PCC's priority to take a zero tolerance policing approach by working with partners to teach young people safe driving contributing to the reduction of anti-social behaviour on the roads.

Eagle Radio – Online Social Media Law and Ethics initiative

£31,500 has been requested by Eagle Radio to deliver an assembly style course to Surrey's secondary schools to raise awareness and reduce cyber-bullying, increase online safety of young people and explain the do's and do not of online and social media. It is anticipated that the project will engage with 63 schools and approx. 63,000 young people.

The full application is recommended for approval as the project was deemed innovative, progressive and in line with the PCC's priority to take a zero tolerance policing approach, in particular reducing online anti-social behaviour.

Surrey Police - SHOut Multi Agency Youth Conference

£5,000 is requested to fund two youth conferences in the east and west of the county. The conference, which has been successfully run before in the north of the county, aims to speak to young people about personal safety, anti-social behaviour and drugs and alcohol. It is anticipated that there will be between 150/200 young people aged between 14 and 19 at each conference.

The application to support the two youth conferences has been recommended for approval as the three intended outcomes; intervention, engagement and the refocus of youth provision meets the PCC's priority to take a zero tolerance policing approach by teaching young people about anti-social behaviour. The conferences also meet the PCC's priority to give young people a greater say in how their streets are policed.

Safer Runnymede - Walton Leigh Recreation Ground Clean Up

£3,000 has been applied for to reduce anti-social behaviour in the local recreational ground by targeting police activity, supporting a community clean up, relocating park furniture and improving the parks facilities and to support a community day. It is anticipated that the project will support the community in reporting and tackling anti-social behaviour, improve community relationships with service providers and increase the use of the public space.

It is recommended that the application be supported as the project helps deliver the PCC's priority to take a zero tolerance policing approach, particularly as the community are fully involved in the project and the clean-up.

Surrey Police - Redhill Youth Festival

£2,000 has been requested to support a local youth festival which aims to engage with young people in the local area and show them what activities and opportunities are available in the community. There are a wide number of partners involved including; Surrey Police, the Local Authorities, housing trusts, local faith organisations and youth support services.

It is recommended that the project is awarded £1,000. While the project is worthwhile and the PCC supports engagement with young people the festival does not fully meet the People's Priorities but the PCC recognises the partnership involvement and that by informing the young people of the opportunities available anti-social behaviour may reduce.

Mediation North Surrey – Training and Development

£5,000 is requested to support the charity in training and developing its mediators. Mediation is used specifically to help resolve community disputes particular around neighbourhood issues, anti-social behaviour and in some cases harassment. The service received high praise from the local Surrey Police Neighbourhood Teams who see the mediation service as a valuable additional support to their community work.

It is recommended application is supported as it meets several of the People's Priorities, namely taking a zero tolerance approach to policing and putting victims at the centre of the criminal justice system. It is hoped by using the mediation service anti-social behaviour will be tackled early and victims will feel empowered.

The decision on the other five applications received have been postponed as the Community Safety Fund Decision Panel felt it needed more information and to work with partner agencies before making a recommendation to the PCC.

Recommendation

The Commissioner supports the recommendations of the Community Safety Fund Decision Panel and awards £97,720.00 to the following;

- £22,000 to the Rape and Sexual Abuse Support Centre for a part-time Independent Sexual Violence Advisor
- £21,220 to Surrey Fire and Rescue for the Youth Engagement Scheme
- £9,000 to Surrey Fire and Rescue for Safe Drive Stay Alive
- £31,500 to Eagle Radio for the Online Social Media Law and Ethics initiative
- £3,000 to Safer Runnymede for the Walton Leigh Recreational Ground Clean Up
- £1,000 for the Redhill Youth Festival
- £5,000 for the SHOuT Multi Agency Youth Conference
- £5,000 to Mediation North Surrey

Police and Crime Commissioner Approval

I approve the recommendation(s):

Signature:



Date: 10/07/2013

All decisions must be added to the decision register.

Areas of consideration

Consultation

Consultation has taken place with appropriate lead officers depending on the application. All applications have been asked to supply evidence of any consultation and community engagement.

Financial implications

All applications have been asked to supply accurate financial information including the total costs of the project with breakdown where the money will be spent; any additional funding secured or applied for and plans for on-going funding. The Community Safety Fund Decision Panel considers the financial risks and opportunities when looking at each application.

Legal

Legal advice is taken on an application by application basis.

Risks

The Community Safety Fund Decision Panel considers any risks in the allocation of funding. It is also part of the process to consider when refusing an application the service delivery risks if appropriate.

Equality and diversity

Each application will be requested to supply appropriate equality and diversity information as part of the monitoring requirements. All applicants are expected to adhere to the Equality Act 2010

Risks to human rights

Each application will be requested to supply appropriate human rights information as part of the monitoring requirements. All applicants are expected to adhere to the Human Rights Act