

Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey – Decision Making Record

Community Safety Fund – September 2015 Applications

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Executive Summary:

For 2015/16 the Police and Crime Commissioner has made available £690,920 of funding to ensure continued support to local community, voluntary and faith organisations.

For September 2015 the PCC received eighteen applications totalling £225,946.82. Thirteen applications have been recommended for approval and one recommended for part funding, totalling £147,976.82. The Panel also approved the funding for the Community Safety Partnerships totalling £54,000 thereby leaving £248,880.38

Of the successful bids nine are for countywide projects, with the remaining focusing on the boroughs of Tandridge, Surrey Heath and Reigate and Banstead

Applications

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

Brockham Emergency Response Team

To award £1,000 Brockham Emergency Response Team, which was formed just before the severe flooding in Brockham in 2013. BERTs major role is the prevention of flooding and to respond within the village to severe weather events. The funding will support the group in purchasing an electronic system will allow for flood sensors to be placed close to premises so that floodwater can be identified before harm is caused. BERT have been asked to see if they can develop the scheme to include sending community safety messages to the community as well as flood advice. This application particularly supports the Zero Tolerance priority.

Eagle Radio

To award £34,750 to Eagle Radio to deliver media law training in schools. This is a three year programme which has seen significant success. This next phase will focus on independent schools in Surrey and Senior Management in schools. The Panel felt this project met the Zero Tolerance priority.

GASP Motor Project

To award £10,000 to the GASP Motor project for a sessional worker to continue the focused work they deliver. GASP provides hands-on courses in basic motor mechanics for young people. They support some of the hardest to reach young people in the community and in particular target those who are disaffected/ disadvantaged, either NEET or at risk of becoming NEET. Often the young people are disengaged, disruptive and on the margins of their communities. The Panel, who have supported GASP before felt this met the Zero Tolerance priority.

Horley Town Council

To award £4,000 to Horley Town Council to upgrade their CCTV to a digital system which will enhance the images captured, give greater coverage and allow authorised officers to view footage by smartphone and other devices. This will in turn provide a valuable resource to local officers in their prevention and detection of crime and disorder.

East Surrey Community Safety Partnership

To award £10,000 to the East Surrey Partnership to support them in tackling flytipping in Mole Valley, Reigate and Banstead and Tandridge. Flytipping has been identified as a key issue of concern for residents across the area of the new East Surrey Community Safety Partnership. This multi-faceted partnership campaign across the East will focus on evidence gathering via mobile CCTV, road stops for suspect vehicles to check trade waste licences and a high profile communications strategy which will send a strong zero tolerance message that flytippers will be caught and prosecuted. The application meets the Zero Tolerance and Visible Policing priorities.

Surrey Heath Neighbourhood Watch

One of three applications the panel recommends to award £5,000 to the Neighbourhood Watch group to procure home CCTV cameras to provide evidence to be used by the Police for the prosecution of burglars. The funding will enable the local Neighbourhood Watch to procure a batch of home CCTV cameras and make them available, free of charge, to elderly and vulnerable bona fide Neighbourhood Watch residents who would otherwise not be able to afford them.

Surrey Heath Neighbourhood Watch

To award £1,068 to the Neighbourhood Watch group to purchase of Neighbourhood Watch Window Stickers for Neighbourhood Watch schemes in the County of Surrey. The Surrey Neighbourhood Watch has run out of deterrent stickers. These stickers provide reassurance and confidence to people in the community.

Surrey Heath Neighbourhood Watch

To award £1,000 to the Neighbourhood Watch group to support the delivery of a new project in Surrey Heath. Surrey Police have launched an initiative to use Surrey Heath Neighbourhood Watch (NW) volunteers to carry out crime reduction surveys. The project would require pairs of Neighbourhood Watch volunteers to travel to a property, at the request of Surrey Police, and carry out a Crime Reduction Survey. The grant is required to cover travel costs of volunteers.

Surrey Ethnic Minority Forum

To award £40,000 to SMEF for its pilot project titled 'Active Communities' which will address 'Domestic Abuse', 'Drug and Alcohol problems' and misperceptions on 'Mental illness' all subjects that are shrouded in secrecy and shame within BME communities. The funding will enable SMEF to employ a Project Co-ordinator for 3.5 days a week and a Support Worker for 1.5 days a week with additional delivery costs. While this meets the People's Priority of Zero Tolerance it also directly supports the work SMEF does encouraging our minority communities to understand what support is available to them in sensitive areas.

Surrey ASB Strategy Group (c/o Surrey Police)

To award £10,000 to the Strategy Group to deliver the ASB Awareness week commencing 28th Sept 2015. The intention is that this becomes an annual countywide event which aims to reduce the Incorrect Demand to Agencies, identify and support repeat and vulnerable victims of ASB and increase in ASB victim satisfaction. The funding will support the radio media campaign and establish a media library and develop practitioner forums. This project meets the Zero Tolerance and Visible Policing priorities.

Surrey Police

To award £12,000 to Surrey Police for the delivery of Operation Signature. Operation Signature will be a pan Surrey response aimed at minimising the vulnerability of elderly victims of deception and fraud. Working with partner agencies, carers and extended families to raise awareness of the breadth of deception and fraud scams has been and remains integral to reducing the number of victims subjected to exposure from this type of organised criminality. This project meets the Zero Tolerance and Visible Policing priorities in particular.

Surrey Youth Focus

To award £9,856 to support the delivery of Communilab. Communilab is an online and offline forum that brings together businesses, public sector organisations, youth organisations and schools/universities to create opportunities and solve problems for young people in Surrey. Many of the organisations and projects supported will focus on the most vulnerable young people who are most likely to be victims or perpetrators of crime. The funding requested will be used to engage at least 10 more medium/large businesses or local authorities to Communilab. The Panel felt this project met the Zero Tolerance priority.

Transform Housing and Support

To award £5,813 to Transform to roll out the use of saliva drug testing kits and alcohol breathalysers to more of our housing projects across the county, including our projects for homeless people, young people and those with mental health issues. This will allow them to house clients who would otherwise be assessed as too high risk due to their previous behaviour under the influence of drugs or alcohol. This application clearly meets the Zero Tolerance priority.

The following provides an overview of those applications received and recommended to part fund;

1st Hedgecourt Scout Group

To award the 1st Hedgecourt Scout group £1,489.82 to replace much of their camping equipment. They have already undertaken several fundraising initiatives but have fallen short of the final amount needed. The funding will allow the group to continue to work with young people, providing a positive activity in the community. The project while not directly meeting the People's Priorities does provide some diversionary activities and teaches citizenship to young people. Therefore it was recommended for part funding.

Community Safety Partnerships

Alongside the application process the PCC listened to comments from key partners and made £6,000 available to each Community Safety Partnership to support solutions to local ASB issues. The funding was aimed at projects that have particularly focus on supporting the use of the new legislation, tackling some of the complicated ASB cases in the locally communities and supporting victims. Of the 11 Community Safety Partnerships, ten applied for funding. These applications were overseen by the Community Safety Fund Decision Panel and have recommended the ten applications are supported.

Recommendation

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

- £1,000 to Brockham Emergency Response Team
- £34,750 to Eagle Radio
- £10,000 to GASP
- £4,000 to Horley Town Council
- £10,000 to East Surrey Community Safety Partnership
- £5,000 to Surrey Heath Neighbourhood Watch
- £1,068 to Surrey Heath Neighbourhood Watch
- £1,000 to Surrey Heath Neighbourhood Watch
- £40,000 to Surrey Ethnic Minority Forum
- £10,000 to the ASB Strategy Group
- £15,000 to Surrey Police for Operation Signature
- £9,856 to Surrey Youth Focus
- £5,813 to Transform Housing
- £1,489,82 to the 1st Hedgecourt Scout Group
- £54,000 to the ten Community Safety Partnerships for ASB action in Surrey

Police and Crime Commissioner Approval

I approve the recommendation(s):

Signature:



Date: 30/09/2015

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.