

Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey – Decision Making Record

Community Safety Fund Applications (Reducing reoffending) – 28th June 2017

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Executive Summary:

For 2017/18 the Police and Crime Commissioner has made available £750,000 of funding to ensure continued support to local community, voluntary and faith organisations. An amount of £250,000 has been ring-fenced for projects that will reduce reoffending in Surrey.

A new application for core funding was received from transform Housing along with two other standard grant applications from the KSS CRC and the Woking Women's Centre. Should the PCC recommend these grants the sum remaining in the Reducing Reoffending fund will be £5472.

Applications for Core Service Awards over £5000

Transform Housing – PCC Housing Project

To award Transform Housing to provide 8 additional ex-offender accommodation placements over the next three years. Transform will invest in providing two shared houses (8 beds) that will offer supported accommodation to ex-offenders in Surrey. Clients are provided with a keyworker and encouraged to recognise the triggers behind their previous offending. The support provided will vary depending on need but includes assisting clients to improve their economic wellbeing; to develop a fulfilling weekly structure through employment, voluntary work or education and leisure activities; to better manage any physical or mental health needs; to address any substance misuse issues; to successfully complete any statutory court orders; to keep to the terms of their licence agreement and maintain their accommodation; to improve their self-confidence and independent living skills and to make a positive contribution to society.

2017/18 **£31,638**

2018/19 **£31,638**

2019/20 **£31,638**

Applications for Standard Awards over £5000

Kent Surrey Sussex CRC – through the gate mentoring service

To award KSSCRC £38,129 to deliver a through the gate mentoring service for Surrey Prisoners due for release. This a cohort who have spent less than 12 months in custody and have therefore not been afforded the opportunity to engage in constructive and rehabilitative activities prior to release.

Through the gate mentoring provides a holistic approach for offenders prior and post release from prison. Release is a crucial and very risky time for offenders due to the complexity of need presented by this particular group, not least of all the poor links with constructive activities and statutory agencies. There is a short window of time when an offender is ready and wanting to make changes. In order to capture this motivation and move towards constructive outcomes, including a reduction in reoffending it is essential to deliver the mentoring service in a timely way. TTG mentoring will include up to 12 weeks support prior and post release. CRC Volunteers are uniquely positioned to support this through advocacy, guidance and have the time, enthusiasm and ability to facilitate meaningful and useful engagement with those agencies. Volunteers are recruited from diverse populations with every effort made to ensure that the diversity of offenders is matched by those supporting them.

Woking Women's Centre - mentoring service

To award Woking Women's Centre £21,185.60 to continue to deliver their in house counselling service. This service will underpin the existing work of The Woking Women's Centre and continue the current work of the pilot specialist Counselling project delivered in the Women's Centre during 2016. It will provide specialist counselling intervention for women who, in addition to their involvement in the criminal justice system, have also been the victims of crime or abuse. In particular the proposed counselling service will offer on-going counselling to women who are referred by the Women's Justice Initiative Project (funded by the Surrey OPCC) and other women in Surrey who have experienced domestic abuse, sexual abuse, exploitation or trafficking or other trauma, and are involved in or at risk of involvement in the criminal justice system.

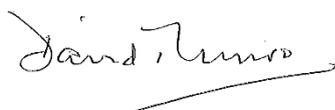
Recommendation

That the Commissioner supports the core service and standard applications to the Community Safety Fund (reducing re-offending) and awards to the following;

- £31,638 to Transform Housing for a three year period (subject to terms & conditions) for delivery of the PCC Housing Project
- £38,129 to KSSCRC to deliver a through the gate counselling service
- £21,185.60 to the Woking Women's centre to deliver their counselling service

Police and Crime Commissioner Approval

I approve the recommendation(s):

Signature: 

Date: 28/06/2017

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/ Partnership and Victims policy officers 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/Partnership and Victims policy officers 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.