

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LEICESTERSHIRE *DECISION RECORD*

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DECISION OF POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

Date: 6th July 2020

Officers present: Kirk Master (Deputy PCC), Grace Strong (Director of VRN), Olivia Jones (Programme Manager, VRN), Ivan Liburd (Community Partnerships Lead, VRN)

Received in OPCC Date: 02/09/2020

OPCC Ref: EXE0020/20

Title: COVID-19 Vulnerable Children's Charity Funding

Summary of Issue:

The Violence Reduction Network (VRN) has been allocated £74,720 to secure critical frontline services affected by COVID-19.

The purpose of the funding

The COVID-19 Vulnerable Children's Charity Funding is for the period 1 April to 31 December 2020 to meet the additional costs already incurred and/or likely to be incurred whilst adapting services during the pandemic, and to cope with demand increases resulting from it, during this time period. For example, funding may be used to:

- Address short term income disruption;
- Meet essential costs of sustaining current activities, such as the purchasing of assets to support the move to remote and digital working, and additional staff to cover those unable to work for reasons related to the pandemic; and
- Address increased demand.

The main aim of the fund is to provide financial support to those whom are experiencing; immediate financial hardship, significantly increased demand, or an urgent need to adapt services to meet COVID-19 associated measures (e.g. social distancing).

Recommendations presented:

1. To fund the services as per table 1 below at a total cost of £74,720.00

Organisation	Bid Summary	Funding allocation
AAA Foundation	To deliver an outreach project specifically tailored to address the needs around physical and emotional wellbeing of the groups identified needing this service. Delivered via a series of workshops and activities around the effects of health and wellbeing with therapeutic activities including relaxation techniques.	£8630.56
Above and Beyond CIC	To run a series of activities that maintain the engagement of the vulnerable young people working over the summer and autumn half term school holidays. These will include face to face meetings and outdoor educational activities. This will re-establish and strengthen support within the confines of the COVID restrictions and guidance.	£9063.28
Build Community Development	To work with local football clubs and community groups to offer their most vulnerable young people access to free football skills/ fitness sessions 3 times a week. This will be socially distancing ball mastery training with an underlying mentorship element to support any low level mental health or anxiety issues of returning outside.	£8953.56
Candy Arts CIC	To put on a series of activities that can be delivered virtually, engaging vulnerable and at-risk Young People with a 'Social Action Film School'. Specialising in film activism, how to protest safely through various forms of media, and also give Young People a platform where they can share personal experiences, and address gang violence and knife crime, ASB, alcohol and drug abuse CSE and radicalisation.	£4088.28
Creative Futures Midlands C.I.C.	To support young people's mental health at this very challenging time by providing them with ways to express themselves (music, spoken word poetry, rapping, and photography), ways of connecting with their peers through collaborative music and art projects.	£3943.28
Go-Getta CIC	To deliver detached and virtual youth work sessions with young people aged 8-19years from July-Oct 2020. Young people will be identified as 'at risk' or involved in criminality, child criminal exploitation, drug dealing, knife carrying or as having other health & social indicators of vulnerability to youth violence by services (CSP's, YOS, Police etc.), or young people congregating in public places identified as ASB hotspots by local authorities.	£8555.90
Phoenix	To deliver an education/mentoring summer programme in order to minimise the negative impact of lockdown. To provide trauma recovery based curriculum activities for at risk young people. Providing opportunities to build coping and resilience skills; revising and embedding core knowledge base. Providing opportunities to lessen feelings of social isolation and build self-esteem.	£7377.27
Root & Branch Out CIC	To offer schools the opportunity to hand pick those known to them as vulnerable children/young people, who would benefit most from a nurture Forest School group. This would run over the summer holidays, as social distancing guidelines allow.	£7313.27
Team Hub CIC	To provide outdoor projects for youths to engage in, small group mentoring sessions and virtual dance classes and workshops. To support young people with providing a breakfast/ lunch take away service during the holiday period.	£6651.33
The Urban Equestrian Academy	To continue a much needed training program for a group of young people whom we had been working with prior to COVID-19 which was forced to stop. This cohort is from the most deprived areas of Leicester and without	£10,143.27

	continuous positive structure and activity, may fall in to crime and anti-social behaviour.	
Total funding allocation		£74,720.00

Key discussion points

OFFICE OF PCC APPROVAL

Chief Executive or Chief Finance Officer:

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that appropriate 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



Signature:

Name: Paul Dawkins

Date:02.09.20

Publication Scheme

Decision of Monitoring Officer:

As Monitoring Officer for the Office of Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire I have determined that: **Yes**

It is appropriate to publish this record of decision made by the Police and Crime Commissioner : **Yes**

It is appropriate to publish the contents of the report proposing this course of action prepared by either of the senior post holders in the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire (i.e. either the Chief Executive or Chief Finance Officer) : **Yes**

It is appropriate to publish details of the decision by the Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire : **Yes**

Reasons for any non-Publication (referencing appropriate legislation):

Signature:



Name: Paul Hindson

Date: 07/09/2020

Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire

Having received the advice set out above and reviewed relevant documentation my decision in regard of this matter is:

Signature:



Date: 18/09/2020

Name: Kirk Master