

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LEICESTERSHIRE

DECISION RECORD

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DECISION OF POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

Date: 04.09.2020

Officers present: The Police and Crime Commissioner, Grace Strong – Director of Violence Reduction Network and Ivan Liburd – Community Engagement Lead

Received in OPCC Date: 04.09.2020

OPCC Ref: EXE0021/20

Title: Violence Reduction Network Community Fund – Successful Bids

Summary of Issue:

In July 2020, the Violence Reduction Network as part of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire announced the VRN Community Fund and subsequently made available £65,000 of funding through the grants programme. 'VRN Community Fund' was aimed at supporting community-based grass-root organisations/ groups to develop initiatives that support violence reduction or prevention within a local community. The main focus of the Violence Reduction Network Community Fund is youth violence (up to 25 years of age) in public spaces and in particularly serious youth violence including knife crime. The funding opportunity was launched on 28th July 2019 and closed on 25th August 2020.

Grants awarded

The VRN/ PCC received 25 bid applications. All applications were assessed in line with the VRN Community Fund Guidance Notes documentation and on the 04.09.2020 the applications were presented to the PCC for consideration and final approval. The VRN/ PCC reviewed these applications together with the officers present and agreed to fund 14 of the bid applications for projects ending March 2020. The total funding approved was £64,517.

Recommendation(s) presented:

Organisation name	Name of project	Project brief	Funding until March 31st 2020
2 Funky Arts	Positive Lives	This project is in partnership with 2Funky Arts and Cossington United Football Club. Sessions will include 1 sport sessions – delivered at Rushy Mead Park and 1 online virtual youth club. The virtual sessions will be run by an experienced youth worker with the skills to organise and host the virtual youth club sessions. Virtual young club sessions will be 40min sessions where young people will engage in positive discussions around: Knife Crime, Issues faced within the community, Positive role models, Positive life goals, Making changes within personal lives, Making changes within the community and Raising awareness of issues young people face.	£4,605
Bangladesh Youth and	Our Place	Our Place Highfields, is a project that will work with the whole community including school children, those in FE/	£4,999

Cultural Shomiti		University and NEET group, parents/carers and faith leaders. It will involve all the stakeholders including the local young people, charities, Court Services and Leicestershire Police to explore the concerns of our communities and how to make it safer for all those living and working in the area in a non-confrontational way. The project will gather information from the stakeholders and work towards a lasting violent crime reduction initiative. The main aim will be to get the different ethnic groups together and demonstrate shared concerns, fears and agree ways of improving the current situation. Through the workshops, we will learn, inform, educate and raise awareness of the issues affecting us all.	
EBB Leicester	Time to Change Campaign	Working with families with a parent in prison. The project is to deliver homework club sessions in school, homework club sessions out of school and peer support groups in the community. A Big Monday community event will be held in March 2021 bringing together the children from the different homework clubs. The Ebb team is working in partnership with Discovery Schools Academy Trust, who oversee Merrydale Junior and Enderby Danemill, as well as eleven other schools.	£1,922
KB in the Community	Leicester Sporting Futures	The project will deliver small group and intensive one-to-one sessions with 50 young people at extreme risk. Delivered face-to-face (socially distanced) and remotely (using zoom etc). Sessions and methodology tailored to needs and interests of young people but will focus broadly on social inclusion, avoiding risk situations, engagement with education/employment and positive mental health. Workers will maintain action plans to monitor progress. Engage young people who are involved in, or at serious risk of involvement in knife crime. Provide engagement sessions to young people working in partnership with 10-15 organisations to develop referral routes.	£4,649
Leicester City in the Community (LCitC)	Kicks Mentoring Project	The programme will be delivered with support from key partner agencies including Charnwood Borough Council, community safety partnership, youth services, police etc to ensure that those most in need of our support are engaged in the programme. Young people engaged in our mentoring programme will be supported into local community provision delivered by Leicester City in the Community such as Kicks (football and youth engagement) and Youth Power (youth club provision), as well as local services delivered by key partner agencies. Young people will be referred into the programme during September 2020 with our full programme being delivered from the beginning of October 2020 to the end of March 2021.	£5,000
Leicester Combat Academy	Saving Lives	Boxing and Fitness sessions will take place Monday to Friday with each session running for 1hr 15 Minutes. The Project will run for a period 26 weeks and will be aimed at 50 youths aged between 12 years and 18 years who have been selected from the results of our survey.	£4,875
Leicester Community Services	Inspiring Youth	The Project will be deliver the creation of Youth Platforms and forums, giving them "Education and Practical experience" to enable them to mentor other youths. Working with the parents and guardians and their feedback, also taking feedback from the ages of 13 to 19 year olds. These youths will be involved in Distribution of Food Parcels and Hot Meals and other resources. This will enable the youth to trust and share information with LCS. It will also help them to integrate with other youths and communities within other postcodes in general.	£5,000

Leicester Nirvana FC	Mentoring Change	The ethos of the project is to provide an alternative pathway of qualifications in sport, as a partial exit strategy away from violence. The project will be a targeted intervention and will support up to 10 young people who are either on the verge of criminality or who are already on the pathway. Our outreach coach will engage and, in some cases, re-engage vulnerable young people identified through our club and networks. We will help young people attain a Level 1 or Level 2 football qualification or referee qualification. Alongside this they will also complete a first aid course and developing an understanding of safeguarding through the FA Safeguarding in Football qualification. We will provide ongoing mentoring and one to one support to young people.	£4,994
Leicestershire Cares	Carer Pathways	The aim of this project will be to divert care experienced young people (CEYP) away from violence through the exploration of key issues and the co-production of a resource which helps to address youth violence in their community. It will create resilience and pathways to healing and recovery for CEYP, and support them to add their lived experience to national and local debates about the over-representation of CEYP in the Criminal Justice System.	£5,000
Maantis	Parents advisory Group/ Family intervention	This project will allow us to reach out to parents and families of young people who are already engaged in offending behavior and risk of offending by offering them weekly informal group meetings. This pilot project will provide community outreach and mentoring to young people and families to develop stronger relationships and ignite a life change away from crime; building greater community resilience.	£4,528
Outspoken	Generation 2020	This project will design and complete a Youth Survey Specific to Highfields and St Matthews. We will complete 200 surveys/ questionnaires and/or discussions with young people under the age of 25. We will listen to what young people say they want and need, and use their feedback to produce a short report. The research will also identify other support needs such as family, helping to provide a holistic approach to resolve the challenges young people face. The project will also set up of youth panel. The objective of the youth panel is to provide a platform for young people to have a voice and to share their feelings and thoughts with each other and with stakeholders. Set up a Youth Panel by training and branding 5 young people who are role models for the youth.	£4,710
Somali Community Parents Association	Community Together	The project is a train the trainer to support the delivery of the Connect parenting programme by Dr Osman, a senior lecturer at Dalarna University in Sweden. Staff will be trained on how to deliver the 12-week Connect programme. This training uses course material adapted for the UK. SOCOPA staff and volunteers will run 3, 12-week sessions (either on-line or in person). Each session will include 6-8 parents based on the timeline below. Parents will be chosen ideally where the father and mother can both attend and benefit from father/ son sports activity.	£4,850
Somali Development Services	Inspiring Youth	The project will provide families with information, advice and guidance, one-to-one and group support, make referrals to other agencies, create actions plans for these clients, advocate on behalf of these families and give moral support. Each family will be given a mentor who will	£4,997

		help draw up a bespoke action plan for the individual family and schedule regular online meetings to see what progress has been made in achieving the goals of the action plan.	
Women 4 Change	Know your rights project	The project is a workshop and learning based initiative, helping to provide specific tools to young people within the St Matthews and surrounding areas. The project will embed a foundation of knowledge to young people around the following issues: Knowing your rights, Reporting crime, Restorative Justice, Hate Crime and Self-identity. From these learning workshops, Smaller group of intensive sessions with groups of 10 young people will be held. These will be held for those identified as needing extra supportive conversations in a more personalised environment.	£4,388

Key discussion points

All bid applications were discussed in detail with the final decision on all bids made by the PCC.

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 Hindson

Date: 21/09/2020

Publication Scheme

Decision of Monitoring Officer:

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

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): None

Signature:



Name: Angela Perry

Date: 18 September 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:

Supported

Signature



Date: 18/09/2020