

# POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LEICESTERSHIRE *DECISION RECORD*

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## DECISION OF POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

**Date:** 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021

**Officers present:** Willy Bach (PCC), Kirk Master (Deputy PCC), Grace Strong (Director of VRN), Olivia Jones (Programme Manager, VRN), Ivan Liburd (Community Partnerships Lead, VRN), Sumaja Bihi (Project Support Officer)

**Received in OPCC Date:** 23/12/2020 - **OPCC Ref:** EXE0002-21

**Title:** The COVID-19 Winter Prevention Fund

### Summary of Issue:

The Violence Reduction Network (VRN) has been allocated £52,080 to secure critical frontline services affected by COVID-19.

### The purpose of the funding

The COVID-19 Winter Prevention Fund is for the period 5 November 2020 to 31 March 2021 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 with a focus on Serious Violence, County Lines, including criminal exploitation.

### Recommendations presented:

1. **To fund the services as per table 1 below at a total cost of £52,464.00**

Organisation	Bid Summary	Funding allocation
AAA Foundation	Deliver bespoke workshops and community conversations involving parents, children and young people, addressing the issues around county lines and exploitation. Speakers will be invited to deliver various topics, collaborate with other key youth organisations and ensure lived experience voices are embedded throughout this project. In addition there will be a variety of themed therapeutic sessions using the arts and a creative platform.	£3550
Goldhill Adventure Playground	Offering 1-1 or small group sessions to give young people the opportunity to access tailored coaching sessions. These sessions will offer a mix of fitness, dance, boxercise, parkour, table tennis, pool, and football – with a focus on mentoring and developing further relationships.	£3025
Build Community Development	Work with vulnerable young people and provide access to free one to one fitness sessions that will take place in open spaces as part of the Government permitted youth work outreach. This will be socially distanced with an underlying mentorship element. By mentoring we will be able to have those conversations that parents cannot have in terms of keeping the young person away from potential criminality and serious violence.	£5000
Hinckley Homeless Group	Increased staffing levels will now provide 24/7 care at Lawrence House whenever a resident needs them. Project Workers develop supportive professional relationships with the residents, spending time actively listening to each individual and helping them to find good solutions to their problems and challenges.	£1811
KB in the community	Delivering individual outreach, engaging, and supporting small groups of young people, providing advice and support - Following guidance provided by the National Youth Agency, to support the safe delivery of youth work during lockdown. Delivering in very small groups, in open spaces, and with a focus on only the most vulnerable groups. Also supported by specialist support from a psychologist.	£2710
Go-Getta CIC	Work with a group of young people from across Charnwood identified as 'at risk' or involved in criminality, exploitation and ASB by the Community Safety Partnership, and a core group of young people from Leicester City (Belgrave/ Rushey Mead) already known to Go-Getta. Young people will be supported in 121 mentoring and coaching sessions underpinned by therapeutic interventions including Choice Theory and Motivational Interviewing. These will be held physically face-to-face and virtually over Zoom / phone calls.	£4565
Leicester Tigers Foundation	Each session will include some practical activities, theory based session and a stadium tour. The practical sessions, will promote the importance health and wellbeing and the benefits sport can have on self-esteem and confidence. The theory sessions will focus on keeping safe and associated risks within the area, using inspiration from Leicester Tigers and its surrounding Tigers Family. The sessions will be interactive and fun but will cover the hard hitting agendas.	£4490
Pedestrian Ltd	Creative tutors will provide face-to-face intervention sessions with young people identified by the Youth Offending Team. These include young people aged 13-18years who are already involved in serious violence, exploitation or county lines. Sessions will be delivered from Leicester city centre in partnership with the Which Way project and CYP Justice Service	£5000

Team Hub CIC	Team Youth has been offering one to one mentoring support throughout the pandemic and want to continue this by adding additional days and additional one to one activities. At present 16 children attend the sessions over two days and have no availability to offer more. Referrals have increased.	£4979
2Funky Arts	The project will focus is on using sport, music and other activities to engage young people (YP) in a high risk area and encourages positive discussion around topics like knife crime, role models and raising awareness of issues Young People face. Workshops will be two main themes; music and physical activity. The first will revolve around production (including making music, singing, MC and DJ-ing) The second being physically active.	£2862
Streetvibe	Streetvibe will deliver weekly detached youth work sessions across Braunstone, Western Park and West Coates area of the city. Focusing on engaging with young people who are still hanging around on the street and who may be experiencing difficulties that could cause them to be vulnerable to exploitation and making risky lifestyle choices.	£4473
FSD	Funds will be used to extend on work with vulnerable students (including students in care). These students have challenging backgrounds and are commonly involved in violence and drug related incidents. Under current circumstances there is a need to assign two extra activity leader staff. This will allow FSD to cater for more student places and ensure the best impact of the programme which includes; mentoring, life skills, sports and enrichment activities for Alternative Provision students (age 12-16) and FE vulnerable students (age 16-19).	£5000
E2 Online	Sessions are aimed at young people who have additional needs such as; ADHD, Autism, Anxiety, Mental Health issues, EHCP plans and those with SEN plans in place. These sessions are targeted support groups for disadvantaged young people at risk of being involved in serious violence and crime. Sessions will include: 1. Group discussions about how each young person has been feeling. 2. Educational support providing education support through qualified teachers, and encouraging the young people to participate in learning. 3. PSHE (Personal Social Health Education) - Our PSHE covering topics which are important to young people to become healthy, active and independent within their own homes and communities. 4. Physical activity - implemented fun and engaging ways for young people to take part in physical activity during our sessions.	£4999
<b>Total funding allocation</b>		<b>£52,464.00</b>

**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: 5/2/21

### 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: Angela Perry, Deputy Monitoring Officer

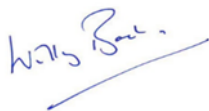
Date: 8 February 2021

### 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: 12/2/21