

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LEICESTERSHIRE

DECISION RECORD

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DECISION OF POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

Date: 15.12.2021

Officers present:

Grace Strong – Director of Violence Reduction Network – met with the PCC, Rupert Matthews

Received in OPCC Date: 8/1/22

OPCC Ref: EXE0025-21

Title: Violence Reduction Network Youth Involvement Fund – Successful Bids

Summary of Issue:

In November 2021, the Violence Reduction Network as part of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire announced the VRN Youth Involvement Fund. This was following agreement by the VRN core membership that a forecasted underspend would be used to advance the VRN's work to increase involvement of young people in our understanding of serious violence and in generating responses (decision made at the Violence Reduction Board on 23 September 2021). Authorisation was also secured from the Home Office. The total value of the fund was initially £50,000 but was increased to a maximum of £80,000, again with Home Office authorisation, due to the number of high quality bids and opportunity to increase geographical spread.

The aims of the VRN Youth Involvement Fund are:

- e Delivery of a range of tangible youth involvement activity focusing on agreed topics related to violence, its causes and solutions to share knowledge, generate debate, gather insights and shape responses.e
- e Development of a community-based Youth Forum for Violence Prevention.e
- e Creation of a Youth Involvement Framework which specifies how the VRN partnership engages and involves young people in the future.e
- e Co-production of material for campaigns such as 'Make a Stand Against Violence' and our resource website for young people (www.livesafe.org.uk) to increase their relevance to young people and their reach.e
- e Involvement in regional and national initiatives to broaden the platform and young people's influence on the system.e

An information and guidance document and application form was devised and published on the VRN website and promoted across the local partnership. The fund was launched on 4th November with a deadline for applications to be received of 26th November 2021.

Grants awarded

The VRN/ PCC received 28 bid applications. All applications were assessed by three members of VRN staff, including the VRN Director, using the criteria and weighting outlined in the information and

guidance. On 15.12.2021 the recommendations were presented to the PCC for approval. It was agreed to fund the top 8 applications. The total funding approved was £71,500.

A brief outline of the successful organisations and their proposed projects are outlined below

Recommendation(s) presented:

Organisation name	Name of project	Project brief	Funding until June 30th 2022
Pedestrian LTD	Stand Up	<p>STAND UP will provide face-to-face intervention sessions focussing on two key strands, prevention -focussed intervention and future-focussed positive engagement and mentoring, utilising art/media/music as a tool for engagement. The format will be based on previous successful projects working with young people involved in crime and will use our 'theory of change' framework that has been successful in previous anti-knife crime projects.</p> <p>Our delivery team will consist of local creative professionals who are experts in their field and relatable to the young people. This project contributes to the delivery of tangible youth activity and the co-production of campaign material as a lasting legacy and resource.</p>	£10,000
St. Matthews Big Local		<p>The project will work with all young people across the 11-24 age range. Weekend activity sessions will be split across the age groups and 1-hour classroom-based session every week.</p> <p>This programme will provide a preventative approach to reducing violence by providing structured activities, educational workshops and mentoring to disaffected young people.</p>	£9650
The Cooke E-Learning Foundation (trading as E2)		<p>We will use a tried and tested delivery model which is co-produced with young people and results in our youth activities being very popular amongst local young people. The method we utilise is to split the session into two parts and use the first part of the session to deliver the targeted elements that we have proposed to our funders. In recent times, we have had no external funding for our youth sessions and our charity has utilised its dwindling charitable reserves to fund youth sessions. However, during the first part of the sessions we continue to 'check in' and discuss contemporary issues that affect young people. The second part of the session is filled with things young people have decided that they want to do e.g. group games, competitions, dancing, gaming and art related activities.</p> <p>We will help to develop a self-sustaining community based Youth Forum for violence prevention with the young people we work with.</p>	£7078.40
Team Hub CIC		<p>Team youth would organise and initiate a Youth Forum lead by the already engaging young people within Team Hub.</p> <p>Our goal is for the YP to lead the forum themselves. We would like to complete this with an YP project.</p>	£4990
Leicestershire Cares		<p>We will deliver meaningful, open and participatory workshops to explore young people's experiences of violence, its causes and potential solutions, and inform the VRN's work going forward.</p>	£10,000

		<p>We will draw on our strong local, regional, national and even international partnerships to engage members of our steering group in wider initiatives and events that will enable them to broaden and deepen their understanding of violence, its causes and potential solutions.</p> <p>The topics of the sessions will be agreed with the VRN and our YP steering group, and activities will be co-designed and co-delivered with steering group members to ensure they generate debate, gather insights and focus on potential solutions. The workshops will also explore avenues through which young people feel they can contribute to and challenge these issues in their community, and how organisations such as the VRN can support this.</p> <p>We will also work with our steering group to contribute to the development of a Youth Involvement Framework to enable the VRN to engage with young people in the future. This will also be based on the findings of the workshops and discussions with young people in the community.</p>	
Go - Getta		<p>We will set up and deliver a weekly youth club in Loughborough targeting young people from nearby estates. To complement this, we will also deliver detached and outreach provision to engage and involve young people congregating and socialising in public spaces such as parks, outside shops, takeaways etc. We will target young people meeting in ASB hot spots and other areas and promote the new youth club where they can participate in diversionary activities including cooking, sports, team games, socialising opportunities, gaming, pool, table tennis, etc.</p>	£9960
Women for Change		<p>The project will be managed and run by young people who have in the past were trained by previous VRN funded project. They will have close supervision from us the trustees.</p> <p>The coordinator and the 5 staff will be able to understand and learn about the services that are out there for the youth and understand the need for youth led projects and come up with solutions.</p> <p>They will work with those most affected in the community the siblings of the victims who passed away by knife crime. They will have a dialogue with young people and parents about the seriousness of violence in our community and try to get solutions</p> <p>Young people will revisit media coverage of the amount of young people who have either died or went to prison and design project on this to educate and warn the younger generations</p>	£9937.45
SOCOPA		<p>We will be delivering workshops followed by sports activities for children and young people aged 11-24 on a regular basis. This is a pivotal point for young people where they form a lot of their views, habits, and connections.</p> <p>We plan for the sports to be engaging with a large variety of activities being available to young people that attend. Sports is a great motivator for young people to attend, along with a great tool to build connections with the young people and for them to build networks themselves.</p> <p>The workshops we will organise will be before the sports activities begin. The sessions we have experience delivering are therapeutic group/1-2-1 discussions, complete CFF accredited "Grounded" group for teenagers</p>	£9966

		with behavioural issues running listening campaigns on specific topics and Community Organising Training.	
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Key discussion points

Purpose of grant
General quality of the bids against the criteria/aims of the fund
Top scoring organisations/projects and recommendations

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: 

Date: 24/01/2022

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: 

Date: 23.01.22

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



03/02/22

