

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LEICESTERSHIRE *DECISION RECORD*

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DECISION OF POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

Date: 19/01/2023

Officers present:

Received in OPCC Date: 20/01/2023

OPCC Ref: EXE0002-23

Title: Commissioner's Safety Fund Round 6 2022

Summary of Issue:

In 2021/22 the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) launched his grant programme, The Commissioner's Safety Fund. The Commissioners Safety fund is a grants programme with 6 rounds per year alternating between generic and specialist themed rounds. Round 6 is the final, specialist round of the year.

For Round 6 of the Commissioner's Safety Fund, £111k was made available to fund domestic abuse and sexual violence services providing support to victims and witnesses affected by the delays in the Criminal Justice System.

In April 2022 criminal barristers in England and Wales begun industrial action which resulted in an indefinite strike which started on 5th September. Whilst the Criminal Bar Association voted to end its strike on 10th October, according to Ministry of Justice (MoJ) figures, more than 6,000 court hearings have been disrupted as a result of the dispute. Courts in England and Wales are already dealing with a large backlog of cases, made worse by the pandemic, and this has been exacerbated by the lack of available representation plus the strike action.

The Commissioner wished to provide funding support to organisations delivering domestic abuse and sexual violence services who have been directly impacted by the recent delays in the Criminal Justice System. He was keen to receive applications for projects which support victims directly whilst their cases are progressing through the criminal justice system. Applicants were permitted to bid for up to £10,000 for a 12-month project.

The evaluation panel for this round included Kaitlin Trenerry, Commissioning and Contracts Officer, Neelu Mahajan, Commissioning and Grants Officer and Heather Pearce, Research Officer. Charlotte Highcock, Commissioning Manager (OPCC), adjudicated the moderations, and Laura Summers, Lead for Trauma Informed (VRN) attended in an advisory capacity.

Recommendation(s) presented:

Of the 5 applications submitted, 2 applications scored 60% or above, 1 scored 50% or above, and 2 scored 0%. Following discussion with Charlotte Highcock, Commissioning Manager, the decision was made to award those applications that scored 50% or higher, due to the suitability of these applications

for the funding round. 2 applications scored 0% due to not meeting the specialist brief and their unsuitability for funding from the OPCC

5 applications were submitted in this round, with a total value of £52,255.00. The total sum for applications scoring >50% is £26,555.00, which if awarded would leave £84,445.00 in the additional budget.

The recommendation for this round is as follows:

Organisation	Project	Sum Requested
Freeva	ISVA Emotional Support Worker	£9,733.00
Quetzal	Pre-Trial Therapy Service Improvement	£6,860.00
The Zinthiya Trust	Domestic Abuse Outreach in Belgrave and Rushey Mead	£9,962.00

Total Sum of Recommendation: **£26,555.00**

Key discussion points

All bid applications were evaluated, moderated and discussed in detail with the final decision on all the recommendation presented 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: Kira Hughes

Date: 23/01/2023

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: Michael Veale

Date: 23/01/2023

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

Name: DPCC Rani Mahal

Date: 30/01/2023