

# POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LEICESTERSHIRE *DECISION RECORD*

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## DECISION OF POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

**Date:** 20/10/2023

**Officers present:** Lily Thorne, James O'Connell and Kira Hughes.

**Received in OPCC Date:**

**OPCC Ref:** EXE0042-23

**Title:** People Zones Grants Fund – 2023-2024 - Round 2 Successful Bids

### Summary of Issue:

People Zones are locations with a boundary attached, that has been identified through crime and public health data. People Zones follow an Asset Based Community Development approach, which focuses on highlighting what assets are in the area and how we can help communities to build upon and enhance them.

The hope is to empower residents and workers to work collaboratively to become a stronger, safer, and self-sustaining community. To be eligible to apply for People Zone funding, applicants must be living, working, or providing a service within a People Zone, and the project must meet one or more of the themes identified within the People Zones research report. This decision relates to the second round of funding of the 2023-2024 financial year, ring fenced for People Zones.

This funding round opened on 21/08/2023 and closed on 18/09/2023. 10 applications were submitted during this time. Community Development Officers Lily Thorne and James O'Connell individually marked each application during the period 19/09/2023 - 21/09/2023, and then moderated and evaluated their scores together on 22/09/2023. 8 applications were approved by moderators.

Upon review, the PCC approved to fund 8 bids in this round. This equates to a funding commitment of **£29,650.20**

### Recommendation(s) presented:

Organisation	Name of project	Project brief	Geographical area	Amount of funding

Crimestoppers Uk	Keeping Our People Zones Safe	This project will look to raise awareness of Crimestoppers anonymous reporting service and the signs of certain crime types, whilst making areas of each People Zone a Crimestoppers Zone.	Bell Foundry People Zone	£9,255
The Marios Tinenti Centre	Leisure Pass Group	The aim of this project is to encourage those who do not feel confident to use the facilities at the gym or swimming pool to access these provisions with support from leisure centre staff and volunteers. We will provide each individual access to 10 sessions of either swimming or gym sessions or a mixture of both for a contribution of 50 pence per session from the individual.	Bell Foundry People Zone	£1,920
Loughborough Wellbeing Centre	De-Stress Club	The De-Stress Club, directly addresses a pressing need within the Bell Foundry community: the mental health of young people between the ages of 11-14. Sessions will be conducted to promote mental health and emotional wellbeing, aiming to provide them with a safe and nurturing environment where they can engage in activities aimed at reducing stress and providing positive coping strategies to enhance mental wellbeing.	Bell Foundry People Zone	£9,264.20
GNR8 Academy	February Camp (formerly October Camp)	This 'Half Term Sports Camp' aims to provide children from low-income families with a structured and engaging programme, for 4 days throughout the February half term. The programme will include a variety of sports, and recreational activities. These activities will be designed to promote physical activity, teamwork, creativity, and personal development among the participants.  This project was initially meant to run during the October Half Term, however, due to internal processes taking longer than expected, this project has been moved to the February half term of 2024.	New Parks People Zone	£2,404
Team Hub	Community Sewing Group	This project offers a safe space twice a week for adults suffering from mental health and isolation to attend a small friendship group sharing their sewing skills and building friendships. These groups will be run by residents and volunteers, which supports the research report in getting local people	New Parks People Zone	£3,478

		to set up own groups using own skills, making them more sustainable.		
Team Hub	Information Booklet	This project will provide a “We can Help” booklet for all the 400 flats on Aikman Avenue and a booklet in all key Community venues and community groups. Within the booklet it will contain Key venues, Key People, contact details and a summary of the services we provide. We will also provide additional posters containing days and times of key activities taking place in the community.	New Parks People Zone	£2,329
Everyone Active	Community Sports Leader Award	A Community Sports Leader Award Level 2 (CSLA) course will be provided for people that reside, volunteer or work within the People Zone boundary, with priority given to young residents/volunteers. This will be 1x course which will run for 3 days including an assessment day. A learner from the cohort will be invited to be part of the steering group so they can feedback regarding activities, engagement, and participation.	Thringstone & Whitwick People Zone	£1,000
Total =				<b><u>£29,650.20</u></b>

**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: Kira Hughes**

**Date: 6/11/23**

**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: Claire Trewartha**

**Date: 6/11/2023**

**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: 7/11/2023**