

Business Decision Record



Date of Decision: 07/02/2025

Lead Officer: Lily Thorne

Decision Record URN: EXE0001-25.

Title: **People Zones Grants Fund – Round 3**

Decision summary:

This decision relates to the **third** round of funding of the 2024-2025 financial year, ring fenced for People Zones.

Round 3 of the People Zones Grants Fund opened on 06/01/2025 and closed on 03/02/2025.

11 applications were submitted during this time. 3 were later disqualified for not meeting the criteria of the People Zones Grants Fund.

Community Development Officers Lily Thorne and James O'Connell, as well as Community Development Lead Jessica Ball, individually marked each application during the period 04/02/2025 - 06/02/2025, and then moderated their scores on 06/02/2025.

2 applications scored 70% or above, 1 application scored 60% or above and 3 applications scored 45% or above.

For this round, it was decided that applications scoring 45% and above would be awarded funding, providing all criteria is met. In this round, that resulted in **6** bids being recommended.

Upon review, the Senior Management Team approved to fund the recommended **6** bids. This equates to a funding commitment of **£40,474.77**.

Decision Sought:

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Project Brief</u>	<u>Priority Area</u>	<u>Sum Requested</u>
Love4Life	New Parks Group	This project offers a safe space to girls that have been identified as vulnerable to support them to feel good about themselves and make positive choices. Sessions deliver support around vital topics such as: difficulties at school, struggles with friendships, unhealthy relationships, involvement in crime and experimentation with drugs, alcohol and sex.	New Parks	£3,451.50
New Parks Adventure Playground	Thursday@The Venny	This project will allow local children/young people to have the opportunity to access a range of activities including but not limited to- sports, games, free play, space to chill and hang with their friends and take part in Snack & chat sessions where topics /issues are discussed in an age-appropriate way.	New Parks	£9,998.25
Team Hub CIC	Nature Works	Nature Works is a new programme initially identified for four boys who have been attended the Boy Zone programme at Team Hub they have been identified as needing further support and mentoring for their development in self-esteem and confidence to progress.	New Parks	£3,960.20
Soft Touch Arts	Summer 25: Street Sessions at the Aikman Avenue Flats	A series of outreach, street-based art and music sessions from the Aikman Avenue Flats over the school summer break. The	New Parks	£4,904.82

		primary aim of the project is to secure engagement but there is scope to be responsive to community need and deliver a tangible, visible creative output from these sessions.		
GRN8 Academy	Access to Fitness Scholarship	This project aims to provide 20 young people with free year-long boxing memberships, granting them access to two sessions per week. These sessions will consist of boxing, circuits, and fitness activities designed to improve their physical health, discipline, and overall well-being. Alongside the free memberships, GNR8 Academy will self-fund an additional 20 memberships, effectively doubling outreach to 40 participants.	New Parks	£8,160
Allexton Youth & Community Centre	Supporting Vulnerable Young People	This project aims to provide a smooth transition from pre 16 to post 16 through college, employment or apprenticeship progression for young people most at risk of becoming NEET.	New Parks	£10,000.00

£40,474.77.

Supporting information

1) Background information

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.

2) Detail of additional information attached.

Please see Grant Recommendation document.

3) Expected benefits.

The grant funded projects seek to support the work of the People Zones project, as well as the objectives of the Police and Crime plan through a prevention perspective.

Projects focus on reducing and preventing crime by focussing on risk factors such as mental health and wellbeing, crime and safety, antisocial behaviour, drugs and alcohol misuse, engagement with children and young people, engagement with parents, diversionary activity and signposting opportunities for support.

4) Impact of not approving the application

The People Zone communities will not be able to set up new projects with our support with the view to becoming self-sustaining in twelve months' time.

5) Financial implications (including any cost savings)

£40,474.77 from the allocated People Zones budget.

6) Consultations (Details of any consultations that have been carried out or reason as to why no consultations has taken place):

In 2022, a community consultation was undertaken by a commissioned external provider called Mapping for Change. Data was collected from semi-structured interviews, informal conversations, online and paper surveys, workshops and focus groups. The views and opinions of residents and workers across the community have been collated into research reports, specific to each People Zone area. Through this, several key themes were identified for each area, which serve as the point of focus going forward. The People Zones Grants Fund stipulates that all projects must align with at least one key theme from their area, to ensure the projects are meeting the needs of the community.

7) Collaboration (is there an opportunity to collaborate with partners)

Collaboration opportunities available with partners.

8) Equality, Diversity & Human Rights implications

All projects funded have the necessary policies in place and are available upon request.

9) Legal comments

All participating organisations must comply with safeguarding laws, data protection (GDPR) regulations, and equality legislation, ensuring secure, lawful, and inclusive service delivery.

10) Publication

It is appropriate to publish this record of decision made by the Police and Crime Police and Crime Commissioner: **Yes**

It is appropriate to publish the contents of the supporting papers:
Yes

It is appropriate to publish details of the decision by the Police and Crime Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire: **Yes**

Reasons for any non-Publication (referencing appropriate legislation):

Information in this form is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI Act) and other legislation. Unless the information provided is covered by an exemption and stated to be either confidential or partly confidential, the information contained in the form will be published on the OPCC website.

Chief Finance Officer:

Comments: Approved

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that financial advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report and assurances sought have been outlined within the report. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

Signature:

Name:

Date:

Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer:

Comments: Click here to enter text

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Signature

Name

Date

Police and Crime 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:

Approved

I confirm that my register of interests' declaration is up to date and that none of my interests preclude me from making this decision.

Signature:

Date:

Name of Police and Crime Commissioner:

