

Decision Record Template



Date of Decision:

Lead Officer: Rebecca Lee

Decision Record URN: EXE0020-26

Title: Community Action Fund – Violence Against Women and Girls Round

Decision summary:

This decision relates to the **Violence Against Women and Girls** round of funding of the 2026 - 2027 financial year, ring fenced for the Community Action Fund.

This funding round opened on **20/04/2026** and closed on **14/06/2026**.

56 applications were submitted during this time and scored as per the eligibility and scoring criteria.

For this round it was decided that applications scoring 28 and above would be awarded funding, providing all criteria is met. In this round, that resulted in **20 bids being recommended**.

Upon review, 20 bids were approved to be awarded funding which equates to **£186,069.15**

Decision Sought:

<u>Organisation Name</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Amount Awarded</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Summary</u>
Limehurst Academy	Seen & Heard: A Young People Lead Exploration of Healthy Relationships	£10,000	Loughborough	This project will deliver a young people-led VAWG prevention programme at Limehurst Academy, engaging students in research, discussion and co-production activities to increase

				understanding of healthy relationships, consent, coercive control, online influences and gender-based harm, empower young people to identify and challenge unhealthy behaviours, and create peer-led resources and campaigns that promote positive relationship behaviours across the wider school community.
LMA Academy	Glow and Grow Girls Squad	£10,000	Leicester	This project will deliver a women-only empowerment programme for girls and women aged 8+ providing weekly physical activity, personal safety and wellbeing sessions, peer support, creative activities, specialist workshops and trusted one-to-one support to increase confidence, build resilience, improve mental wellbeing, raise awareness of Violence Against Women and Girls, and strengthen participants' ability to recognise harm, access support and thrive within their communities.
Uppingham Community College	UCC's Young Women's Initiative	£10,000	Uppingham	This project will expand Uppingham Community College's Young Women's Initiative to deliver a whole-community approach to preventing and responding to VAWG, providing specialist support for victims and survivors, delivering education on healthy relationships, consent and sexual violence, engaging boys and young men in prevention work, increasing community awareness, and empowering young women through leadership, mentoring and advocacy opportunities.
Leicestershire Boxing Education CIC	Stronger Together	£10,000	Leicester	This project will deliver a year-long programme of women's empowerment, safety and wellbeing activities for women and girls aged 14+, combining

				non-contact boxing, fitness, personal safety awareness and confidence-building workshops to improve physical and mental wellbeing, increase confidence, strengthen community support networks, promote personal safety, reduce social isolation, and help participants become more active, resilient and connected members of their communities.
Peepul Centre	Rebuilding Lives of Women Survivors of Violence	£9,950	Leicester	This project will deliver a culturally competent, trauma-informed resilience and recovery programme for South Asian women aged 18+ who have experienced domestic abuse and violence, providing structured wellbeing support, one-to-one mentoring, confidence building activities, peer support, and personalised progression planning to improve mental health, reduce isolation, strengthen resilience, and support pathways into education, volunteering, employment and long-term independence.
The Vayyu Foundation	UHUMANS: Break the Cycle – A Community Prevention Programme	£8,500	Leicestershire	This project will deliver a preventative Violence Against Women and Girls education programme across Leicester and Leicestershire, providing interactive workshops and bystander intervention training in schools, colleges, universities, workplaces and community settings to increase awareness of coercive control, misogyny, healthy relationships, consent and hidden forms of abuse, challenge harmful attitudes and behaviours, and empower individuals to recognise, prevent and respond to Violence Against Women and Girls.

BWB The Collective	In Their Power: Strong Bodies, Safer Choices	£9,995.64	Leicester	This project will deliver a preventative, trauma-aware programme for girls aged 11–16, combining low aerial hoop activity with facilitated discussion to build confidence, body awareness, personal boundaries and safer decision-making. Through three 8-week cohorts, participants will develop greater self-esteem, improve their understanding of healthy relationships, consent and online safety, strengthen their ability to recognise and respond to unsafe situations, and learn practical emotional regulation strategies that support personal safety and wellbeing.
Zinthyia Ganeshpanchan Trust	Outreach & Awareness raising targeting women and girls at risk of abuse	£8,959.16	Leicestershire	This project will deliver a programme of domestic abuse awareness, prevention and outreach activities for women and girls across Leicester and Leicestershire, providing culturally sensitive workshops, community engagement and access to support information to increase awareness of abuse, improve understanding of healthy relationships, reduce barriers to seeking help, strengthen referral pathways and empower women and girls to recognise abuse and access support safely and confidently.
Raedan Institute	Safe Foundations	£10,000	Leicester	This project will deliver a community-based VAWG prevention programme across Leicester, combining healthy relationship and coercive control education, trauma-informed wellbeing and peer support for women survivors, and supervised child contact services to increase awareness, improve safety, strengthen resilience, reduce isolation, prevent harm from escalating, and support women

				and young people affected by domestic abuse and related forms of violence against women and girls.
Family Action	Peer Support & Psychoeducation Groups for Children/Young People who have Experienced Sexual Abuse	£9,967	Leicester	This project will deliver a pilot programme of structured support groups for children and young people who have experienced sexual abuse, offering psychoeducational learning, peer support and emotional wellbeing activities to help participants understand the impact of trauma, improve emotional regulation, strengthen self-confidence, recognise abusive behaviours, develop healthy relationship skills, and build safer, more positive futures.
Women Who Can	Creative Recovery Circles	£6,519.35	Melton Mowbray	This project will provide trauma-informed creative wellbeing and peer support groups for women aged 18–35 who have experienced domestic abuse, coercive control, stalking, harassment and other forms of violence against women and girls, using creative activities, facilitated group support, wellbeing education and ongoing community engagement to reduce isolation, rebuild confidence, strengthen support networks and support longer-term recovery after abuse.
Menphys	Safe, Seen & Strong, VAWG Prevention for Neurodivergent Girls	£8,000	Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland	This project will deliver a targeted Violence Against Women and Girls prevention programme for neurodivergent girls and young women aged 11–18 across, providing tailored education on healthy relationships, consent, online safety, coercive control and personal boundaries, alongside creative confidence-

				building activities, peer support, community-based learning opportunities and parent awareness sessions.
Quetzal	Support for Survivors of CSA	£9,990	Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland	This project will provide specialist trauma-informed counselling for adult women survivors of childhood sexual abuse, helping them process the impact of trauma, improve mental health and wellbeing, build self-esteem and resilience, develop healthy relationship skills and personal boundaries and reduce the risk of future harm through access to flexible, specialist therapeutic support.
Charnwood 20:20 (Love4Life)	Love4Life: Consent and Coercive Control Workshops	£5,268	Leicestershire	This project will deliver a programme of interactive healthy relationships workshops for Year 9 and Year 10 students across four secondary schools in Leicestershire, providing education on consent, healthy communication, boundaries, coercive control, gender stereotypes and abusive behaviours to increase young people's understanding of healthy relationships.
New Futures Project	Direct Outreach and Community Engagement	£10,000	Leicester	This project will provide trauma-informed outreach, early intervention, crisis support and recovery services for women and young people affected by violence, exploitation and abuse, delivering community awareness activities, intensive casework, drop-in support and the Freedom Programme to increase safety, improve access to support, strengthen resilience, promote

				recovery and reduce the risk of future harm.
Everyone's Invited	Sexual Violence Prevention Education Programme	£10,000	Leicestershire	This project will deliver a Violence Against Women and Girls prevention education programme in secondary schools across Leicestershire, providing students and staff with evidence-based training on healthy relationships, consent, gender stereotypes, harmful behaviours and respectful communication.
Live Cancer Free	Safe Futures: Preventing VAWG in Leicester	£9,570	Leicester	This project will deliver a community-based Violence Against Women and Girls prevention programme, providing workshops, educational resources, peer support and community engagement activities to increase awareness of healthy relationships, consent and coercive control, strengthen confidence to seek help, develop safe bystander intervention skills, improve access to support services, and empower communities to recognise and challenge Violence Against Women and Girls.
Resilience Through Martial Arts	Women's Recovery & Empowerment Programme	£9,350	Leicester	This project will deliver a trauma-informed recovery and empowerment programme for women and girls who have experienced domestic abuse and gender-based violence, combining female-led martial arts, fitness and Pilates sessions with mentoring and peer support.
Go-Getta CIC	RE:SET – 'Setting the Foundations	£10,000	Leicester	This project will deliver a targeted programme of healthy relationship and coercive control

	for Healthy Relationships'			awareness workshops for young people across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland, equipping participants with the knowledge, skills and confidence to recognise controlling and abusive behaviours, understand consent and personal boundaries, build healthy relationships, challenge harmful attitudes and access support.
H.O.P.E Training & Leadership CIC	H.O.P.E Employer VAWG Series – Equipping Employers to Make a Difference	£10,000	Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland	This project will deliver the H.O.P.E Employer VAWG Series across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. Supporting employers to recognise, respond to and refer employees affected by VAWG. The project will provide a programme of online, in-person employer learning events and self-assessment audit tools to improve employer awareness, confidence and compliance with their legal responsibilities, while strengthening links between employers and local specialist support services.

£186,069.15

Supporting information

10) Background information

The Community Action Fund is part of the wider Community Action Programme, which supports grassroot initiatives that aim to prevent crime and improve safety. It provides targeted funding to smaller organisations and community groups, enabling them to deliver local solutions to local challenges. Each funding round focuses on a specific theme aligned with Police and Crime Plan.

10) Detail of additional information attached.

N/A

10) Expected benefits.

The fund aligns with the Police and Crime Plan. It promotes inclusive engagement, protects vulnerable individuals, and helps reduce demand on emergency services across Leicester, Leicestershire, and Rutland.

By investing directly in local initiatives, the fund empowers residents, schools, and community groups to shape solutions that reflect their needs and priorities. This approach strengthens local ownership, builds confidence, and supports the creation of safer, more resilient neighbourhoods where people feel protected and connected.

10) Impact of not approving the application

Without funding, proposed projects may not go ahead, which could result in missed opportunities to prevent harm, reduce vulnerability, and support the Police and Crime Plan's focus on early intervention and community resilience.

10) Financial implications (including any cost savings)

£186,069.15 from the allocated Community Action Fund budget.

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

All areas of focus have come directly from the Police and Crime Plan; therefore, a consultation was not required. Areas include:

- Rural Crime
- Road Safety
- Violence and Vulnerability
- Business Crime
- Neighbourhood Crime
- Violence Against Women and Girls

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

Collaboration opportunities available with partners.

10) Equality, Diversity & Human Rights implications

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

10) 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 20/08/26

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: Kira Knott

Date: 20/08/26

Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer:

Comments: Approved 20/08/26

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that legal and equalities advice have been taken into account in the preparation of this report and assurances sought have been

outlined in this 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: Claire Trewartha

Date: 20/08/26

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 / Not 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: