

## Business Decision Record – People Zones Mini-Grant Funding Round



Date of Decision: **20/02/2026**

Lead Officer: Oli Childerhouse

Decision Record URN: EXE0014-26

Title: People Zones – Mini Grant Round

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### Decision summary:

This decision relates to the **Mini-Grants** round of funding of the 2025 - 2026 financial year, made available by People Zones' underspend.

This funding round opened on **02/02/2026 at 9am** and closed on **13/02/2026 at 5pm**.

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

Upon review, **11** bids were approved to be awarded funding which equates to **£10,267.50**

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### Decision Sought:

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Project Brief</b>	<b>Priority Area</b>	<b>Sum Requested</b>
New Parks Men's Shed	Improving facilities and staff knowledge	A development project aiming to improve facilities and upskill staff, creating a more welcoming and	New Parks, V&V	£939.00

		effective Men's Shed, increasing uptake throughout the year.		
Real Purpose	Bell Foundry Enterprise, Employment and Volunteering Project	Extending their existing BEEVP project, which provides employment support for disadvantaged groups in Leicestershire	Bell Foundry, V&V, Neighbourhood Crime	£999.70
Loughborough Wellbeing Centre	Warm & Well Cafe	Providing a safe space for people who may have nowhere else to go. Aiming to expand food offer within this, and do promotional work to encourage more engagement	Bell Foundry V&V, Neighbourhood Crime	£959.63
Regul8	De-Stress Club @ Regul8	Purchasing a Sens.ai headset to compliment their legacy-funded emotional-regulation-support interventions at Limehurst. Headset will provide biofeedback support and a 5-in-1 brain training system, so students can see and understand what is happening inside their brain.	Bell Foundry V&V, Neighbourhood Crime, VAWG	£1000
St Andrew's Thringstone	Social Space Expansion	Removing pewed seating to create a designated space for activities, social groups, disability access, and youth outreach (which they believe will tackle ASB	Thringstone & Whitwick V&V, Neighbourhood Crime	£1000

		problems the area is experiencing)		
Soft Touch Arts	Film Project: Knife Crime and the impact on friends, family & community in New Parks	Engaging with young people affected by the member of a young NP resident, developing a documentary film and accompanying resources to help young people avoid knife crime. Long term aim is for wider Leicestershire rollout, providing lived experience support to youth workers.	New Parks V&V	£944
Thringstone Primary School	After-School Coding Club & Online Safety	Weekly after-school coding and online safety club for Y5&6 pupils during summer term. Using specialist staff & equipment, with places targeted at children in receipt of free school meals or pupil premium. Reduces unstructured time where students may disengage or make poor choices.	Thringstone & Whitwick V&V, Neighbourhood Crime	£1000
GNR8	Powell Judo Academy	Powell Judo Academy will be a judo club for ages 6-16 ran by world champion Dan Powell. Funding will be used to purchase judo mats, and launch scholarships for young	New Parks V&V, Neighbourhood Crime	£975.17

		people in the new parks area.		
Whitwick Scout Group	Tree Survey – Scout hut & Woodland	Delivering a professional tree survey of Scout Hut grounds, assessing condition and safety of all trees on site, ensuring the area remains safe, allowing Whitwick Scout Group to continue delivering outdoor activities to young people	Thringstone & Whitwick V&V, Neighbourhood Crime	£470
Charles Booth Centre	Family Music Day	Improving the quality of their yearly music festival for local residents, with improved PA systems and stage. This will help introduce more residents to the community centre, strengthen community connections, and recruit new volunteers to support their ongoing work	Thringstone & Whitwick V&V, Neighbourhood Crime, VAWG	£1000
Quetzal	Group support sessions for women recovering from the trauma of abuse	Quetzal's offer various support services to women recovering from the trauma of abuse. This funding will allow them to source and hire a private room, where qualified counsellors will work with local women 1-1, and also deliver a series of group	Thringstone & Whitwick	£980

		sessions based around the psychoeducational model of trauma recovery.		
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**Total:        £10,267.50**

**Supporting information**

**1. Background information**

People Zones is comprised of 3 areas throughout LLR (New Parks, Thringstone & Whitwick, Bell Foundry), where we adopt an Asset-Based Community Development model, bringing representatives together throughout these areas, encouraging them in developing their community’s wellbeing by capitalising on their existing assets and strengths. We provide funding to these ‘People Zones’, empowering grassroots initiatives and community groups in developing a sustainable model of support, in line with the Police and Crime Plan

**2. Detail of additional information attached.**

N/A

**3. Expected benefits.**

All accepted applications align with the Police and Crime Plan in some way. These applications seem to seek the diversion of Violence & Vulnerability, Neighbourhood Crime, and Neighbourhood Crime in particular. Their work will promote inclusivity, engagement, and the protection of vulnerable communities, leading to a reduction in demand on emergency services across LLR.

Funded projects will address persistent issues throughout these People Zones, empowering communities to take ownership of the issues they face, building safer, more resilient environments.

**4. 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.

**5. Financial implications (including any cost savings)**

£10,267.50 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):\_

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

- Violence & Vulnerability
- Neighbourhood Crime
- Violence Against Women and Girls

**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 declared that they 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):**

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**Chief Finance Officer:**

**Comments:**

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:**

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**Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer:**

**Comments:**

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**

**Date**

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**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:**