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<b>Report to PCC</b>	<b>Report reference number</b> PCC/0033/13
<b>Date of Decision</b>  <b>Date of Report</b> <b>28.6.13</b>	<b>Area of County/Stakeholders affected</b> Countywide / the Public

<b>Title of report:</b>	Crime and Disorder Reduction Grants PCC 2013/14 New Initiatives Fund
<b>Report by</b>	Pamela Standley, Operating Manager
<b>Enquiries to</b>	Pamela Standley, Operating Manager

**1. Purpose of report**

1.1. To seek approval to allocate up to £148,023 in the form of crime and disorder reduction grants from £500,000 New Initiatives Fund (NIF), to organisations whose projects, services or activities contribute towards the priorities set out in the Police and Crime Plan for Essex. This would secure or lead to securing a reduction in crime and disorder.

**2. Recommendations**

2.1 To approve <sup>in</sup> on principle the allocation of NIF grants to support a broad range of projects and activities that will assist the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) achieve his wider community safety priorities. The payment of grants to successful applicants will be subject to a signed funding agreement.

**3. Benefits of Proposal**

3.1 The NIF has been created to perform crucial work in helping keep Essex safe by the grant of crime and disorder reduction grants and the monitoring of the money spent.

3.2 The organisations that have been identified been agreed by the PCC. The applications from the listed organisations have been assessed on how well they will contribute towards the success in the priority areas as outlined in the Plan.

#### 4. Background and proposal

4.1 The PCC allocated £500,000 to the NIF for 2013-14. Applications were welcomed by all sectors, public, voluntary, community groups and businesses who can contribute to securing crime and disorder reduction in Essex.

4.2 Interested parties were asked to complete an application form. These applications were considered against the criteria by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC). It was envisaged that a rolling programme of bids and regular assessments throughout the year would be considered, with an increasing focus on the strategic oversight of how funding is being used across the county and to address priority areas.

4.3 Timetable for the NIF outlined below:

Date	Notes
11 <sup>th</sup> April 2013	The PCC invited applications for grants from the NIF
10 <sup>th</sup> May 2013	131 bids were received totaling over £2.3m. Comments were invited from CSP Managers and the Commissioning Reference Group
31 <sup>st</sup> May 2013	Deadline for the return of comments
14 <sup>th</sup> May 2013	Evaluation by OPCC and the Commissioning Reference Group
20 <sup>th</sup> June 2013	Recommendations submitted to PCC
24 <sup>th</sup> June 2013	Decisions by the PCC

4.4 The areas of focus that will use the funds of up to £148,023 are outlined in **Appendix 1.**

4.5 The proposals must cover activities that support the PCC's priorities as outlined in The Police and Crime Plan which details the priorities that will need to form the basis for the types of projects that would be supported. Proposals need to identify which priorities they are aiming to meet to qualify for funding.

4.6 The priorities within the Police and Crime Plan are:

- Reducing domestic abuse
- Reducing youth offending and re-offending of all types
- Tackling the consequences of drug and alcohol abuse and mental health issues
- Improving crime prevention
- Supporting our victims of crime
- Improving road safety
- Ensuring local solutions meet local problems
- Increasing efficiency in policing through collaborative working and innovation

4.7 These activities could include practical work, research projects, group or partnership development, awareness raising, training, equipment and materials, marketing or promotion. The list of successful applications is shown at **Appendix 2**.

4.8 Funding is limited and not all applications were successful. Funding bids were assessed against the PCC's priorities.

4.9 A decision whether to award a grant was made by the PCC and all decisions are published on the PCC website.

4.10 A number of applications were unsuccessful following a review. *Unsuccessful bids are shown at Appendix 3.*

4.11 There are crime prevention bids that scored highly from the Commissioning Reference Group but it was felt that other funding routes i.e. POCA are more suitable.

4.12 There will be a funding agreement that sets out the obligations of both parties and any conditions attached to the funding. This document will set out the details of any phased payments and arrangements for underspends.

4.13 For successful bidders and where the appropriate funding is made available, the OPCC will advise with regard to the monitoring and evaluation arrangements. This may involve visits or request for information from the OPCC.

## 5. Review of Bids

5.1 A review of bids from Homeless Action Resources Project (HARP), Crimestoppers and Basildon CSP to take place pending further discussions.

**Areas of Focus**

<b>Area of Focus</b>	<b>Amount (£)</b>
Youth Offending/All Re-offending	£44,500
Alcohol, Drugs and Mental Health	£60,735
Crime Prevention	£20,813
Victims	£18,685
Domestic Abuse	£3,290
Road Safety	£0 – no successful bids
<b>Total</b>	<b>£148,023</b>

**In Principle Agreed Applications**

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Idea</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>YOUTH OFFENDING</b>		
Essex Youthbuild	To provide a short 5 week taster maintenance course to young offenders or those at risk of offending	£10,906
Essex Boys & Girls Club	Deliver 4 diversionary boxing projects aimed at 11-19 year olds who are NEET (not in employment, education or training) or at high risk of becoming NEET	£8,550
Family Solutions – West Essex	Pilot Family Boot Camp Day at Lamburne End where ASB is a major factor. Parents and children involved in workshops to those families currently in the Family Solutions Service	£4,000
Only Cowards Carry	Training programme on weapons awareness and the consequences targeted at primary, secondary schools & young adults via presentations, videos and printed literature.	£5,000
Wakering Young People's Community Project	Activities for young people during school holidays.	£10,000
Witham Boys Brigade	Pilot to run a sports engagement programme for young people. Build self-confidence, engagement and create routes into education	£6,044
<b>ALCOHOL &amp; DRUGS</b>		
Open Road	Provision of pilot 6 month SOS bus service every Wednesday night (student night)	£31,800
Essex DAAT	RiskAvert Programme for young vulnerable people from complex families	£18,040
57 West	Fund a community worker to train volunteers, co-ordinate weekly activities e.g. drop in for young people, offer educational awareness of drug/alcohol	£10,895
<b>CRIME PREVENTION</b>		
Maldon CSP	Project targeted for 60 young people for 12 weeks. Diversionary activities to address ASB	£5,640
Epping Forest CSP	'Operation Home Safe' pilot initiative targeting estate agents/burglary dwelling hot spot areas. Circulate Home Safe packs to estate agent to give out to new home owners on completion of sale	£1,485
Epping Forest CSP	'Crucial Crew event for older people focussing on crime prevention in and out of their home.	£2,800
Castle Point & Rochford CVS	'Befriending Service-Safer Homes, Safer Lives. Up skill existing volunteers, funding for additional training	£6,653
Basildon Borough Council	Organise 3x1 day seminars for 90 community safety practitioners outlining new tools/powers for ASB	£2,985
Saffron Walden Street Pastors	To establish a Street Pastor group in Saffron Walden	£1,250
<b>VICTIMS</b>		
Southend Association of Voluntary Services	10 month pilot programme 'Safe as Houses' home visits targeting elderly vulnerable residents following a series of incidents. Achieve safer neighbourhood	£18,685
<b>DOMESTIC ABUSE</b>		
Braintree DC	'Pilot Domestic Abuse 'Cut it Out' campaign in hairdressers/beauty salons for female victims and their children. Deliver a series of training events plus posters, information cards and contact details	£3,290
<b>Total</b>		<b>£148,023</b>

**Unsuccessful Applications**

Applications not taken forward for funding fall into the following areas:

- Some bids simply do not address the priorities within the Police & Crime Plan;
- Concerns that some bids reflect the bidding organisations core business;
- That the bid duplicates existing arrangements;
- That the bid is not sufficiently targeted or the need is not evidenced;
- The bid is not innovative;
- The activity not felt to be sustainable; and
- That while the bid maybe a good idea, the PCC NIF is not the most appropriate route e.g. bid for capital projects may be better suited to POCA.

See attached spreadsheet.

## **Police and Crime Plan**

- 6.1 This proposal supports the key priority areas in the Police and Crime Plan around reducing domestic abuse, reducing youth offending and re-offending of all types, tackling the consequences of drug and alcohol abuse and mental health issues, improving crime prevention, supporting victims of crime, improving road safety, ensuring local solutions meet local problems, increasing efficiency in policing through collaborative working and innovation.
- 6.2 It aligns with the PCC's Police and Crime Plan's approach of crime and disorder reduction grants from £500,000 New Initiatives Fund (NIF).
- 6.3 It also accords with the Police and Crime Plan where organisations whose projects, services or activities contribute towards the priorities set out in the Plan for Essex.

## **7. Police Operational Implications**

- 7.1 There are no operational implications.

## **8. Financial Implications**

- 8.1 The long term financial implications would be a rise in crime and disorder and increased demand upon policing.
- 8.2 The PCC would fund the cost from the allocated £500,000 of the NIF for 2013-14 amounting to £148,023 to successful applications is shown at **Appendix 2**.
- 8.3 The funding agreement would set out clear outcomes and performance monitoring arrangements to ensure that the service delivers on the PCC priorities to secure or lead to securing a reduction in crime and disorder.

## **9. Legal Implications**

- 9.1 Essex Police Standard Terms and Conditions apply and compliant to the Home Office Grant Agreement.
- 9.2 The payment of grant monies is subject to a signed funding agreement with the successful applicant.
- 9.3 Crime and disorder reduction grants are made in pursuance of s9(1) Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.

## **10. Staffing and other resource implications**

- 10.1 There are potential resource implications for the office of the PCC as the service and performance outcomes and to a lesser extent the financial performance, will have to be monitored regularly to ensure effective and efficient delivery against the Police and Crime Plan priorities.

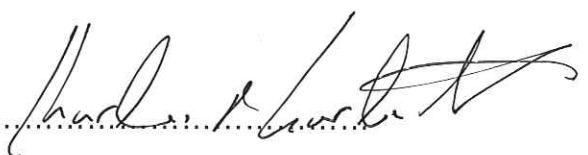
10.2 These new functions of the PCC's office are a direct result of his ownership of the related commissioning and monitoring mechanisms that need to be put in place. Some of these new functions could be absorbed by the office in its current configuration but is likely to need additional resources over time as the commissioning approach and associated monitoring develops

**11. Equality and Diversity implications**

11.1 The continuation of this service would ensure that an underserved and hard to engage section of society would continue to have a specific element of support.


**Report Approval**

The report will be signed off by the Chief Executive and CFO and the PCC Solicitor where legal implications arise.

Chief Executive/M.O   
Chief Financial Officer .....  
PCC Legal Advisor ..... (As necessary)

**Decision**

I agree the recommendations to this report

  
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Report for publication

YES

NO

If the report is not for publication, the Chief Executive will decide if and how the public can be informed of the decision.

