

PFCC Decision Report

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Title of report: 2018-2019 CSDF – Additional project
Area of county / stakeholders affected: Colchester
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1. Purpose of the report

To seek approval for an allocation of £18,000 in the form of a crime and disorder reduction grant from the Community Safety Development Fund to Community 360.

2. Recommendations

Approve the allocation of £18,000 from the CSDF to Community 360 to co-ordinate and enhance the provision of collaborative responses to community safety in Colchester, which will support the objectives of the Police and Crime Plan.

3. Benefits of the proposal

The desired outcomes of the project are to:

- Increase resources available to the BAME community to tackle community safety issues
- Increase outreach and engagement within diverse communities to connect services and individuals
- Improve awareness of BAME community issues
- Increase skills amongst community members to spot, report or prevent domestic abuse and safeguarding concerns
- Increase inter-cultural conversations through community based activities
- Reduce stigma or lack of understanding of public sector services amongst the BAME community whilst increasing awareness and accessibility to services
- Improve the reporting of hate crime amongst BAME communities

4. Background and proposal

Community 360 applied to the PFCC Community Safety Development Fund. Community 360 proposed to implement an action plan to co-ordinate and enhance the provision of collaborative responses to community safety in Colchester, which engage with and tackle issues that affect the BAME community. Our focus will be on increasing awareness of safety and safeguarding within BAME families, especially in relation to topics including domestic abuse and anti-social behaviour within the home, and hate crime outside of it. The planned programme will revolve around significant activities that together will increase inter-cultural dialogue and offer practical responses to better engage with families, increase their knowledge of programmes that can support them and reduce the incidence of reported and unreported crimes affecting the community. These will include:

- Providing a series of 6 workshops and tools (safety in the home)
- Hosting two multi-cultural events
- Creating a network of Hate Crime Ambassadors and Hate Incident Reporting Centres (HIRCs) within community assets (safety in the community)

The CSDF evaluation panel was held on 19th February 2019 and is made up of a number of local independent stakeholders using the evaluation mechanism set out in the Fund's published criteria: <https://www.essex.pfcc.police.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/CSDF-Criteria-2018-19.docx>

The panel approved the application in principle on 19th February but requested further clarity that Community 360 has engaged with Essex Police and that this was not funding Independent Advisory Groups (IAGs). IAGs are managed independently by Essex Police. Community 360 confirmed that this application was for the support of the community and engaging diverse communities. In Colchester there are very strong existing IAGs that Community 360 is part of. Community 360 will continue to use the IAGs as platforms for opportunities to work with diverse communities. Community 360 also recognises the value of the IAGs and as part of their work will encourage communities to engage with them. Community 360 will use their key worker to support the communities to break down the barriers and act upon the opportunities that are raised at meetings that include the IAGs.

5. Alternative options considered and rejected

The decision panel reviews applications to ensure a fair review of all Community Safety Development Fund applications. The PFCC has committed to utilise this funding for community projects. To not support this application risks the integrity of the CSDF decision making process.

6. Police and Crime Plan

The Community 360 project supports priority 1 (More local, visible and accessible policing) and supports priority 6 (Protecting children and vulnerable people from harm).

7. **Police operational implications**
There are no operational policing implications
8. **Financial implications**
The PFCC will provide an £18,000 contribution to Community 360 from the ^{2019/20}~~2018-~~
~~19~~ Community Safety Development Fund.
9. **Legal implications**
The award of the grant is subject to the PFCC's standard funding agreement.
10. **Staffing implications**
There are no staffing implications
11. **Equality and Diversity implications**
There are no equality and diversity implications
12. **Risks**
No risks have been identified for this decision.
13. **Governance Boards**
The application was approved via the Community Safety Development Fund
Decision Panel held on 19th February 2019
14. **Background papers**
n/a

Report Approval

The report will be signed off by the OPFCC Chief Executive and Treasurer prior to review and sign off by the PFCC / DPFCC.

Chief Executive / M.O.

Sign: [Signature].....

Print: P. Grant - H. Greenwood.....

Date: 24 May 2019.....

Chief Finance Officer / Treasurer

Sign: [Signature].....

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Date: 24.5.19.....

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Decision and Final Sign Off

I agree the recommendations to this report:

Sign: J Gardner

Print: JANE GARDNER

PFCC/Deputy PFCC

Date signed: 24 MAY 2019

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because:

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