

PFCC Decision Report

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Title of report: 2019-2020 CSDF – Round 1 additional
Area of county / stakeholders affected: Countywide
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1. Purpose of the report

To seek approval for an allocation of £8,225 in the form of a crime and disorder reduction grant from the Community Safety Development Fund (CSDF) to Thorpe Bay Methodist Church to deliver its music mentoring project.

2. Recommendations

Approve the allocation of £8,225 from the CSDF to Thorpe Bay Methodist Church to deliver Thorpe Bay Song Writing, a music mentoring project that supports the objectives of the Police and Crime Plan.

3. Benefits of the proposal

The Thorpe Bay Song Writing project has been running since September 2017. The project has worked with over 100 young people aged between 15 and 21 years old.

The organisation works with local partners including the Youth Offending Service, Early Help, Family Support Teams and local schools.

The project provides 1-2-1 mentoring and works with caseworkers and teachers as this is considered to be the most effective way of influencing a young person's mental health and future and is a proven preventative measure from slipping into negative or risky behaviour.

4. Background and proposal

Thorpe Bay Methodist Church funds a youth worker to support young people of the local area. The Church also allocates a large space within its buildings to host youth groups and associated activities.

The youth work has mainly been focused on young people aged 15-21 providing support and life skills to improve their wellbeing and to reduce risky behaviours.

The organisation, due to increased demand, wants to expand to young people aged 10-14 who are referred from partner agencies. In order to do this the Church has identified further space to be used. Funding is required to turn this space into a usable area to deliver the music mentoring project. The project aims to:

- Build resilience and self-belief in young people
- Teach young people new skills
- Improve the chances of young people engaging with education, employment or training.

The evaluation panel for the CSDF was held on 15th July 2019 and 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>

This application, due to a technical error, was unable to be reviewed on 15th July. It was agreed by panel members that the decision for the application would be reviewed outside of the meeting. Following time to review it, panel members approved the application.

5. Alternative options considered and rejected

A decision panel considers applications to ensure a fair review of all Community Safety Development Fund applications.

The PFCC has committed to utilise this funding for community projects. There are not any other fair and viable options and applications should be supported in line with the Community Safety Development Fund criteria.

6. Police and Crime Plan

The Thorpe Bay Song Writing project supports the Police and Crime Plan priority of protecting children and vulnerable people.

7. Police operational implications

There are no operational implications.

8. Financial implications

The PFCC will provide an £8,225 contribution to Thorpe Bay Methodist Church.

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 for the PFCC.

11. Equality and Diversity implications

There are no equality and diversity implications for the PFCC.

12. Risks

No risks have been identified for this decision.

13. Governance Boards

The application has been approved via the Community Safety Development Fund decision panel.

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. Beane - Isherwood.....

Date: 17 September 2019.....

Chief Finance Officer / Treasurer

Sign: [Signature].....

Print: Abbey G. G.M......

Date: 18/9/19.....

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Chief Executive/Treasurer

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I agree the recommendations to this report:

Sign: *Paul*

Print: *Richard*

PFCC/Deputy PFCC

Date signed: *20/9/17*

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because:

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Date signed:

