

PFCC Decision Report

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| Report reference number: 182/19 |
| Classification; Not protectively marked |
| Title of report: Phase 3 of Home Office Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) funding 2019/20 |
| Area of county / stakeholders affected: Countywide |
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1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1. To approve the allocation of £170,054 to the organisations detailed in section 4.1 below for delivery against the objectives set out in our VRU bid.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. Approve the allocation of £170,054 to support partner organisations to deliver against the priorities within the Essex VRU application to the Home Office.

3. Benefits of the proposal

- 3.1. This funding will enable local partners across Essex to have a positive impact on issues relating to violence and vulnerability, including gangs, 'county lines' and child criminal exploitation.
- 3.2. This funding supports organisations to deliver on their areas of work outlined in the Essex Violence and Vulnerability Framework (2018), to reduce serious violence and safeguard those being exploited and at risk of exploitation through gangs and 'county lines'.
- 3.3. The funding allocations have been developed and agreed by the PFCC and key strategic partners, and have been approved by the Home Office.

4. Background and proposal

4.1. The PFCC will provide the following funding allocations;

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| Thurrock Council | Interventions for those at high risk of exploitation and contribution to training information and 'know the signs' information | £7,749 |
| Southend Council | Analytical training packages and support, and interventions for those at high risk of exploitation | £29,581 |
| Colchester United | Venue hire for 13 th March 2020 county 'Violence & Vulnerability' conference | £7,080 |
| Essex County Council | Interventions for those at high risk of exploitation; working with Essex Young Assembly to develop initiatives in response to young people's work on exploitation; peer mentoring programmes as part of the Choices programme; work on a communications campaign and evaluation programme relating to vulnerabilities; design work on Essex's profile of the county and strategy for violence and vulnerability, and funds to support the Basildon Youth Service hospital project | £108,644 |
| Essex Police | Trauma informed training, including for Children and Young People Officers, and identified work in Tendring for young people identified as being at risk | £17,000 |
| | | £170,054 |

5. Alternative options considered and rejected

5.1. No alternative options have considered as the content of the bid and the associated funding allocations have, as set out at paragraph 3.3. above, already been agreed with the Home Office.

6. Police and Crime Plan

6.1. This funding will enable partner organisations to support the priorities within the Police and Crime Plan, including protecting children and vulnerable people from harm and reversing the trend in serious violence.

7. Police operational implications

7.1. Part of this funding will be utilised by Essex Police to deliver training and direct delivery work. Essex Police is a key partner of the Essex Violence and Vulnerability Unit and the V&V programme.

8. Financial implications

8.1. The PFCC will allocate £170,054 from the 2019-20 Community Safety Fund to the range of organisations as outlined in section 4.1 above. This is additional funding that the PFCC has received from the Home Office as part of our successful bid to the Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) Fund. Essex secured

£1.16m for use in financial year 2019-20. This is the third tranche of funding to transfer that money to local delivery partners.

9. Legal implications

9.1. Funding is subject to the standard PFCC grant agreement

10. Staffing implications

10.1. Employment of staff or sessional workers will be the responsibility of the relevant delivery organisation. No liability will be placed on the PFCC or other funders as a result of this grant funding.

11. Equality and Diversity implications

11.1. It is recognised that some individuals may be more likely to fall victim to the criminal exploitation associated with the violence and vulnerability agenda, and therefore be more in need of support. These interventions have been developed to identify and target resources at those most likely to be impacted (or those that work with that cohort). For instance we know from research and our own experience that those from less affluent social demographic groups, those that are not in full time education, and those with learning difficulties are more vulnerable to these types of exploitation. Delivery partners are expected to be mindful of these vulnerabilities and to take reasonable and appropriate steps to engage these cohorts as well as using monitoring information to measure and report on the impact the interventions have on different client groups.

12. Risks

12.1. There are no specific risks associated with this funding

13. Governance Boards

13.1. This funding covers a range of agencies and is discussed at various partnership boards, including the Violence and Vulnerability Strategic Executive Group, Round Table and Operations Board as well as internal PFCC meetings. The submission to the Home Office was signed off by members of the Operations Board, acting with the approval of the Strategic Executive Group.

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. Best-Kennedy.....

Date: 24 DECEMBER 2019.....

Chief Finance Officer / Treasurer

Sign: [Signature].....

Print: ASSEN G. GA.....

Date: 24/12/19.....

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Chief Executive/Treasurer

Decision and Final Sign Off

I agree the recommendations to this report:

Sign: 

Print: K.C. Hest

PFCC/Deputy PFCC

Date signed: 6/1/20

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because:

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