

PFCC Decision Report

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Title of report: Phase 4 of the Essex 'Violence and Vulnerability Joint Budget' funding 2020/21
Area of county / stakeholders affected: Countywide
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1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1. To approve the allocation of **£500,488.33** from the Essex 'Violence and Vulnerability joint Budget' to the organisations detailed in section 4.1 below for delivery against the objectives set out in the Essex V&V Work Programme.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. Approve the allocation of **£500,488.33** to support partner organisations to deliver against the priorities within the Essex Violence and Vulnerability Work Programme.

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) and agreed by the V&V strategic board, 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.

4. Background and proposal

- 4.1. The PFCC will provide the following funding allocations;

Essex Community Rehabilitation Company	Targeted activities with young adult offenders, including on release from prison in the Southend area	£20,000.00
Southend Council	Targeted activities for 14-17 years olds identified through the Youth Offending Service or Children Services including Multi-Agency Child Exploitation Meetings as being at risk of committing serious violence, specialist interventions (including specialist coaching, therapy, access to training or education providers)	£18,000.00
Southend Council	Contribution to development of Merry Muletide campaign	£5,000.00
Southend Council	Localities work – targeted intervention around specific geographical areas	£5,000.00
Thurrock Council	Youth worker as part of localities approach	£38,000.00
Anglia Ruskin University	Evaluation of localities work	£15,000.00
Thurrock Council	Victims of Violence Private Housing Pilot Project Proposal	£19,500.00
Essex County Council	Choices programme - with a focus on west Essex	£19,500.00
Essex Youth Offending Service	North Essex programme with young women and their mothers	£25,000.00
Essex Youth Offending Service	Training and Development - 'summer project' film and training materials	£10,000.00
Essex County Council	Basildon & Thurrock University Hospital Youth Service project	£75,000.00
Essex Council for Voluntary Youth Services	Additional time provided by CEO of ECVYS in support of violence and vulnerability	£5,000.00
Essex County Council	V&V Communications officer, secondment costs November 2020 - March 2021	£12,155.00
Essex Police	Research - mapping of knife crime violence model cohort	£5,000.00
Viewpoint	Development of Annual Report and public facing website	£4,500.00
Coast	V&V Merry Muletide social media campaigning - purchasing adverts for the campaign	£5,833.33
MeLearning	Final development of exploitation toolkit	£2,000.00
Essex Community Rehabilitation Company	Project support for Knife Crime Violence Model, maintaining audit trail and noting meetings along with tracking actions	£10,000.00
Essex Community Rehabilitation Company	Provision of Fearless Futures for cohort of at risk adults	£40,000.00

Essex Community Rehabilitation Company	Bespoke interventions for Knife Crime Violence Model cohort	£90,000.00
Kelly Clarke	Development of V&V case studies	£5,000.00
2Simple	DotCom programme in identified schools in Thurrock	£8,000.00
Essex Police	When we receiver a drugs user base from a County Line, use those numbers to send out public health text messages (linked to wider work around vulnerabilities and addiction).	£5,000.00
Essex Police	Following on from [REDACTED]	£10,000.00
[REDACTED] Local authority in Essex	In addition to above, funds to support additional Community Safety Partnership work during and after the operation, identifying vulnerability and looking to target harden cuckooed addresses and work in areas where the County Lines operated to ensure there is no subsequent violence when the void is made. Along with funds to enhance drug support provision during and after this enforcement work, looking to reduce the drug user base dependant on illegal controlled drugs.	£20,000.00
Wisdom Design	Op Trespass (VVU operation to target incidents of Cuckooing) material to support the delivery	£3,000.00
Eurofins Forensic Services	Evidential Drug Investigation Test (EDIT) training – Raptor Officers to be trained in EDIT testing-controlled drugs. 18 participants	£2,500.00
Essex Police	Increase the polices capability to use technology to identify, trace and investigate County lines, exploiting the phone network, which is central to their operating model. Purchase four fixed CSAS Licences and subsequent training.	£22,500.00
		£500,488.33

5. Alternative options considered and rejected

- 5.1. The PFCC could opt not to allocate this funding, but that would reduce the likelihood of the VVU delivering on its work programme and the PFCC delivering on the Police and Crime Plan.

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 tackling gangs and serious violence.

7. Police operational implications

- 7.1. Essex Police is well engaged with this programme at a strategic and operational level. There are no operational impacts of this tranche of funding on Essex Police

8. Financial implications

- 8.1. The PFCC will allocate one-off grants to the value of **£500,488.33** from the 2020-21 Essex 'Violence and Vulnerability joint Budget' to the range of organisations as outlined in section 4.1 above. This funding will be subject to the PFCC's standard funding agreement.
- 8.2. This joint budget is made up of funding the PFCC has received from the Home Office as part of our successful bid to the VRU Fund ((£1,160,000), a contribution from Essex County Council (£500,000) and investment from the PFCC's Community Safety Fund (£200,000). In addition, in 2020/21 the PFCC has also attracted £98,101 from the Home Office Vulnerable Children (Emergency) Fund.
- 8.3. This is the fourth tranche of funding from this combined 'Violence and Vulnerability Joint Budget' to transfer funding to local delivery partners.

9. Legal implications

- 9.1. No legal implications

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. For the activities outlined in section 4.1, we recognise that they support and are accessible to all protected characteristics but are most likely to be targeted to young people who are profiled as being those most likely to be impacted by issues relating to county lines and gangs.
- 11.2. For the interventions, monitoring arrangements for these funds include the requirement to report on the number of vulnerable children and young adults supported as well as steps taken to ensure offers of support are as accessible as possible.

11.3. Most of the organisations listed in the table in 4.1 are subject to the public sector equality duty and will be required to consider the impact of the delivery of their activities on those with protected characteristics.

12. Risks

12.1. All services identified in section 4.1 have demonstrated the need and the requirement for this funding. As this is short-term funding there is a risk that it is not utilised this year meaning funding would have to be returned to contributors and opportunities to make progress against the Police and Crime Plan and V&V work plan may be missed. This is mitigated by formal funding agreements, and by ensuring organisations are aware of the restrictions on funding and are able to deliver against these. The VVU also monitors other opportunities for implementing the V&V work programme and if there is any likely underspend and can seek approval from the programme's established governance structures to redeploy funding elsewhere if required.

13. Governance Boards

13.1. This funding covers a range of agencies and is discussed at various partnership boards, including the Violence and Vulnerability Round Table, and Violence and Vulnerability Operations Board as well as internal PFCC meetings. The approaches within the Essex Violence and Vulnerability Work Programme have been signed-off by the Round Table.

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.

Deputy M.O.

Sign:



Print: Darren Horsman

Date: 30 December 2020

Chief Finance Officer / Treasurer

Sign:



Print: Elizabeth Helm

Date: 5 January 2021

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YES

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YES

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Sign: 

Print: Elizabeth Helm

Treasurer

Date signed: 11 January 2021

Decision and Final Sign Off

I agree the recommendations to this report:

Sign: 

Print: Roger Hirst

PFCC

Date signed: 6 January 2021

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because:

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PFCC/Deputy PFCC