

PFCC Decision Report

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Title of report: Community Safety Partnership Funding 2021/22
Area of county/ stakeholders affected: Countywide
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1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1. To approve the allocation of annual grants from the PFCC's 2021-22 Community Safety Fund to the 14 Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) across Essex

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. Approve the allocation of £332,725 to Essex CSPs to support local priorities and deliver against the deliverables within the Police and Crime Plan

3. Benefits of the proposal

- 3.1. This grant funding will support CSPs to deliver against their statutory duties, undertake local initiatives, and support the work of the PFCC and Essex Police.
- 3.2. This funding enables CSPs to engage with local communities and residents, and to commission activity to improve local community safety outcomes. The funding will also enable the centralised Southend, Essex and Thurrock Domestic Abuse (SETDA) Team to undertake Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs) to review agency practices and learn and disseminate lessons from domestic homicides.

4. Background and proposal

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

CSP area	£
Basildon	£25,849.12
Braintree	£17,739.04
Brentwood	£14,106.40
Castle Point	£15,189.68
Chelmsford	£19,191.04
Colchester	£22,511.28
Epping Forest	£19,268.48
Harlow	£24,361.92

Maldon	£12,526.80
Rochford	£12,336.72
Southend-on-Sea	£27,713.84
Tendring	£25,094.08
Thurrock	£24,976.16
Uttlesford	£11,693.44
CSP "top-slice" to SETDA DHR fund	£37,167.00
PFCC SETDA DHR fund contribution	£23,000.00
	£332,725

- 4.2. This funding is used by CSPs to support their core activities and statutory responsibilities to;
- establish a strategic group to direct the work of the community safety partnership
 - regularly engage and consult with the local community about their community safety priorities
 - set up protocols and systems for sharing information between partners
 - collect and analyse available intelligence and data, including recorded crime levels and patterns, in order to identify need and priorities in an annual strategic assessment
 - develop and publish a partnership plan
 - produce a local strategy to reduce reoffending
- 4.3. The PFCC will monitor CSP use of the funding by;
- Reviewing a copy of the CSPs annual strategic assessment and/or partnership plan
 - Request and review an outline of how PFCC grant funding will be used, and how that impacts on the priorities of the Plan
 - Receives a report outlining how funding was utilised in the previous year, and provided with evidence of its impact
 - Attending individual meetings with each CSP manager and Chair to discuss performance, issues, and possible developments.
 - Attending partnership meetings such as Safer Essex, Essex Community Safety Network Executive and the Community Safety Hub Steering Group
- 4.4. The PFCC has maintained the funding to CSPs at 2020-21 levels.
- 5. Alternative options considered and rejected**
- 5.1. The PFCC has the opportunity to reduce or withdraw this funding but that would risk destabilising local partnerships and significantly reducing the positive impact of local CSPs.
- 6. Police and Crime Plan**
- 6.1. This funding will enable CSPs to support the priorities within the Police and Crime Plan, primarily cracking down on ASB and protecting children and vulnerable people from harm. The DHR fund contribution will support local partners through lessons learnt to break the cycle of domestic abuse.

7. Police operational implications

- 7.1. No direct operational implications. Funding is used to improve community safety reducing the impact on the criminal justice system.

8. Financial implications

- 8.1. The PFCC will provide one-off annual grants equalling £332,725 to the CSPs and SETDA partnership as listed in section 4.1 above. These grants will be subject to our standard funding agreement conditions. Payments will be made from the PFCC's 2021-22 Community Safety Fund.

9. Legal implications

- 9.1. This funding is subject to the terms of the PFCC's standard grant agreements.

10. Staffing implications

- 10.1. The use of this funding to employ staff or sessional workers will be the responsibility of the host organisation. No liabilities, immediate or ongoing, will be placed on the PFCC as a result of this funding.

11. Equality and Diversity implications

- 11.1. There are no direct additional Equality and Diversity implications, organisations have their own obligations to ensure, measures are in place to ensure their responsibilities under the Equalities Act 2010 were met.

- 11.2. The PFCC applies conditions on this funding which include;

- The Recipient shall not unlawfully discriminate within the meaning and scope of any law, enactment, order, or regulation relating to discrimination (whether in race, gender, religion, disability, sexual orientation, age or otherwise) in employment or otherwise.
- The Recipient shall take all reasonable steps to secure the observance of Clause 20.1 by all servants, employees or agents of the Recipient and all suppliers and sub-contractors engaged on the Project.

- 11.3. The PFCC will use monitoring information, including attending partnership meetings, to track whether any groups are being, or could be, disproportionately or negatively impacted by any actions resulting from PFCC funding.

12. Risks

- 12.1. There is a risk that PFCC funding is not effectively used to support the delivery of the Police and Crime Plan. It is expected that our proposed monitoring arrangements will be appropriate mitigation to prevent this risk occurring.

13. Governance Boards

- 13.1. CSP activity is discussed at a range of forums including Safer Essex, and Crime Panel, and Essex Community Safety Network Executive.

14. Background papers

Report Approval

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

Deputy M.O.

Sign: 

Print: Darren Horsman

Date: 3 February 2021

Chief Finance Officer / Treasurer

Sign: 

Print: Julia Berry

Date: 9 February 2021

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I agree the recommendations to this report:

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Print: Roger Hirst

PFCC

Date Signed: 12 February 2021

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