

PFCC Decision Report

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Title of report: Community Safety Fund Core 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 core annual grants from the PFCC's 2021-22 Community Safety Fund to a range of community safety partners as outlined in section 4.1 below

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. Approve the allocation of £1,290,420 to support partner organisations to deliver their core activity, which will support the priorities within the Police and Crime Plan

3. Benefits of the proposal

- 3.1. These grants will enable local community safety partners including Youth Offending Teams, Drug and Alcohol services, Neighbourhood Watch, and Crimestoppers to undertake their duties which will have a positive impact on the priorities within the Police & Crime Plan. In supporting these organisations, the PFCC recognises the contribution that they make to creating and sustaining safe and secure local communities.
- 3.2. This funding supports our partner organisations to deliver on their statutory responsibilities that support the Police and Crime Plan, for instance providing drug and alcohol support and treatment services and working to reduce youth offending and reoffending.
- 3.3. The grant also supports a number of voluntary and community organisations that provide important services that help to prevent crime including Neighbourhood Watch and Crimestoppers.

4. Background and proposal

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

Youth Offending Services	
Essex Youth Offending Service	£253,233
Southend-on-Sea Youth Offending Service	£109,255
Thurrock Youth Offending Service	£81,347
Drug and Alcohol Services	
Essex County Council	£399,785
Southend-on-Sea Borough Council	£54,296
Thurrock Council	£48,907
Safeguarding Partnerships	
Essex Adult	£58,564.00
Essex Children's	£66,426.00
Thurrock Adult	£18,750.00
Thurrock Children's	£17,776.92
Southend Adult	£22,711.00
Southend Children's	£14,355.00
Other organisations	
Essex County Neighbourhood Watch Association	£15,000
CrimeStoppers (Call centre)	£49,597
CrimeStoppers (regional manager contribution)	£9,917
Essex County Council – Essex Youth Service	£70,000
Essex Police Memorial Trust	£500
	£1,290,420

4.2. The PFCC monitors the use of this funding through attendance at strategic partnership meetings, including YOS management Boards, as well as through the provision of annual reports and performance information, where relevant.

5. Alternative options considered and rejected

5.1. The PFCC may consider reducing or removing this funding but that would risk destabilising relationships and positive activity that delivers against the priorities of 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 reversing the trend in serious violence and protecting children and vulnerable people from harm.

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 annual grants to the value of £1,290,420 to the organisations listed in section 4.1 above. These grants will be subject to our standard funding agreement conditions. These 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.

- 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 condition set out above by all servants, employees or agents of the Recipient and all suppliers and sub-contractors engaged on the Project.

- 11.3. The majority of this funding is provided to statutory organisations who have their own obligations to adhere to their responsibilities under the Equalities Act 2020. However, in line with the PFCC grant agreement the PFCC will seek within annual reports or adhoc reporting monitoring information upon how organisations have met this responsibility and where applicable evidence to demonstrate services are delivered proportionately.

- 11.4. For the other organisations funded the PFCC will request monitoring information, including demographic data (appropriately captured in line with the service delivered), 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 funding does not provide value for money and does not improve community safety. This risk is evaluated as low as the organisations stated in 4.1 are deemed strategic partners of the PFCC and are monitored through strategic boards, statutory responsibilities and/or regular PFCC monitoring arrangements.

13. Governance Boards


13.1. This funding covers a range of agencies and is discussed at various partnership boards, for instance YOT management boards as well as internal PFCC meetings.

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.

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Darren Horsman
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Date: 11 March 2021
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Chief Finance Officer / Treasurer

Sign: 
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Print: Julia Berry
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Date: 14 April 2021
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Print: Jane Gardner

PECC/Deputy PFCC

Date Signed: 20 April 2021

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