

## PFCC Decision Report

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| <b>Report reference number:</b> 025-22                           |
| <b>Classification:</b> Not protectively marked                   |
| <b>Title of report:</b> ECF Police Property Act allocations 2022 |
| <b>Area of county / stakeholders affected:</b> Countywide        |
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| <b>Date of report:</b> 27 January 2022                           |
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### 1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1. To endorse the allocation of grants from the Essex Police Property Act Fund, an endowed fund managed by Essex Community Foundation, to 6 local charities whose activities support the delivery of the Police and Crime Plan.

### 2. Recommendations

- 2.1. Endorse the allocation of £15,436 from the 2021-22 Police Property Act Fund to 6 local charities.

### 3. Benefits of the proposal

- 3.1. This funding will be allocated to local groups whose activities will support the ambitions and priorities of the Police and Crime Plan.

- 3.2. A breakdown of the successful applications is provided in the following table;

| Organisation                           | Project summary  | Value  |
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| African Families in the UK (AFiUK) CIC | Towards the youth work of an organisation supporting people from African and other ethnic minority communities in Colchester | £3,000 |
| Cool to be Kind Ltd                    | To set up a website and phone app that will hold information for people who are at risk or already homeless in Chelmsford    | £2,000 |
| Hope House Essex                       | To help with the staff costs of a charity supporting the homeless in Braintree over three years                              | £3,000 |
| Refugee Action Colchester CIC          | To cover the costs of supplies and living arrangements of refugee women and children   | £1,500 |

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|                          | who have been a victim of domestic abuse in Colchester   |         |
| Support Through Court    | Towards the running costs of a service which helps vulnerable people from across Essex navigate the court system | £2,936  |
| Waltham Abbey Youth 2000 | Towards a counselling service for young people with mental health problems in Waltham Abbey                      | £3,000  |
|                          | Total:   | £15,436 |

#### **4. Background and proposal**

4.1. The Police Property Act is an endowed fund which was established in 2012. The purpose of the fund is to support charitable ventures in Essex (including Southend and Thurrock). The Fund is managed for the PFCC by Essex Community Foundation. Grants may be distributed on an annual basis according to the stated purpose of the fund as follows:

- For the prevention of crime
- The diversion of people from crime
- The rehabilitation of offenders
- The support of victims of crime, and
- any other initiatives that promote the work of policing services in Essex, Thurrock and Southend-on-Sea

4.2. ECF manages this fund for the PFCC, providing an annual statement and recommendations on how the annual grant allocations should be distributed.

4.3. These allocations reflect a geographic and thematic spread across Essex and the priorities of the Police and Crime Plan. The allocations from this fund will be matched with other ECF Fundholders, including the High Sheriffs' Fund and Essex County Fire & Rescue Service Charitable Fund.

#### **5. Alternative options considered and rejected**

5.1. The PFCC could opt not to allocate this funding, but that would reduce the ability of these organisations to support the priorities in the Police and Crime Plan. The PFCC could decide to allocate this funding to alternative groups, but ECF have undertaken evaluations and due diligence on £125k of applications and identified these as the ones that best meet the PFCC's priorities and offer a geographic spread across the County.

#### **6. Police and Crime Plan**

6.1. This funding aligns to multiple priorities in the plan, including encouraging volunteers and community support, reducing violence against women and girls, protecting vulnerable people and breaking the cycle of domestic abuse, and improving support for victims of crime.

#### **7. Police operational implications**

7.1. No operational implications of this funding.

#### **8. Financial implications**

8.1. No direct PFCC funding implications. The PFCC will endorse the allocation of £15,436 from the 2021-22 Police Property Act Fund. This will be matched by other ECF fundholders.

**9. Legal implications**

9.1. This funding is allocated and managed by Essex Community Foundation in accordance with their grant agreement conditions.

**10. Staffing implications**

10.1. No direct implications. Any recruitment as a result of this funding will place no liabilities on ECF, Essex police or the PFCC.

**11. Equality and Diversity implications**

11.1. This funding is allocated to a range of groups, some of whom will work directly with those from minority groups who are identified as requiring support or being less able to access mainstream services. This includes individuals that are homeless, refugees, those with mental health issues, and minority ethnic groups.

**12. Risks**

12.1. No risks anticipated.

**13. Governance Boards**

13.1. This proposal is made directly to the PFCC from the Essex Community Foundation as the fundholder.

**14. Background documents**

14.1. ECF recommendation report



Police Property Act  
Fund - Applications

Original PPA grant agreement



Police Property Act  
Fund SIGNED (002).pdf

Latest PPA statement



2021 PPA  
statement.pdf

**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: D Horsman

Print: Darren Horsman - Deputy MO

Date: 09/02/2022

Chief Finance Officer / Treasurer Sign: Julia Berry

Print: Julia Berry

Date: 11 February 2022

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**Chief Executive/Treasurer**

**Date signed:** .....

**Decision and Final Sign Off**

I agree the recommendations to this report:

**Sign:** 

**Print:** Roger Hirst

**PFCC**

**Date signed:** 11 February 2022

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because:

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**Sign:**

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**PFCC/Deputy PFCC**

**Date signed:**