

PFCC Decision Report

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Title of report: CSP 2021-22 grant carry forward

Area of county / stakeholders affected: Basildon, Harlow, Rochford, Uttlesford and Thurrock

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 To seek approval to allow Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) in Basildon, Harlow, Rochford, Uttlesford and Thurrock to carry forward underspends from their 2021-22 PFCC grant into their budgets for 2022-23.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 To approve the decision to enable CSPs to carry-forward a total of £12,932 in un-allocated PFCC grant-funding from 2021-22 into 2022-23.

3. Background to the Proposal

- 3.1 The PFCC provides £272,557 in annual grant funding to CSPs. The standard conditions of this funding includes a requirement for it to be used within the financial year in which the grant is allocated. This decision would enable CSPs to carry forward underspent allocations into 2022-23 for use against their strategic priorities and to deliver local projects and initiatives.

- 3.2. CSPs are required to submit proposals for the allocation of their funding at the beginning of the financial year and report back on how funding is used at the end of the reporting year.
- 3.3 The PFCC also arranges annual meetings with each CSP Manager and Chair to monitor the use of PFCC funding. Through those meetings in 2021-22 the PFCC's representatives have discussed the use of this underspend and is suitably reassured that the funding will be spent as proposed

4. Proposal and Associated Benefits

- 4.1 PFCC funding enables Essex CSPs to have a positive impact on local issues. The funding is used to support work of CSPs by funding staff, resources, interventions, or engagement events.
- 4.2 By enabling the funding to be carried forward we will allow CSPs to deliver programmes and interventions that were unable to be carried out largely due to the restrictions and limitations imposed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Whilst some CSPs were able to use the entirety of their 2021-22 grant, others were unable to do so as they could not access schools or community groups, and events had to be cancelled or postponed.
- 4.3 It is proposed that £12,932 grant funding (less than 5% of the total CSP allocation of £272,557) is carried forward into 2022-23. This is broken down as follows;

CSP	Grant value	Request carry-forward
Basildon	£25,849	£2,467
Braintree	£17,739	No carry forward
Brentwood	£14,106	No carry forward
Castle Point	£15,190	No carry forward
Chelmsford	£19,191	No carry forward
Colchester	£22,511	No carry forward
Epping Forest	£19,268	No carry forward
Harlow	£24,362	£3,485
Maldon	£12,527	No carry forward
Rochford	£12,337	£1,518
Southend-on-Sea	£27,714	No carry forward
Tendring	£25,094	No carry forward
Thurrock	£24,976	£5,128
Uttlesford	£11,693	£334
Total:	£272,557	£12,932

5. Options Analysis

- 5.1 The PFCC has the option to claw back this funding, but that would limit the ability of CSPs to deliver local interventions that address their priorities and the objectives in the Police & Crime Plan. Given the relatively small scale of this funding it is recommended that the carry forwards are retained by CSPs.

6. Consultation and Engagement

- 6.1 The underspend has been discussed with CSP managers and CSP chairs at the annual CSP meetings with a PFCC representative. A breakdown of what the underspend will be used towards in 2022-23 has also been provided in the CSP monitoring forms.

7. Strategic Links

- 7.1 CSPs are obliged to pay due regard to the Police and Crime Plan in the formulation of their local strategic plans. The work of CSPs generally meets the objectives of reversing the trend in serious violence, breaking the cycle of domestic abuse, cracking down on anti-social behaviour and investing in crime prevention.

8. Police operational implications

- 8.1 There are no direct operational impacts. Essex Police is a statutory member of each CSP.

9. Financial implications

- 9.1 The PFCC will allow carry forward of £12,932, originally allocated from the 2021-22 Community Safety Fund, in line with the table in 4.3 of this report. This is in addition to the allocation of annual core funding from the 2022-23 Community Safety Fund.

10. Legal implications

- 10.1 The award of the grant is subject to the PFCC's standard funding agreement. The carried-forward monies must be utilised in the financial year 2022-23.

11. Staffing implications

- 11.1 There are no staffing implications. Where funding is used to employ staff, no liabilities will be placed on the PFCC.

12. Equality, Diversity and Inclusion implications

- 12.1 Individual member organisations of Community Safety Partnerships have responsibilities relating to the Equalities Act 2010, including how funding is allocated and in delivery of interventions, events and projects.
- 12.2 The PFCC grant agreement requires that 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."

13. Risks and Mitigations

- 13.1 There is a risk that CSPs will be unable to utilise this carried-forward funding within the financial year. As a mitigation, the PFCC will request detailed plans for how the funding will be utilised and monitor this through the arrangements outlined in section 3.2 of this report. It is also expected that many projects or events that had funding allocated will be able to proceed now that COVID-19 restrictions have lifted.

14. Governance Boards

14.1 This funding is discussed at individual annual sessions between representatives of the PFCC and CSPs.

15. Links to Future Plans

15.1 These carry forwards will support CSPs to deliver against their local strategic priorities and the Police & Crime Plan.

16. Background Papers and Appendices

n/a

Report Approval

The report will be signed off by the PFCC's Chief Executive and Chief Finance Officer prior to review and sign off by the PFCC / DPFCC.


Chief Executive / M.O.

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Date: 08th June 2022

Chief Financial Officer

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Print: Janet Perry

Date: 03 August 2022

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