

PFCC Decision Report

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Area of county / stakeholders affected: Countywide

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. This report seeks approval for the allocation of 34 small grants equalling **£381,042** from the Community Safety Development Fund and Essex Violence and Vulnerability Joint Budget to the organisations detailed in section 4.2.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. That the PFCC:
- 2.1.1. Endorses the proposal of the CSDF evaluation panel to fund those projects listed in section 4.2 below
 - 2.1.2. Allocates **£328,532** from the 2022-23 Community Safety Development Fund
 - 2.1.3. Allocates **£52,510** from the Essex Violence and Vulnerability Joint Budget.

3. Background to the Proposal

- 3.1. The PFCC's Community Safety Development Fund is an annual small grants programme which seeks to support community and voluntary organisations with funding of up to £20,000 for activities that contribute positively to the delivery of the objectives within the Police and Crime Plan.

3.2. The 2022-23 CSDF fund process was approved via decision report 160-22.

4. Proposal and Associated Benefits

4.1. The PFCC received 87 bids totalling in excess of £1.3m. These applications were subject to an initial sift by the PFCC's Commissioning Officer and were then considered and reviewed by an independent panel of evaluators including representatives from Essex Police, Community Safety Partnerships, the Essex Community Foundation and the Probation Service. The panel sought to ensure a fair and proportionate representation both thematically and across the different geographies of Essex.

4.2. Following evaluation by the panel, it is proposed that the PFCC provides the following funding allocations to 34 projects:

Applicant	Brief Description	Grant value (£)
Kaos Youth Club	Youth club based in a semi-rural location (Rochford) to allow young people to engage in organised activities outside of school	6,000
Ormiston families	Support for families affected by parental imprisonment. Aims to break cycles of offending and provide opportunities for children and young people to thrive and flourish, giving families the tools to help themselves	10,000
Beacon House	Aims to break the cycle of homelessness and crime by working with individuals on their personal skills, as well as providing them with activities that occupy them and ensure meaningful use of their time	12,000
Southend Against Modern Slavery Partnership	Support the SAMS partnership to facilitate partnership working, raise awareness among the public, provide training and education for front-line professionals, map services and pathways available to victims of modern slavery, work with other agencies to liberate, protect and support trafficked people who have been, or are, at risk of being exploited, and develop the Survivor Care Project	10,000
Centre for Action on Rape & Abuse (CARA)	CARA works with victims and survivors of sexual violence and child sexual abuse, providing independent, specialist support and promoting and representing their rights and needs. This funding will support CARA in continuing to provide a specialist therapy service for adults and children and in assisting schools in providing appropriate support to young victims of sexual violence	14,000
Aspirations Programme	Carrie's Outreach works with vulnerable women with active addiction who are exploited in prostitution through weekly outreach with women on the streets in Southend. It provides basic sexual health supplies, food and clothing, and information through handing out 'Bags of Love'	15,000
Off the Streets	Grassroots group in Southend which runs a shelter to take in rough sleepers and support them to maintain their tenancy. The group also act as an advocate on their behalf to help	10,000

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	them with employment, mental health or physical health or help with addiction.	
Thurrock African Group	Setting up a Young People's Radio Club, to be delivered on Saturdays and during the summer holiday. Youth radio in Thurrock is expected to help young people feel more interested and engaged in meaningful activities.	15,000
Brentwood Boxing	Makes the sport of Amateur Boxing accessible to all who may wish to get involved in it. Provide access to the sport of boxing that, as a minimum, can be enjoyed, provide physical activity and provide a place where young people make friends.	10,000
Adfam	Support service for people affected by their loved one's substance misuse. Remote sessions are delivered by Adfam's Family Support Workers, reducing the isolation of the family member and improving their emotional and mental wellbeing	5,000
Trust Links	To develop and deliver a series of workshops for adults with mental health issues in Southend, Castle Point and Rochford on 'staying safe'. Also to adapt these workshops and develop age appropriate workshops for young people, delivered as part of Youth Links mental health peer support groups	10,000
London Bus Theatre Company	Support core activity by enabling direct engagement with young beneficiaries from hard-to-reach groups through a film and drama project. The film will be promoted in local schools and on social media to thousands of young people in Essex. Young people aged 12 - 18 from Canvey Island will benefit from the project	5,000
Safer Basildon Partnership	<i>Together for Safer Communities</i> programme. Ward councillors who participate in the programme are provided with a stock of key crime prevention materials to support and distribute to their residents who raise community safety concerns	2,000
SVP Homeless Centre	Enable the homeless centre to provide personal development plans using self-help principles. This will be client-led and focus on the underlying causes or trauma which have caused homelessness	2,500
Changing Lives	Running a sports, music and mentoring programme. This will be an intervention programme targeted at vulnerable young people from primary and secondary ages, including refugees and asylum seekers	15,000
Open Road SOS Bus	The SOS Bus is a hub; a safe space for members of the public to go if they are in need of medical assistance or general welfare support while out and about in the city centre	15,000
Sanctus	Support core activities and longer opening hours to enable service users to access Sanctus when they really need it	14,000

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Mencap Chelmsford	Chelmsford Mencap will deliver a series of workshops to enable people with a learning disability to develop the knowledge, skills and confidence to keep safe at home, online and in the community. Will also support service users at particularly high risk, or who have experienced a crime / abuse	15,000
Southend-on-Sea Rape Crisis	This funding will support ongoing prevention work within Southend, Castlepoint and Rochford	5,000
University of Essex Students' Union	To develop a collaborative partnership between the University of Essex Students' Union, CARA (Centre for Action on Rape and Abuse) and ICENA training organisation to bring about culture change and work towards building a greater understanding and awareness of issues such as domestic abuse and violence, sexual harassment, and violence against women within the Students' Union / University of Essex community.	5,000
Colchester United Football in the Community	Four community safety projects, ranging from knife crime / county lines awareness to 1 to 1 mentoring support for pupils at risk of exclusion	12,000
Essex Police (Fraud Prevention)	To purchase purse bells and card defenders. These items will be provided within the Fraud Prevention Support Packs given to victims of fraud and supplied to attendees of EP Fraud Prevention Talks	1,800
Bar 'n' Bus	Development of a young women's support and empowerment programme, 'Being Me', along with young women's self defence programmes in Rayleigh and Basildon	16,240
Thurrock Centre for Independent Living	The LPA Champions Project provides advice, information and support with completion of Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA) forms free of charge to vulnerable, primarily older people living across Thurrock	5,000
Building Lives	3 x six-week Lift and Learn programmes for young people who are under the youth offending service and / or identified as committing crime / at risk of committing crime, violence or being exploited. 10 young people can attend each six-week course	12,510*
South Essex Advocacy Services	Funding an advocate who will work with victims of financial abuse. The Advocate will also identify and support those who might be at risk from financial abuse	10,000
Motivated Minds	The HAPPY Hub gives young people a safe place to go and meet with their friends, as well as make new ones. The Well Youth Club aims to raise self-esteem, build confidence, resilience and improve mental health and wellbeing	19,992
1 Up Collective	Sport, fitness & well-being - Boxing, Martial Arts (e.g. Muay Thai), and other fitness activities are the core activity and will be used as the hook to engage young people from the secondary cohort into a range of other activities. Yoga,	20,000*

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	breathwork and meditation will be embedded in the sessions to support well-being and emotional regulation	
Aveley Village Community Forum Ltd	Works to improve the skateboard park in Aveley Recreation Grounds	10,000
ECFRS - Firebreak	Each Firebreak course offers the opportunity for 12 individuals to take part in a five-day intervention and four ½ day follow up sessions in the weeks after the Firebreak.	20,000*
Rainbow Services	Young People's Carpentry Workshop project, helping to fund youth workers, carpentry materials and workshop overheads.	18,000
Street Pastors	Street Pastor Coordinator supporting the various local initiatives including Street Pastors and Rail Pastors	20,000
Clean Sheet	Helping people with criminal convictions to find employment through tailored employment support, help to reduce reoffending, prevent crime, reduce future victims of crime and create safer communities	10,000
Korban / Nightstop	Korban breaks the cycle of homelessness for young people in Colchester by providing them with a home and the support they need to overcome homelessness and develop the character, skills and confidence to live independently	10,000
Total funding:		£381,042
CSDF allocation:		£328,532
*V&V allocation:		£52,510

4.3. These projects have been subject to a due diligence process to ensure they do not represent a financial or reputational risk to the PFCC.

4.4. The PFCC has indicatively allocated funding from the 2023-34 CSDF to undertake publicity on some of these projects to showcase their impact.

5. Options Analysis

5.1. The PFCC deployed a two-part evaluation process for this CSDF process. There was an initial sift of applications to ensure they were complete and compliant and that they fit the scope of the fund. A panel of independent evaluators was then convened to consider the applications and recommend successful applications to the FPCC for approval. The panel took account of many factors when reaching their consensus, including the strength of the application, the track record of the delivery organisation, and the fit with the Police and Crime Plan as well as consideration of a fair and proportionate thematic and geographic mix of projects.

5.2. The PFCC may decide to allocate these funds in a different way, though this would contravene the wishes of the evaluation panel.

6. Consultation and Engagement

- 6.1. The proposal set out in 4.2 reflects the consensus view of the CSDF evaluation panel.
- 6.2. Bidders are required to provide CSP endorsement of their bids to ensure there is no duplication or conflict with local activity. The PFCC may also consult wider stakeholders and experts for individual bids where appropriate.

7. Strategic Links

- 7.1. This funding will enable partner organisations to support delivery of the priorities within the Police and Crime Plan.

8. Police operational implications

- 8.1. Essex Police was part of the evaluation panel. The majority of the projects are intended to reduce crime and ASB and will hopefully reduce the demand on operational policing.

9. Financial implications

- 9.1. The PFCC will allocate 31 one-off grants to the value of **£328,532** from the 2023/24 Community Safety Development Fund to the range of organisations outlined in section 4.2 above. This will leave around £328k in the 2023-24 CSDF which is intended to re-open later in 2023.
- 9.2. The PFCC will allocate three one-off grants to the value of **£52,510** from the 2023/24 Violence and Vulnerability Joint Budget to the three projects highlighted in section 4.2 above. This is the third tranche of funding from the combined Violence and Vulnerability Joint Budget in 2023/24

2023/24 Forecast Expenditure (Funding)	£2,781,000
Phase 1 of V&V funding	£240,233
Phase 2 of V&V funding	£616,880
Phase 3 of V&V funding	£52,510
2023/24 Forecast Expenditure (Funding) remaining	£1,871,377

10. Legal implications

- 10.1 This funding will be subject to the PFCC's standard funding agreement.

11. Staffing implications

- 11.1. Monitoring of these projects will be dependent on the PFCC recruiting successfully to the vacant Commissioning Officer post.
- 11.2. Funding for external media / comms support has been identified from the 2023-24 CSDF.

- 11.3. Employment of staff or sessional workers will be the responsibility of the relevant delivery organisation. No liability for the continuation of roles will be placed on the PFCC, Violence and Vulnerability Unit or other funders because of this grant funding.

12. Equality, Diversity and Inclusion implications

- 12.1 An EQIA was undertaken on this decision, which is attached here.



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13. Risks and Mitigations

- 13.1. As part of their application, successful bidders have been required to demonstrate the need and the requirement for this funding. As this is short-term funding, there is a risk that the interventions may not be sustainable. We advise bidders to consider long-term or continuation funding options as part of their application and project delivery.
- 13.2. There is a risk of financial mismanagement which is mitigated via the PFCC's due diligence process which includes a review of each bidder's financial accounts by the PFCC's Finance Manager.

14. Governance Boards

- 14.1. The overall approach to the 2022-23 CSDF was approved via the PFCC through decision report 160-22. As part of that approval process, presentations were made at the PFCC's Management Team meeting on 22nd August 2022 and the PFCC's Senior Management Team on 11th Nov 2022.

15. Links to Future Plans

- 15.1. This work supports delivery of the Police and Crime Plan.

16. Background Papers and Appendices

None

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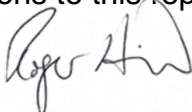
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Decision and Final Sign Off

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