

## PFCC Decision Report

**Report reference number:** 108-23

**Classification:** Not protectively marked

**Title of report:** MoJ additional formula-based grant acceptance 2023-4

**Area of county / stakeholders affected:** Countywide

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**Date of report:** 28 June 2023

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### 1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. This report seeks approval from the PFCC to accept an additional in-year grant of £73,633 from the Ministry of Justice for funding in relation to victim support services 2023-4. The PFCC is asked to sign the associated grant agreement, accepting MoJ terms, by 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023

### 2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the PFCC endorses the receipt of £73,633 additional in-year victims' funding from Ministry of Justice
- 2.2 That the PFCC signs the associated grant agreement addendum attached at 16.1 below.

### 3. Background to the Proposal

- 3.1 The PFCC approved the acceptance of MoJ victims' "formula-based" funding via DR97-22. The PFCC was advised of an additional £73,633 funding via a letter from the MoJ on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2023. That letter is included in 16.2 below, for information.

### 4. Proposal and Associated Benefits

- 4.1 This grant enables the PFCC to commission support services for victims of crime, including practical and emotional support. The allocation of this funding will be subject to a separate decision report.

## **5. Options Analysis**

- 5.1 This funding will support the PFCC's ongoing victims commissioning programme. Any unspent funding must be returned to MoJ at year end.

## **6. Consultation and Engagement**

- 6.1 The PFCC discussed funding for victim support services at its Senior Management Team meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

## **7. Strategic Links**

- 7.1 This funding allows the PFCC to fulfil its commitments within the Police and Crime Plan and Victim Commissioning Strategy. It also supports partnership strategies such as the Essex Sexual Abuse strategy, SETDAB strategy and V&V Business Plan.

## **8. Police operational implications**

- 8.1 There are no operational implications of this decision for Essex Police.

## **9. Financial implications**

- 9.1 The PFCC will receive an additional £73,633 funding from MoJ into the 2023-4 Victims' Fund. The total MoJ formula based victims' grant for 2023-4 is now £2,223,446.

## **10. Legal implications**

- 10.1 The PFCC agrees to the terms of the MoJ's grant agreement (sec. 16.1 & 16.3)

## **11. Staffing implications**

- 11.1 The PFCC will be expected to manage and monitor the effective use of this funding and report back to MoJ on a 6-monthly basis. This will require sufficient dedicated resources. At present the PFCC is recruiting to a vacant Commissioning Officer post.

## **12. Equality, Diversity and Inclusion implications**

- 12.1 This grant funding must be used to provide support for victims of crime in line with the Code of Practice for Victims of Crime. The allocation of this funding will be subject to a future decision report.

## **13. Risks and Mitigations**

- 13.1 The PFCC has insufficient dedicated commissioning resources to effectively manage and monitor this grant funding. This is mitigated by an ongoing process to recruit a permanent, full-time Commissioning Officer.

## **14. Governance Boards**

- 14.1 This additional funding was only recently announced so has not been subject to discussion at any boards other than the aforementioned discussion about victim funding at the PFCC's SMT meeting in April 2023.

## **15. Links to Future Plans**

- 15.1 This funding supports delivery of the PFCC's Police and Crime Plan

## 16. Background Papers and Appendices

16.1 MoJ formula based grant addendum (for signing as part of this DR process)



Essex Core Uplift  
Addendum.pdf

16.2 Essex core uplift offer letter 8 June 2023 (for info)



Essex Core Uplift  
Offer Letter.pdf

16.3 MoJ original formula based grant 2022-5 (approved via DR97-22) – included for reference only (not signing)



Essex FB Grant  
Agreement 22-25.pdf

**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.

Sign: D Horsman

Print: Darren Horsman - Deputy Monitoring Officer

Date: 14.7.2023

Chief Finance Officer

Sign:  .....

Print: Janet Perry .....

Date: 17 July 2023 .....

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NO

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NO

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**Sign:** .....

**Print:** .....

**Chief Executive / Chief Finance Officer**

**Decision and Final Sign Off**

I agree the recommendations to this report:

**Sign:** 

**Print:** Roger HIRST  
**PFCC**

**Date signed:** 19th July 2023

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because:

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**Sign:**

**Print:**

**PFCC/Deputy PFCC**

**Date signed:**