

Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision	
PCCG-2022-044	Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision
Subject	2023/2024 Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent (PCC) Police Community Fund Successful Applications
Summary	To record the decision of the PCC to award grants from the PCC Police Community Fund for the 2023/2024 financial year.

DECISION

1. Previous publication of Decision number PCCG-2018-034 confirmed my intention to establish a recurrent commissioning fund (the PCC Police Community Fund) of up to £300,000 annually, to use monies obtained through the Proceeds of Crime Act. This Fund aims to enable children and young people in Gwent to be safe, healthy and happy, building a better future for themselves and their community, by empowering Gwent Police to tackle community based issues in a lasting and impactful way. The Fund supports not-for-profit organisations, seeking to deliver projects and services working with children, young people or vulnerable adults under the age of 25, who live in the Gwent Police area. The Fund will focus on projects supporting children and young people who:
 - may be in danger of entering the criminal justice system; or
 - have become victims of crime.

Eligible organisations and groups can make applications for funding throughout the year. Applications must have the support of their local Neighbourhood Policing Team. Submitted applications are assessed on a quarterly basis by a Panel consisting of representatives from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, Gwent Police and the Council for Wales Voluntary Youth Service (CWVYS).

2. Following a robust application process at the February 2023 PCC Police Community Fund Panel, three projects have been successful in receiving funding, totalling £142,189.19. Additionally, nine projects funded in previous years (2021/2022 and 2022/23), were in principle awarded year two or three funding, subject to satisfactory reporting and continuing compliance with terms and conditions of grant. These nine projects total £193,635.03.

This brings the allocation of 2023/2024 funding to a total of £335,824.22, the additional funding over and above the annual £300,000 has been agreed to be paid out of reserves on this occasion, there was an underspend of £27,006 from

the PCC Police Community Fund 22/23 Funding Awards which will also be utilised towards this.

3. The successful projects reviewed at the February 2023 Panel that will be receiving year one funding are listed below:

2023/24 Grant Awards (April 2023 – March 2024):

Cwmbran Centre for Young People (Torfaen)- £42,631.48 towards the Open Access Drop in Project. This will include provision of a drop in facility five nights a week within a safe environment, that provides tailor made services, activities and support, with counsellors and mentors available to young people attending. The provision is also being extended into outreach work in other Torfaen areas that have been highlighted by both Gwent Police and the Local Authority as having issues with Anti-Social Behaviour. The aim of which will be to target young people in those areas to encourage them to also access the various services provided.

Ethnic Minorities and Youth Support Team (EYST Wales) (Newport) - £49,671.71 towards the Urban Safe Project Newport which will provide support to ethnic minority young people in Newport aged eleven to twenty five. The project will provide safe culturally accessible spaces for them to access, trusted workers to speak to and positive activities to take part in. The project will offer: weekly drop in youth sessions, regular one to one mentoring, information workshops, trips and activities. The project will also work with the local Neighbourhood Policing Team in order to assist in developing relationships.

Community House (Newport) - £49,886 to deliver the Unity in the Community Project which provides youth work sessions to young people aged between six to twenty five. The project includes awareness raising, educational trips, workshops and centre based activities for young people. The project offers support to both young people and their families on a variety of issues including abusive behaviours, knife crime etc.; whilst also offering positive opportunities such as youth leadership opportunities to empower young people to be role models and improve their aspirations.

Where the above organisations applied for year two and / or year three funding, where agreed, this funding has been ringfenced out of the future years' funding allocations. Decisions on awarding year two and year three funding will be made based on the receipt of satisfactory monitoring reports, continued compliance with fund criteria and terms and conditions of the grant awarded.

The following projects funded in 2021/2022 or 2022/2023 have, in principle, been awarded year two or three funding, where this was applied for in their original application, subject to satisfactory reporting:

Cymru Creations - £25,000

Cyfannol Women's Aid - £11,015.92

Duffryn Community Link - £29,341

Kid Care 4 U – £22,000

Senghenydd Youth Drop in Centre - £29,039.91

Cefn Golau Together - £11,574

Newport Yemeni Community Association - £39,490

County in the Community - £11,015.80

Empire Fighting Chance - £15,158.40

Further details on these six projects can be found on Decision Logs PCCG-2020-058 and PCCG-2021-031

4. The arrangements for each award will be set out in a Grant Agreement which includes appropriate terms and conditions, purpose of the award and payment, monitoring and reporting arrangements.

As a minimum, in order to monitor the progress of funded projects, and provide reassurance that funding allocated is effectively meeting Policing Priorities in Gwent, as outlined in the Police and Crime Plan, grant recipients are required to complete a mid-year and an end of year monitoring report which will require the following information to be provided:

- Project Activity;
- Project Outputs;
- Project Outcomes;
- Breakdown of financial expenditure;
- Risks; and
- Learning

Where the review panel recommended additional conditions over and above the standard terms and conditions, (in order to gain assurance and clarity in relation to project deliverables and outcomes); these will be monitored in addition to the minimum monitoring and reporting requirements and where appropriate and proportionate, have been linked to the release of funding.

Applicant organisations will be required to accept the terms and conditions of the grant, which will be outlined in a Grant Agreement and Grant Offer Letter, by signing and returning the relevant documentation. Payment of grants is subject to ongoing compliance with the terms and conditions of the grant and satisfactory monitoring and reporting.

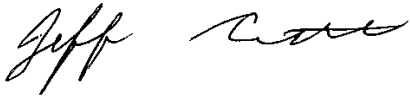
Jeff Cuthbert B.SC., MCIPD, Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent

I confirm I have considered whether or not I have any personal or prejudicial interest in this matter and take the proposed decision in compliance with my code of conduct.

Any such interests are recorded below.

The above request has my approval.

Signed



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Background papers

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