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| **Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision** | |
| PCCG-2025-003 | Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision |
| Subject | 2025/2026 Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent (PCC) Police Community Fund Grant - Additional Funding Offer |
| Summary | To record the decision of the PCC to extend the grant offer awarded to Media Academy Cymru from the 2025/2026 funding round, enabling delivery for a further year. |

**DECISION**

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| 1. | Previous publication of Decision number PCCG-2018-034 confirmed the establishment of 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. | This decision log acts as an extension to Decision Log PCCG-2023-032 of March 2024, which documented funding one year’s delivery of a Positive Masculinity project that was being run by Media Academy Cymru for a one year period ending on 30th June 2025.  The funding provided to Media Academy Cymru totalled £42,945 towards the provision of a Case Manager to dismantle the violent narratives of misogyny and focus on the often termed ‘manosphere’. The initiative broadens and raises awareness of these issues to safeguard and prevent the risk of radicalised extreme masculinity ideologies. The aim is to encourage and support children and young people to adopt pro-social values and attitudes irrespective of gender.  Following meetings with the project and seeing the impacts the project is making for the level of funding offered, there is potential for the project to extend the interventions currently offered to ensure a greater impact for a further year.  The project has provided costings to further deliver in line with the delivery so far. Given the benefits of the project delivery, I have agreed to fully fund the intervention for a further one year period, awarding Media Academy Cymru a year 2 grant totalling £42,945. |
| 3. | The Decision for PCC Police Community Fund 2025/26 awards was made in April 2025 and Decision Log PCCG-2024-035 reflects this. This documents that the awards for 2025/2026 totalled a value of £182,428.01, out of the £300,000 allocation.  The additional funding for this specific award to MAC will increase the annual amount of funding awarded out of the 25/26 Fund to £225,373.01 |
| 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. |

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| **Jane Mudd, 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 | Date  23.09.2025 |

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| **Background papers** | PCC Community Fund Bids |