|  |
| --- |
| **Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision**  |
| PCCG-2024-35 | Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision |
| Subject | 2025/26 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 2025/26 financial year. |

**DECISION**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| 1. | Previous publication of Decision number PCCG-2018-034 confirmed my predecessor’s intention to establish a recurrent commissioning fund (the PCC Police Community Fund (PCF) of up to £300,000 annually. This Fund, which uses monies obtained through the Proceeds of Crime Act, 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 them 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 (OPCC), Gwent Police and the Council for Wales Voluntary Youth Service (CWVYS).  |
| 2. | Due to the PCC Elections in May 2024 and the subsequent development of the Police, Crime and Justice Plan 2025 – 2029 which is due for launch late March 2025; no PCF application round was held for new applications for the 2025/26 financial year. It was instead agreed that any additional applications’ phase would be put on hold to allow for a review to be undertaken of the various OPCC funding streams in light of the new Plan. I have however, agreed to honour previous ring-fenced multi-year awards to past successful applicants, who are to receive their final year of funding, from their legacy applications.  |
| 3. | In light of the above, the projects that will receive their final year funding out of the PCF are detailed below. This will equate to a total of **£182,428.01** for the 2025/26 financial year. **2025/26 Grant Awards (April 2025 – March 2026):****Senghenydd Youth Drop in Centre** (Caerphilly) - £39,929.76 towards the Drop in Centre, where youth and community workers will offer outreach and youth centre based activities. Youth Workers will also work with NEETs (young people not in education, employment or training), during daytime hours and provide evening sessions to children and young people on subjects such as substance misuse and online safety; as well as raise awareness on issues such as grooming, trafficking, modern slavery and risk-taking behaviour.**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) - £49,980.77 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.  |
| 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. |

|  |
| --- |
| **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 | Date24.04.2025 |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Contact Officer** |  |
| Name | Robert James |
| Position | Commissioning & Funding Manager |
| Telephone | 01633 642200 |
| Email | rob.james@gwent.police.uk |
| **Background papers** | Original application forms |