Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision		
PCCG-2019- 074	Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision	
Subject	2020/21 Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent (PCC) Police Community Fund Successful Applications Update	
Summary	To record the decision of the PCC to award grants from the PCC Police Community Fund for the 2020/21 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. 2020/21 PCC Police Community Fund

Following the February 2020 PCC Police Community Fund Panel, seven projects have been successful in receiving funding, totalling  $\underline{\mathfrak{L}151,934.67}$ . Additionally, four projects funded in 2019/20, were in principle awarded year two funding, subject to satisfactory reporting and continuing compliance with terms and conditions of grant.

This brings the allocation of 2020/21 funding to a total of  $\underline{£298,838.39}$ . As such, due to the near full allocation of the £300,000 Fund, no further funding round will be required for the 2020/21 financial year.

3. The successful projects receiving year one funding are listed below:

2020/21 Grant Awards (April 2020 - March 2021):

**Bridge to Cross Charitable Trust** - £15,000 towards the 7 Corners – Outreach Hotspot Project, which will deliver outreach support work and activities to young people who have reached a point of crisis.

**Changing Gearz** - £15,000 to deliver the Inspirational DJ Project, which will provide weekly workshops ins DJing, music production etc., build up mentoring and training skills in young people and provide the opportunity to gain qualifications that can lead to further employment options.

**The Hwb Torfaen** - £15,000 towards the delivery of the Hwb Blaenavon Project. Providing a youth provision at the Hwb, which includes evening youth clubs, project work and educational provisions.

**St Michaels Amateur Boxing Club** - £14,365.30 to deliver the Give it a go – Boxing and Fitness project. This will engage and educate young people by using IT, sourcing educational information and providing an appropriate environment to release cathartic aggression and frustrations.

**Tredegar Park Primary School** - £7,588.75 to deliver the Open Communication Project at the Forest Family Centre outside of school hours. This will provide drop in facilities for 7 to 11 year olds to identify individual or group problems and provide positive workable solutions.

**Community House** - £48,351 towards the delivery of the Maindee Youth 'School's Out' Project, which provides youth work sessions during school holidays that includes educational trips and centre based activities for young people.

**Cyfannol Women's Aid** - £36,629.62 towards a therapeutic, safe and accessible fixed play area and therapeutic intervention for all children and young people who reside at the refuge.

The following projects funded in 2019/20 have, in principle, been awarded year two funding subject to satisfactory reporting:

Bryn Farm & Coed Cae Interact - £40,151 Urban Circle - £50,000 Cwmbran Centre for Young People - £40,314.72 The Gap Wales - £16,438 Further details on these four projects can be found on Decision Logs PCCG-2019-051 and PCCG-2019-073.

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 proportional 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., MDIPD, 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 Jeff Care Date 01.04.2020

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