



POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LANCASHIRE

DECISION: 2018-34	DATE: 15TH OCTOBER, 2018
TITLE: STREET PASTORS, STREET ANGELS AND SIMILAR ORGANISATIONS	
REPORT BY: STEFF HULL	

Executive Summary

1. The Commissioner allocated £25,000 to support the work of street pastors, street angels and similar organisations from the Community Safety and Partnership Fund.
2. The Commissioner launched a grant opportunity for street pastors, street angels and similar organisations which was published on the Commissioner's website with a deadline for applications to be submitted by Monday 1st October, 2018.
3. This Decision seeks to confirm the allocation of £25,000 from the Community Safety and Partnership Fund to the four organisations outlined in Appendix A.

Recommendations

The Commissioner is recommended to approve the proposed use of the Community Safety and Partnership Fund as follows:

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| 1. Blackpool & Fylde Street Angels | - £7,000 |
| 2. Chorley Street Pastors | - £5,000 |
| 3. Lancaster Street Pastors | - £3,000 |
| 4. Preston & South Ribble Street Pastors | - £10,000 |

as outlined in Appendix A.

Signature *Clive Grunshaw*

Police and Crime Commissioner

Date *14th October 2018*

1. Background and Advice

Street pastors are trained volunteers who usually patrol the streets of their community on a Friday and Saturday night to care, listen and offer assistance to those most vulnerable.

The Commissioner has previously supported the work of Preston & South Ribble Street Pastors, Chorley Street Pastors, Lancaster Street Pastors, Ormskirk Street Pastors and Blackpool & Fylde Street Angels.

For 2018-19 the Commissioner has allocated £25,000 for the work of street pastors, street angels and similar organisations.

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner received five applications totalling £70,000. After reviewing all the applications received and agreeing that four out of the five submissions meet the grant criteria and the Commissioner's priorities it was decided that to remain within the allocated £25,000 and to maximise the impact of the fund, the funding should be distributed as follows:

1. BLACKPOOL & FYLDE STREET ANGELS

Blackpool and Fylde Street Angels requested £8,000 to raise awareness of Street Angels and purchase resources such as First Aid supplies, drinks and flip flops. Funding will also support the administrative costs which enable the group to continue functioning.

Proposal:

That the Commissioner allocates £7,000 to Blackpool and Fylde Street Angels.

2. CHORLEY STREET PASTORS

Chorley Street Pastors requested £5,000 to purchase resources such as First Aid supplies, drinks and blankets to help vulnerable people during the night time economy. Funding will also contribute towards the part-time co-ordinator post.

Proposal:

That the Commissioner grants £5,000 to Chorley Street Pastors.

3. LANCASTER STREET PASTORS

Lancaster Street Pastors patrol the streets on a Saturday evening helping those who may find themselves in danger due to misuse of alcohol. The initiative costs around £5,000 per year, outgoings include uniform expenses, training, resources and the co-ordinators wage.

Proposal:

That the Commissioner awards £3,000 to Lancaster Street Pastors.

4. PRESTON & SOUTH RIBBLE STREET PASTORS

Preston and South Ribble Street Pastors requested £12,000 to support their on-going work. The funding will be used to support the full-time co-ordinator of Preston and South Ribble Street Pastors and training and resources for the Street Pastors to use such as drinks, flip flops etc.

Preston and South Ribble Street Pastors are the largest group in Lancashire, they offer training sessions to other Street Pastor groups. This is a vital piece of training and is essential to all street pastors who are required to complete the training before patrolling the streets.

Proposal:

That the Commissioner awards £10,000 to Preston and South Ribble Street Pastors.

An application for £45,000 was received from Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council who wish to fund security marshals from a commercial company to monitor and offer a visible presence in Darwen Town Centre on a Friday and Saturday evening.

Blackburn with Darwen is a Local Authority and is therefore ineligible to be considered for funding from the Street Pastors, Street Angels and similar organisations grant.

2. Links to the Police and Crime Plan

The work of both the street pastors and angels clearly meets the Commissioner's priorities. During the night time economy the volunteers are protecting vulnerable people in a number of ways. This includes supporting those intoxicated, assisting young people to get home safely and avoid trouble and also supporting the homeless and signposting them onto other accessible services.

3. Consultation

N/A

4. Implications

a. Legal

None to consider.

b. Financial

Contained in the report above.

c. Equality considerations

None to consider.

5. Background Papers

None.

6. Public access to information

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