



DECISION PAPER

DECISION: 2019/37	DATE: 13 TH DECEMBER 2019
TITLE: KNIFE CRIME GRANT FUND APPLICATIONS	
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Executive Summary

The Commissioner received a grant of £1.8M from the Home Office to tackle knife crime in Lancashire. Out of this fund £180k was ultimately allocated to provide a funding opportunity for third sector, community and not-for-profit organisations to submit applications for funding for programmes or projects. Further to a bidding opportunity in November 2019, the Commissioner is now asked to approve funding as set out in Appendix A.

Recommendation

The Police and Crime Commissioner is recommended to approve the level of funding for the Applications as outlined in Appendix A, totalling £180K

Signature

Clive Grunshaw

Police and Crime Commissioner

Date

13th ~~December~~ 2019

PART I

1. Background and Advice

1.1 The Commissioner received a grant of £1.8M from the Home Office to tackle knife crime in Lancashire in summer of 2019. Out of this fund £180k was ultimately allocated to provide a funding opportunity for third sector, community and not-for-profit organisations to submit applications for funding for programmes or projects. This opportunity was run through November 2019. The criteria for said applications is set out below.

- Primarily, but not exclusively, aimed at under 25 year olds.
- Primarily aimed at preventing CYPs from becoming involved in the carrying, ownership or use of knives, but will also consider programmes that reduce the risk of CYPs being involved in all types of violence.
- Evidenced based, to show that the proposed project will be effective in engaging with CYPs (and/or adults and communities) and will be effective in driving a change in attitudes and behaviour.
- Evidence to show the project will take a Trauma Informed approach in the way that programmes and projects are delivered.
- Clearly defined measures and outcomes and agreed reporting timescales
- Project capable of being delivered by 31 March 2020
- Not used to fund permanent posts

1.2 42 applications with a total value of £550,189 were received. All applications have now been reviewed by a team from the Violence Reduction Unit and assessed against the seven key criteria (above) for the fund. The scoring methodology employed was using a grading of 1 to 5 as with 1 being Unsatisfactory and 5 being excellent. Those recommended for approval achieved the highest eleven scores and they are set out in Appendix A.

1.3 The Commissioner is now asked to make grant awards in respect of those projects set out at Appendix A

2. Links to the Police and Crime Plan

All Applications support one or more of the Priorities in the Police and Crime Plan

3. Consultations

N/A

4. Implications:

a. Legal

None to consider

b. Financial

The cost of the proposal is met from specific central government grant funding in respect of knife crime activity and has no impact on the Commissioner's revenue budget.

c. Equality Impact Assessment

N/A

d. Data Protection Impact Assessment

Personal data provided by applicants is used only in relation to this grant funding opportunity.

5 Risk Management

6. Background Papers


None

7. Public access to information

This is a public report

Chief Executive Officer (Monitoring Officer)

I have been informed about the proposal and confirm that financial, legal and equalities advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire.

Signature..........Date.....13.12.2019.....

