

Decision No 2014/17



REPORT TO: POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LANCASHIRE

REPORT BY: Robert Ruston – Commissioning & Partnerships Manager

DATE: 2 July 2014

TITLE: COMMUNITY ACTION FUND APPLICATIONS

Appendix A refers

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Commissioner has established a Community Action Fund (Decision 2013/02) and has allocated a further £50,000 in 2014-15, providing a total available fund of **£53,345**.

Applications are invited from voluntary, community and faith (VCF) sector constituted organisations. The Fund is administered by LANPAC on behalf of the Commissioner.

LANPAC have received applications which have been reviewed in line with the terms and conditions and criteria of the Fund.

1 Application received in June has been forwarded to the Commissioner for approval. A further 3 Applications received in June had been recommended for rejection as they do not match the terms and conditions or criteria of the Community Action Fund.

These Applications have been reviewed to ensure that they are operating in areas where there are high incidents of ASB, Criminal Damage, etc and that they support priorities identified by the Commissioner and the local Community Safety Partnerships.

RECOMMENDATION

The Grant Information indicated that, whilst the maximum grant is £2,500, the Commissioner would be looking for applications lower than this to enable the fund to be widely available as possible.

Where a lower grant than that applied for has been recommended LANPAC will work with the applicant to ensure that the project will be able to continue and will provide support and advice in regard to other funding options.

The Commissioner is recommended to approve the level of funding for the Applications as outlined in Appendix A.

The total amount of funding recommended is £2,000.00



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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The 2014-15 budget for the Community Action Fund is £53,345 of which £1,740 has already been approved and awarded to other projects and schemes. The **£2,000.00** funding for this application will be met from the remaining £51,605, leaving an unspent balance in the Fund of £49,605.00.

Decision taken by the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire:

Original decision, as set out in the attached report, approved without amendment (please delete as appropriate)	YES	NO
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Original decision required to be amended and decision as detailed below:

The reasons for the amended decision are as detailed below:




Police and Crime Commissioner: Comments

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The PCC is asked to consider any personal / prejudicial interests he may have to disclose in relation to the matter under consideration in accordance with the law, the Nolan Principles and the Code of Conduct.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

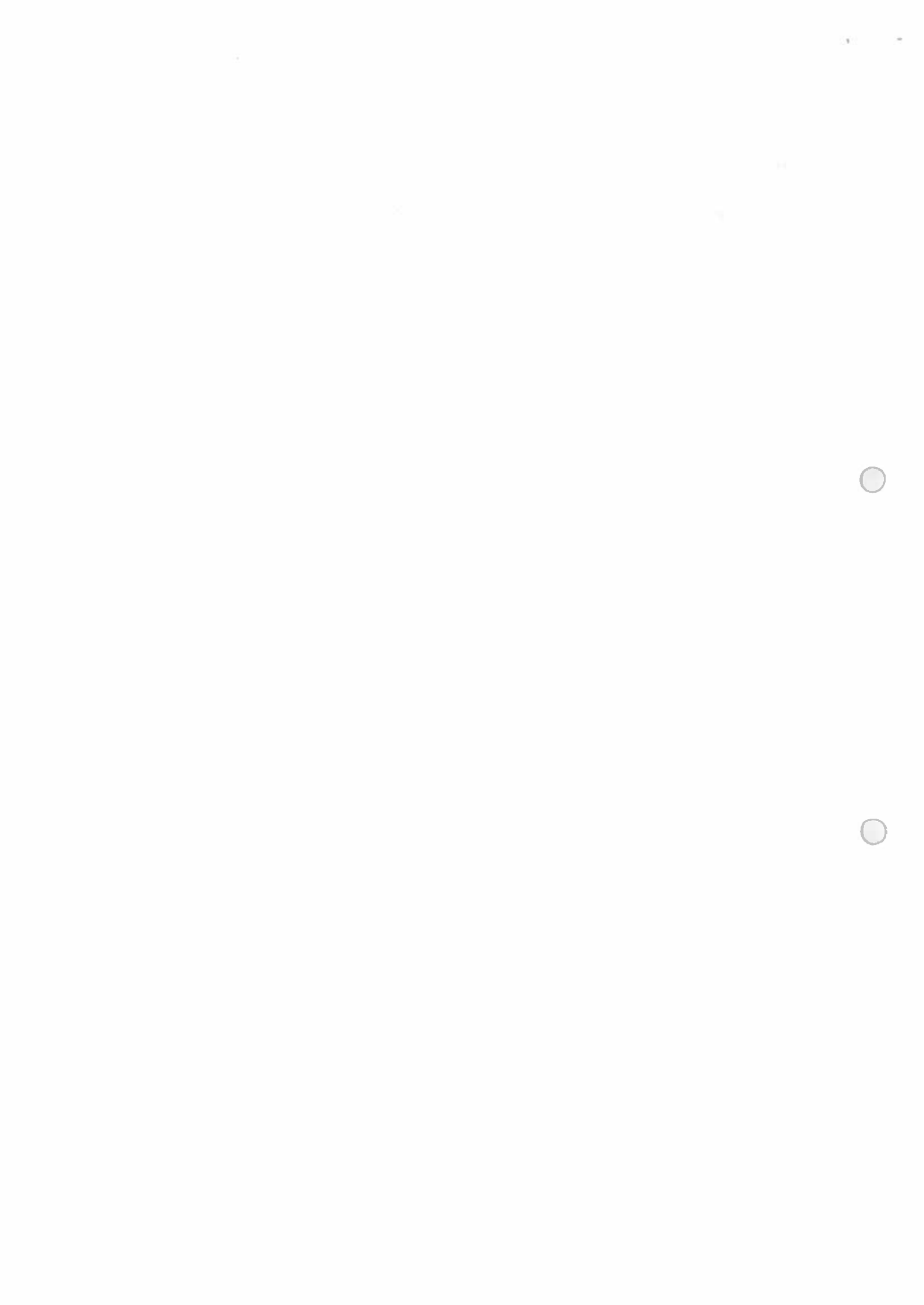
The recommendations are made further to legal advice from the Monitoring Officer and the Section 151 Officer has confirmed that they do not incur unlawful expenditure. They are also compliant with equality legislation.

Signed:   Police and Crime Commissioner Date: 2nd July 2014	Signed:  Chief Officer: Date: 2 July 2014
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Signed: Chief Constable Date:	Signed: Chief Finance Officer: Date:
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LANCASHIRE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER

APPLICATIONS FOR DECISION 2014/17 – 2 JULY 2014

The following Applications have been received by LANPAC on behalf of the Commissioner and fulfil the Terms and Conditions and Criteria laid out in the Grant Application Form.

The Commissioner is recommended to approve the level of grant funding as detailed for the following Application:

1. NAME:	Out and About – Youth led LGBT Group		
AREA:	Blackpool, Fylde & Wyre	PRIORITY:	Vulnerable People (Hate Crime)
AMOUNT REQUESTED:	£2500.00	Match Funds:	Swallowdale Trust Issac Hitchen Project
Project Name & Cost	UR Potential – Fylde Coast Be Involved £3590.00		
Summary:	Homophobic bullying and abuse is an issue for young people and can lead to self harm and/or attempted suicide. This funding would provide support for the LGBT Youth Group through a youth and community worker and assist the group in developing an education resource pack to take into schools.		
Comments:	The group has links with the Constabulary Equality & Diversity Unit and takes referrals from them and a number of other agencies. There are very few similar groups supporting LGBT young people in the area.		
Recommendation:	1. That this application is supported by the Commissioner 2. That a grant of £2000.00 is provided to towards the cost of a youth and community worker and the development of educational packs.		

1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions.

2. It is essential to ensure that all data is entered correctly and that the system is regularly updated.

3. The second part of the document outlines the various methods used to collect and analyze data.

4. These methods include surveys, interviews, and focus groups, each with its own strengths and weaknesses.

5. The final part of the document provides a summary of the findings and offers recommendations for future research.



The Commissioner is asked to note the following Applications which have been received that do not match the Terms & Conditions or Criteria for the fund:

A. NAME:	Family Support		
AREA:	Bamber Bridge Preston	PRIORITY:	ASB
AMOUNT REQUESTED:	£2500.00	Match Funds:	Children in Need Local fundraising
Project Name & Cost	Grassroots Family Support Project £26,654.00		
Details:	This is a family support project established by the Blackburn Diocesan Board for Social Responsibility. The funding sought is towards the cost of a Family Support Co-ordinator and general running costs for the project.		
Recommendation:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That this application is NOT supported by the Commissioner 2. That it is noted that the applicant did not provide copies of their Constitution and latest Accounts as required in the grant terms and conditions and the total cost of the project exceeds the £10,000 limit set by the fund. 		

B. NAME:	Inter Madrassah Organisation		
AREA:	Blackburn with Darwen	PRIORITY:	Indirect link to Hate Crime
AMOUNT REQUESTED:	£2,500.00	Match Funds:	Use of equipment and volunteer time
Project Name & Cost	9 th Annual Multi-Faith Football Tournament £7,305.00		
Details:	Regular event aimed at bringing together young people from a range of faith backgrounds. Event supports greater cohesion but the application does not demonstrate how the project directly support any of the Commissioner's priorities.		
Recommendation:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That this application is NOT supported by the Commissioner 2. That it is noted that the accounts provided with the application indicate that unrestricted reserves of more than £10K are held by the organisation and so will not qualify for a grant.. 		

C. NAME:	Tanterton Village Centre Ltd		
AREA:	Tanterton, Preston	PRIORITY:	Ant-Social Behaviour and Criminal Damage
AMOUNT REQUESTED:	£1,250.00	Match Funds:	Local fund raising
Project Name & Cost	TVC Summer Activity Club Full cost of event not known		
Details:			
Recommendation:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That this application is NOT supported by the Commissioner at present. 2. That it is noted that the no accounts were provided with the application and the constitution provided was a generic set of articles for a limited company. 3. it is noted that details of the organisations accounts have been requested and the application will be reviewed once these have been received. 		

The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It emphasizes that every entry should be supported by a valid receipt or invoice. This not only helps in tracking expenses but also ensures compliance with tax regulations.

In the second section, the author outlines the process of reconciling bank statements with the company's ledger. This involves comparing the ending balance of the bank statement with the ending balance of the ledger account. Any discrepancies should be investigated and resolved promptly.

The third section covers the topic of budgeting and cost control. It suggests that setting a budget for each department can help in identifying areas where costs are being overspent. Regular monitoring and reporting are essential for staying on track.

Finally, the document concludes with a reminder to always double-check calculations and ensure that all data is entered correctly into the accounting system. Accuracy is key to reliable financial reporting.

