



POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LANCASHIRE

DECISION 2015/83	Date: 21st March, 2016
TITLE: COMMUNITY ACTION FUND APPLICATIONS	
REPORT BY: STEFF HULL	

Executive Summary

The Commissioner has established a Community Action Fund.

In 2014-15 the fund available was £50,000 with approved applications totalling £50,684, the additional funding being an under-spend from 2013-14.

As a result of increasing interest from community groups and organisations the Commissioner has increased the Community Action Fund in 2015-16 to £75,000 to maximise the impact of the Fund whilst ensuring that it is at a level that can be fully allocated.

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

LANPAC has received 7 applications in March 2016 which have been reviewed in line with the terms and conditions and criteria of the Fund as follows:

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| 1. Barrowford Cricket Club | - Recommended for approval |
| 2. Lancashire Youth Challenge | - Recommended for approval |
| 3. The Free Project | - Recommended for approval |
| 4. Green Park Amateur Bowling Club | - Recommended for approval |
| 5. 1st Upholland Scout Group | - Recommended for approval |
| 6. Burnley Youth Theatre | - Not recommended for approval |
| 7. Morecambe FC Community Sports | - Not recommended for approval |

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 £6,475

Financial Implications

These applications bring the total spend for the Community Action Fund in 2015/16 to £97,562.57 which will be contained within the overall PCC revenue budget.

Signature



Police and Crime Commissioner

Date

21st march 2016

PART I

1. Background and Advice

All applications have been assessed against the Fund Criteria and if recommended for approval meet all the criteria

2. Links to the Police and Crime Plan

All applications recommended for approval support one or more of the priorities details in the Police and Crime Plan

3. Consultation

N/A

4. Implications

- a. Legal
- b. Financial
- c. Equality considerations

Financial – The applications recommended for approval can be funded from existing funds allocated to the Community Action Fund




5. Background Papers

None

6. Public access to information

Information in this form is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and other legislation.

Part 1 of this form will be made available on the PCC website within 3 working days of approval. Any facts/advice/recommendations that should not be made available on request should not be included in Part 1 but instead on the separate Part 2 form.

Officer declaration	Date
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS – As above	
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS – As above	 21/3/16
EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS – None	
CONSULTATION – None	
<p>Director to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (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.</p> <p>Signature..........Date.....21-3-2016.....</p>	



LANCASHIRE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER

APPLICATIONS FOR DECISION 2015/83 – 21st March, 2016

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 Applications:

1. NAME:	Barrowford Cricket Club		
AREA:	Pendle	PRIORITY:	Tackle Crime & ASB
AMOUNT REQUESTED:	£2,500	Match Funds:	Own resources & other funding streams
Project Name & Cost	£10,000 Improvements to Barrowford Cricket Club		
Summary:	Barrowford Cricket Club has been the target of vandalism. The club wish to repair the security of the building, the clubhouse roof and refurbish inside the clubhouse.		
Comments:	Barrowford Cricket Club will welcome local youngsters to join there junior teams, attend training during week nights with matches taking place on the weekend.		
Recommendation:	1. That this application is supported by the Commissioner 2. That a grant of £2,500 is provided to Barrowford Cricket Club towards repairing security systems and building work conditional Barrowford Cricket Club make their facilities available to the whole community.		

2. NAME:	Lancashire Youth Challenge		
AREA:	Lancaster	PRIORITY:	Tackle Crime & ASB
AMOUNT REQUESTED:	£810	Match Funds:	Other funding streams
Project Name & Cost	£9,230 National 3 Peak Challenge 2016		
Summary:	Lancashire Youth Challenge aim to work with 50 hard to reach young people and will offer a 36 week training and personal development programme to prepare youngsters to tackle the National Three Peak Challenge.		
Comments:	The project will be documented from start to finish by a professional filmmaker to produce a short film which will act as a visual opportunity for the young people to witness how far they have come and what they have achieved.		
Recommendation:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That this application is supported by the Commissioner 2. That a grant of £810 is provided towards the cost of the 36 weeks training and personal development programme conditional Lancashire Youth Challenge submit their accounts and meet the criteria required. 		

3. NAME:	The Free Project CIC		
AREA:	Blackburn with Darwen	PRIORITY:	Protect Vulnerable People
AMOUNT REQUESTED:	£1,530	Match Funds:	Own resources
Project Name & Cost	£1,530 The Free Project		
Summary:	The Free Project offers a 'Soup Kitchen' event on Sunday evenings from 7:30pm – 8:30pm. The hostel also opens up three afternoons per week to vulnerable young women and men and offers Internet/Job searching and CV Creation facilities.		
Comments:	The Free Project also offers volunteering and training opportunities to 'guests' who illustrate an interest and show willingness and commitment to the Hub.		
Recommendation:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That this application is supported by the Commissioner 2. That a grant of £1,530 is provided to towards The Free Project towards to ongoing costs and running of the Hostel. 		

4. NAME:	Green Park Amateur Bowling Club		
AREA:	Blackburn	PRIORITY:	Tackle Crime & ASB
AMOUNT REQUESTED:	£1,832	Match Funds:	Own resources
Project Name & Cost	£2132.80 Bowling Green Security		
Summary:	Green Park Amateur Bowling Club has been subject to vandalism with the premises and wish to purchase and install CCTV Cameras to stop vandalism on their three bowling greens and park areas.		
Comments:	Blackburn and Darwen Council maintained the park until January 2014 however, due to cuts can no longer continue this. The NHS also use the facilities weekly for a Rehabilitation walk and bowl scheme project.		
Recommendation:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That this application is supported by the Commissioner 2. That 1/3 of the total project cost, equating to around £710 is provided to Green Park Amateur Bowling Club conditional they secure match funding. 3. That Green Park Amateur Bowling Club liaise with Blackburn and Darwen Council and the NHS and discuss potential funding options. 		

5. NAME:	1st Upholland Scout Group		
AREA:	West Lancashire	PRIORITY:	Tackle Crime & ASB
AMOUNT REQUESTED:	£925	Match Funds:	None
Project Name & Cost	£925 Rescue boat power		
Summary:	1 st Upholland Scout Group offer a range of outdoor water based diversionary activities to young people in West Lancashire. The Scout group wish to purchase a small, reliable outdoor motor for a sailing boat.		
Comments:	West Lancashire CSP confirmed they are a very active scout group within Skelmersdale and support their application.		
Recommendation:	1. That this application is supported by the Commissioner 2. That a grant of £925 is provided to 1 st Upholland Scout Group.		

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:	Burnley Youth Theatre		
AREA:	Burnley	PRIORITY:	Protect Vulnerable People
AMOUNT REQUESTED:	£720	Match Funds:	District CSP and the organisations own resources
Project Name & Cost	£7,425 Don't take the chance		
Details:	Burnley Youth Theatre wish to provide workshops to young people aged 11-17 to raise awareness of Child Sexual Exploitation, Online Safety and Drug and Alcohol Awareness.		
Recommendation:	1. That this application is NOT supported by the Commissioner 2. That it is noted that the organisation has more than £10k in unrestricted reserves.		

B. NAME:	Morecambe FC Community Sports		
AREA:	Morecambe	PRIORITY:	Tackle Crime and ASB
AMOUNT REQUESTED:	£2,500	Match Funds:	Other funding streams
Project Name & Cost	£10,000 Kickz football for boys and girls		
Details:	Morecambe FC Community Sports wish to provide 45 weeks of football sessions across 2 locations per week for youngsters.		
Recommendation:	1. That this application is NOT supported by the Commissioner 2. That it is noted that the organisation has more than £10k in unrestricted reserves.		

