

POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LANCASHIRE

Date: 5th October, 2015 **DECISION 2015/46**

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 14 applications in September 2015 which have been reviewed in line with the terms and conditions and criteria of the Fund as follows:

- 1. Blackburn & Darwen Youth Awareness Project Recommended for approval
- 2. Every Action Has Consequences Charity
- 3. Men Against Violence
- 4. St Oswald's Parochial Church Council
- 5. Tanhouse Morris Dancers
- 6. The Leyland Project
- 7. The Rotary Club of Fleetwood
- 8. Burnley Wood Community Centre
- 9. Borrowford Cricket Club
- 10. Chorley Women's Centre
- 11. Learning Stars
- 12. Prison Me No Way
- 13. Thwaites Empire Theatre
- 14. Caritas Combating Human Trafficking Group

- Recommended for approval
- 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 £16,992

Financial Implications

The 2015-16 budget for the Community Action Fund is £75,000 of which £39,018 has already been approved and awarded to other projects and schemes. The **£16,992** funding for these applications will be met from the remaining £35,982 leaving an unspent balance in the Fund of £18,990.

Signature
Police and Crime Commissioner
Date

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

Officer declaration

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	
EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS - None	
CONSULTATION - None	
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.	
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