



OFFICE OF THE POLICE & CRIME  
COMMISSIONER FOR THAMES VALLEY

Report for Decision: PCC 2016 / 17

Title: Police Property Act Fund donations 2016/17

**Executive Summary:**

The Police Property Act Fund is created from the proceeds of sale of goods recovered by the police that cannot be returned to their original owner. In accordance with the Police Property Act Regulations (1997) all awards from the fund must be for charitable purposes.

Applications were invited on 31 August from local voluntary and community groups who are working to improve the lives of people in the Thames Valley Police area. The closing date for submitting applications was 9.00am on 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

Applicants had to demonstrate how their project or activity contributes to meeting the PCC's Police & Crime Plan objectives of reducing reoffending with a particular emphasis on preventing young people entering the criminal justice system, and the prevention of cybercrime.

In total 123 separate bids were received requesting funding of almost £0.9m.

All applications were considered in detail by an officer working group and, where relevant, additional information and/or support was obtained from local police areas or specialist departments.

Their recommendations were considered by the PCC and Chief Constable at two separate meetings on 10<sup>th</sup> October and 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

In total the PCC and Chief Constable have agreed to provide a grant to 40 separate organisations with funding of £140,286

**Recommendation:**

The PCC is invited to APPROVE grants worth £140,286 to those local charities and community groups as set out in Appendix 1.

**Police and Crime Commissioner**

I hereby approve the recommendation above.

Signature

Date 28.11.16

## **PART I – NOT CONFIDENTIAL**

### **1 Introduction and background**

- 1.1 The Police (Property) Act 1997 is a fund whereby allocations are received from the sale of recovered stolen goods or property. If the owners of the property are not traceable then the goods are sold at auction. The monies from the sales of the goods are then redistributed by way of grants or donations for charitable purposes that support and complement local policing and crime reduction priorities.
- 1.2 Approximately £300,000 is available for distribution during 2016/17, of which £75,000 has been given to the three county based High Sherriff's for them to allocate to local good causes who help the police reduce crime and disorder. Of the remaining £225,000, around £125,000 was earmarked for distribution during this initial bidding round.
- 1.3 Applicants had to demonstrate how their project or activity contributes to meeting the PCC's Police & Crime Plan objectives of reducing reoffending with a particular emphasis on preventing young people entering the criminal justice system, and the prevention of cybercrime.
- 1.4 The bidding process commenced on 31 August and closed at 9.00am on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2016.
- 1.5 Under the Scheme of Governance, Financial Regulations provide for the PCC and Chief Constable to jointly determine the payments to be made in accordance with the Regulations.

### **2 Issues for consideration**

- 2.1 The focus of the first bidding round was reducing reoffending with a particular emphasis on preventing young people entering the criminal justice system, and the prevention of cybercrime. Applicants were asked to explain how they work with their local police to help deliver this policing objective.
- 2.2 In total 123 separate bids for funding were received requesting total funding of just under £0.9m, which is over seven times higher than the amount previously announced (£125,000) as being available for being distribution in this initial funding round. This therefore meant that the PCC and Chief Constable could only support a relatively small proportion of the total bids that had been received.
- 2.3 As such, all bids were reviewed and considered in detail to identify those that provide the greatest benefit to the PCC and Chief Constable in helping to reduce reoffending. Where appropriate, additional views and comments were sought from Local Police Area commanders and/or specialist departments to ensure that the local policing context was also considered.
- 2.4 The PCC and Chief Constable have agreed to support 40 separate organisations with individual grants ranging from £500 to £5,800.

### 3 Financial comments

3.1 The PCC and Chief Constable have agreed to support 40 separate organisations with individual grants ranging from £500 to £5,000, as set out in Appendix 1. In total these grants amount to £140,286

### 4 Legal comments

4.1 Under regulation 6(4)(c) of the Police (Property) Regulations 1997 the payment must be made for "charitable purposes". By virtue of the Charities Act 2011 a charitable purposes is one that falls under section 3(1) of the Act and is for the public benefit, which means it does not necessarily have to be a registered charity.

### 5 Equality comments

5.1 No specific implications arising from this report.

### 6 Conclusion

6.1 The PCC is asked to asked to formally approve the list of grant donations as set out in Appendix 1.

### 7 Background papers

n/a

#### Public access to information

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Is there a Part 2 form? No

Name & Role	Officer
<b>Head of Unit</b> Grants have been awarded in accordance with Financial Regulations	PCC / Chief Constable
<b>Legal Advice</b> Under regulation 6(4)(c) of the Police (Property) Regulations 1997 the payment must be made for "charitable purposes"	PCC Chief Executive
<b>Financial Advice</b> The fund is managed effectively and robustly and donations are made within the definitions of the regulatory framework.	Chief Finance Officer
<b>Equalities &amp; Diversity</b> No specific implications arising from this report	PCC Chief Executive

**OFFICER'S APPROVAL**

We have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that financial and legal advice have been taken into account in the preparation of this report.

We are satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

  
Chief Executive

Date: 28 November 2016

  
Chief Finance Officer

Date 28 November 2016

Organisation name	Area	Amount
Resolve Mediation	Berkshire	5,800
Thames Valley Neighbourhood Watch Association	Whole TVP area	5,300
Viva Network	Oxfordshire	5,000
MK-Act	Buckinghamshire	5,000
Parents And Children Together (PACT)	Berkshire	5,000
Berkshire Women's Aid	Buckinghamshire	5,000
SAFE! Support for Young People Affected by Crime	Whole TVP area	5,000
Chalvey youth and family support	Berkshire	5,000
Mediation Buckinghamshire	Buckinghamshire	5,000
Action4Youth	Buckinghamshire	5,000
AAFDA (Advocacy After Fatal Domestic Abuse)	Whole TVP area	5,000
Age UK Oxfordshire	Oxfordshire	5,000
The FIRST Stop Bus	Berkshire	5,000
Reading Street Pastors	Berkshire	5,000
My Life My Choice	Oxfordshire	4,900
Startuponline	Oxfordshire	4,750
Rape Crisis (Wycombe, Chiltern & South Bucks)	Buckinghamshire	4,500
TRAX - The Oxfordshire Motor Project	Oxfordshire	4,000
Milton Keynes Safeguarding Childrens Board (MKSCB)	Buckinghamshire	3,500
Family Friends in Windsor & Maidenhead	Berkshire	3,000
National Ugly Mugs	Whole TVP area	3,000
Volunteer Police Cadets	Whole TVP area	3,000
KeepOut - The Crime Diversion Scheme	Berkshire	3,000
Abingdon DAMASCUS Youth Project	Oxfordshire	3,000
Society	Berkshire	2,800
PILGRIM HEARTS TRUST	Berkshire	2,500
Just Around the Corner (JAC) Ltd	Berkshire	2,500
TRAIN	Oxfordshire	2,500
Aspire Oxfordshire Community Enterprise Ltd	Oxfordshire	2,500
Safety Centre (Hazard Alley) Ltd	Whole TVP area	2,500
Reducing the Risk of Domestic Abuse	Oxfordshire	2,500
Citizens Advice Oxford	Oxfordshire	2,236
Berkshire Care Trust	Berkshire	2,000
Aylesbury Homeless Action Group	Buckinghamshire	2,000
Aylesbury Town Chaplaincy	Buckinghamshire	2,000
Trailblazers Mentoring	Whole TVP area	2,000
Oxford Against Cutting	Oxfordshire	2,000
St Michael's church Horton	Berkshire	1,000
Royal Humane Society	Whole TVP area	1,000
Street Angels of Maidenhead	Berkshire	500
		<b>140,286</b>

Berkshire	43,100
Buckinghamshire	32,000
Oxfordshire	38,386
Whole TVP	26,800
	<b>140,286</b>

