



OFFICE OF THE POLICE & CRIME
COMMISSIONER FOR THAMES VALLEY

Report for Decision

Title: Community Safety Fund Grant Awards September 2017

Executive Summary:

The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) reviewed the use of the Community Safety Fund (CSF) as part of the preparation of the 2017-2021 Police and Crime Plan. The PCC decided to retain 10% of the overall CSF pot each financial year to facilitate funding of the PCC's local priorities and central commissioning of services.

One of the five strategic priority areas within the PCC's Police and Crime Plan is "Prevention and Early Intervention", with a specific focus on cybercrime and female genital mutilation (FGM). In order to facilitate the delivery of the Plan, funding is being made available through an open bidding process for projects and services operating within these priority areas.


The 2017/18 CSF grant bidding process opened on 8th August 2017 and closed on 5th September 2017. Thirty-seven applications were received (eleven for FGM and twenty six for cybercrime) and were assessed independently by a panel of OPCC and TVP officers according to pre-set evaluation criteria (i.e. 40% value for money / 60% quality of proposal). The independent assessors met and developed a consensus score and ranked order of bids.

Recommendations were forwarded to the PCC for approval on 29th September 2017.

Recommendation:

That the PCC award the following grants out of the 2017/18 CSF "top slice" fund, to improve prevention and early intervention in the areas of FGM and Cyber Crime

Organisation	Funding awarded	Geographical area covered by Organisation			
		Berks	Bucks	Oxon	MK
	£				
FGM bids					
Oxford Against Cutting	61,100	√	√	√	√
Alliance for Cohesion & Racial Equality (Bid #1)	17,626	√	√	√	√
Alliance for Cohesion & Racial Equality (Bid #2)	8,264	√			
MK Dons	1,750				√
Refugee Resource	13,296			√	
Somali Outreach Project	10,500				√
Slough Refugee Support	6,850	√ (Slough)			
Total funding for FGM applications	119,386				
Cybercrime bids					
Citizens Advice MK	7,887		√ (North Bucks)		√
Oxon & Bucks CC	50,895	√	√	√	√
Bucks CC	4,895		√		
Safety Centre	12,618		√	√	√
MK Snap	3,420		√		√
Oxford Student Union	2,000			√	
Autism Berkshire	2,500	√			
JS Pinnacle Solutions	9,850			√	
Total funding for Cybercrime applications	94,065				
Total all applications	213,451				

Police and Crime Commissioner	
I hereby approve the recommendation above.	
Signature	
Date	23 Oct 17.

PART 1 – NON-CONFIDENTIAL

1 Introduction and background

- 1.1 The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) reviewed the use of the Community Safety Fund (CSF) as part of the preparation of the 2017-2021 Police and Crime Plan. The PCC decided to retain 10% of the overall CSF pot each financial year to facilitate funding of the PCC's local priorities and central commissioning of services
- 1.2 One of the five strategic priority areas within the PCC's Police and Crime Plan is "Prevention and Early Intervention", with a specific focus on cybercrime and female genital mutilation (FGM). In order to facilitate the delivery of the Plan, funding is being made available through an bidding process for projects which meet one or more of the following criteria:-

Tackling FGM

- (a) Training or other awareness raising initiatives for key professionals (e.g. teachers, lawyers, health visitors, safeguarding leads) to encourage reporting and improve knowledge and the use of appropriate referral pathways.
- (b) Engagement and or education in key communities where there are cultures known to be at risk

Cyber Crime

- (c) To improve public awareness of measures to protect against cyber crime
- (d) To deliver targeted cyber-crime prevention activities to those at either end of the age spectrum

2 Issues for consideration

- 2.1 The grant bidding process opened on 8th August 2017 and closed on 5th September 2017. Thirty-seven applications were received (eleven for FGM and twenty six for cybercrime). In total, the funding bids from the thirty seven applicants amounted to £1,078,478
- 2.2 A summary of the bids is as follows:

Category	Number of bids	Range of bids	Average bid
FGM	11	£1,750 - £104,250	£30,154
Cybercrime	26	£600 - £93,590	£28,723
Total	37	£600 - £104,250	£29,148

- 2.3 Applications were assessed independently by a panel¹ of OPCC and TVP officers¹ according to pre-set evaluation criteria (i.e. 40% value for money / 60% quality of proposal). The independent assessors met and developed a consensus score and ranked order of bids.
- 2.4 The recommendations of the panel of assessors were then forwarded to the PCC for approval. The panel recommended 15 bids for approval (7 FGM and 8 cybercrime), amounting to total grant funding of £213,451 (£119,386 for FGM and £94,065 for cybercrime). A brief precis of each recommended bid and what it will deliver is provided at Annex 1.

3 Financial comments

- 3.1 The PCC has retained 10% of the CSF to facilitate funding of his local priorities and central commissioning of services. In 2017/18 this amounts to a budget of £303,948.
- 3.2 The total value of the proposed grant allocations is £213,451. This proposed expenditure can therefore be fully funded from within the PCC's retained 10% CSF budget.

4 Legal comments

- 4.1 No implications arising from this report.

5 Equality comments

- 5.1 None specific arising from this report. The PCC invited bids through an open and transparent process.

6 Background papers

Bid documentation
Tender responses
Evaluation Panel meeting notes
Police and Crime Plan 2017-2021

Public access to information

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Is the publication of this form to be deferred? No

Is there a Part 2 form? No


¹ The panel consisted of Candy Heinrich, Judi Banks, Wendy Walker (FGM only), Kelly Glister (FGM only), Gary Evans (Cyber Crime only) and Sally Russell (Cyber Crime only)

Name & Role	Officer
Head of Unit Grant allocations are being made following an open and transparent bidding process. This will support the PCC to meet one of his strategic priority areas within the Police and Crime plan.	Policy Development Manager
Legal Advice No issues or implications arising	PCC Chief Executive
Financial Advice Expenditure is fully covered by the 10% top sliced community safety fund allocation for 2017/18	PCC Chief Finance Officer
Equalities and Diversity No specific issues arising. Grant allocations are being made following an open and transparent bidding process	PCC Chief Executive


PCC'S STATUTORY CHIEF OFFICERS' 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 29/9/2017


 Chief Finance Officer

Date 29/9/17

Summary of Successful Applications to the Community Safety Fund

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FGM

Oxford Against Cutting

A 2 year programme to deliver specialist safeguarding training on FGM for school teams across Thames Valley

Alliance for Cohesion & Racial Equality (Bid #1)

The establishment of an advice hub which will be a centre of expertise for professionals to contact. This will include the development of a website & training for key professionals

Alliance for Cohesion & Racial Equality (Bid #2)

A programme of workshops for women and (separately) men within Berkshire with a focus on prevention & early intervention

MK Dons

Delivery of a campaign to raise awareness of FGM amongst their club database (90,000 people) and to use a player to be an ambassador for the message in local schools and the community

Refugee Resource

A series of 12 different comprehensive workshops (one per month over a year) to educate and inform participants about FGM. The output from these workshops will be that the trained women will become ambassadors within their communities. The participants will also visit organisations (such as local NHS, lawyers etc) to raise awareness

Somali Outreach Project

Working with schools and communities at risk in Milton Keynes by training teaching staff to encourage reporting and by running seminars to engage and educate key communities.

Slough Refugee Support

A rolling programme of face to face awareness sessions for service users and the local community, often in the users 1st language

CYBERCRIME

Citizens Advice MK

Delivery of 12 interactive awareness workshops, 150 practical advice sessions for victims of cybercrime, 50 preventative coaching sessions for people with low digital skills and the recruitment & training of 6-8 additional volunteers to deliver cybercrime prevention activities and to support victims of cybercrime

Oxon CC & Bucks CC

The development and production of an applied theatre production aimed at year 6 primary school children to educate on cybercrime, online grooming etc. The production will be shown to 40 primary schools in Oxfordshire and 40 in Buckinghamshire

Bucks CC

The project aims to help elderly and vulnerable people access computers and be taught about internet safety through a weekly programme of 1:1 tuition delivered by young volunteers from local secondary schools & colleges.

Safety Centre

Delivery of 90 internet safety sessions in schools in Milton Keynes, Aylesbury, Cherwell & West Oxfordshire.

MK Snap

Development of relevant media resources for people aged 16+ with learning difficulties to educate on cybercrime. These will be used for approx. 120 people supported by the charity. The resources will then be shared with other disability organisations across Thames Valley and on YouTube to engage and educate vulnerable people.

Oxford Student Union

Production of information pack to be delivered to all first year students (vulnerable as they have left home for the first time and some will be managing their financial affairs on

line for the first time) and to all non UK students. The information will also be added to their website services. In addition, training "advice ambassadors" to provide interactive workshops and cascade information at various student events.

Autism Berkshire

Provision of support and training to young people with autism in the areas of online safety alongside separate workshops for parents & carers. A total of 10 courses will be run

JS Pinnacle Solutions

Education for children (and separately) elderly people on the topic of online safety. Practical sessions on using PCs, setting up virus protection, firewalls, etc. as well as educating about safe use of social media, passwords and other preventative action.