



OFFICE OF THE POLICE & CRIME  
COMMISSIONER FOR THAMES VALLEY

**Report for Decision: PCC 2017 / 020**

**Title: Police Property Act Fund donations 2017/18**

**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 2017 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 5.00 pm on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017.

Applicants had to demonstrate how their project or activity contributes to meeting the following PCC Police & Crime Plan objectives:

- Vulnerability – managing demand on services through working together
- Prevention and early intervention – improving safeguarding in physical and virtual space
- Reducing reoffending - Targeting and managing harm and risk
- Serious organised crime and terrorism – Improving the local response

In total 106 separate bids were received requesting funding of almost £0.85m.

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 on 7<sup>th</sup> November.

In total the PCC and Chief Constable have agreed to provide a grant to 28 separate organisations with funding of £92,950.

**Recommendation:**

The PCC is invited to APPROVE grants worth £92,950 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** 28-11-17.

## **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 2017/18, 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, and a further £105,000 is being allocated through the four Community Foundations who have been tasked with obtaining additional match funding of at least £45,000 (i.e. to increase the total grant pot to at least £150,000). The remaining £120,000 is available for allocation through this public bidding round.
- 1.3 Applicants had to demonstrate how their project or activity contributes to meeting the following Police & Crime Plan objectives:
  - Vulnerability – managing demand on services through working together
  - Prevention and early intervention – improving safeguarding in physical and virtual space
  - Reducing reoffending - Targeting and managing harm and risk
  - Serious organised crime and terrorism – Improving the local response
- 1.4 The bidding process commenced on 31<sup>st</sup> August and closed at 5.00pm on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017.
- 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 Applicants were asked to explain how their work will help the PCC to deliver his police and Crime Plan objectives.
- 2.2 In total 106 separate bids for funding were received requesting total funding of just under £0.85m, which is over seven times higher than the amount currently available (£120,000) for distribution in this 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 deliver the Police and Crime Plan objectives. 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 28 separate organisations with individual grants ranging from £1,500 to £6,000.

### 3 Financial comments

- 3.1 The PCC and Chief Constable have agreed to support 28 separate organisations with individual grants ranging from £1,500 to £6,000, as set out in Appendix 1. In total these grants amount to £92,950
- 3.2 This leaves a relatively small amount of money for the PCC and Chief Constable to support other worthy causes outside of the public bidding round.

### 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 formally approve the list of grant donations as set out in Appendix 1.

### 7 Background papers

n/a

#### Public access to information

Information in this form is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and other legislation. Part 1 of this form will be made available on the website within 1 working day of approval. Any facts and advice that should not be automatically available on request should not be included in Part 1 but instead on a separate Part 2 form. Deferment of publication is only applicable where release before that date would compromise the implementation of the decision being approved.

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 2017

  
Chief Finance Officer

Date 28 November 2017

## Appendix 1

<b>Organisation Name</b>	<b>Area</b>	<b>Amount £</b>
Oxfordshire Lowland Search and Rescue	Oxfordshire	6,000
SAFE! Support for Young People Affected by Crime	Berkshire	5,000
Reading Street Pastors	Thames Valley	5,000
Thames Valley Partnership	Thames Valley	5,000
Citizens Advice Milton Keynes	Buckinghamshire	4,300
Just Around the Corner	Berkshire	4,000
Berkshire Care Trust	Berkshire	4,000
Safety Centre (Hazard Alley) Ltd	Thames Valley	4,000
Wycombe Youth Services Partnership	Buckinghamshire	3,900
The Mint House, Oxford Centre for Restorative Practice	Oxfordshire	3,750
The London and Slough Run Charitable Trust	Berkshire	3,500
The Porch	Oxfordshire	3,000
Trust House Reading	Berkshire	3,000
Oxfordshire Sexual Abuse & Rape Crisis Centre	Oxfordshire	3,000
The Dash Charity	Berkshire	3,000
Aylesbury Town Chaplaincy	Buckinghamshire	3,000
Youth Enquiry Service	Buckinghamshire	3,000
National Ugly Mugs	Thames Valley	3,000
Parents And Children Together (PACT)	Berkshire	3,000
Rape Crisis Wycombe Chiltern and South Bucks	Buckinghamshire	2,500
Oxfordshire Chinese Community and Advice Centre (OCCAC)	Oxfordshire	2,500
Viva Network	Oxfordshire	2,500
Aspire Oxfordshire Community Enterprise Ltd	Oxfordshire	2,500
AAFDA (Advocacy After Fatal Domestic Abuse)	Thames Valley	2,500
Abingdon Street Pastors	Oxfordshire	2,500
Pilgrims Heart Trust	Berkshire	2,500
Free Legal Advice Group for Domestic Violence (FLAG DV)	Berkshire	1,500
Modern Art Oxford in partnership with Children Heard and Seen	Oxfordshire	1,500
		<b>92,950</b>
	Berkshire	29,500
	Buckinghamshire	16,700
	Oxfordshire	27,250
	Thames Valley	19,500
		<b>92,950</b>