

**ORIGINATOR: POLICY & COMMISSIONING  
OFFICER**

**DECISION NUMBER: 34 - 2023**

**REASON FOR SUBMISSION: FOR DECISION**

**SUBMITTED TO: POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER**

**SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF SUFFOLK POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER'S  
FUND, ROUND 35, DEC 2023**

**SUMMARY:**

1. The Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC) Fund was established in February 2014 to support organisations that can contribute to delivering the PCC's Police and Crime Plan objectives.
2. The fund became operational on 1 April 2014 and a grant panel was established to consider applications and make recommendations on grant awards to the PCC who then determines every grant award. On 11 December 2023, the Panel met for Round 35 of the PCC Fund.
3. This decision paper sets out the recommendation to approve four applications totalling £26,521, as part of the third round of funding for 2023/24.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

It is recommended that:

1. The PCC approves a total of £26,521 be allocated from the 2023/24 PCC Fund budget, to be used to support the successful applicants in Round 35.

**APPROVAL BY: PCC**

The recommendation set out above is agreed.

**Signature:**

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**Date: 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

## DETAIL OF THE SUBMISSION

### 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 In accordance with the provisions in the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) can commission services that:
- a) secure, or contribute to securing, crime and disorder reduction in Suffolk;
  - b) are intended to help victims or witnesses of, or other persons affected by, offences and anti-social behaviour.
- 1.2 In applying this provision, the PCC will ensure that the services commissioned are also consistent with the Suffolk Police and Crime Plan.
- 1.3 This report provides a summary of the grants recommended for funding through the Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner's Fund in December 2023.

### 2. SUFFOLK POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER'S FUND

- 2.1 The Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner's Fund is administered by Suffolk Community Foundation and was previously known as the 'Safer Suffolk Fund'. More information on the establishment of the Fund can be found on the PCC website: [Decision Paper 10-2014](#).
- 2.2 In February 2022, a [new Police and Crime Plan](#) for the period 2022-2025 was published and the criteria for applications to the PCC Fund was aligned to the new objectives within the plan. The terms of reference was also updated to reflect the new objectives and the parameters in which the Fund will operate in.
- 2.3 The Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner's Fund seeks to support organisations that can show clear, measurable outcomes that address the objectives of the Police and Crime Plan for Suffolk. These outcomes have been strengthened and are specified in each application to the fund.
- 2.4 Applications are considered where links are made with the following key areas of the Police and Crime Plan:
- **Drugs and Substance Abuse** – supporting those who have drug and alcohol issues to positively impact on crime and disorder reduction.
  - **Preventing reoffending** – working with those who offend to reduce re-offending. This could include schemes to support offenders and ex-offenders to improve their skills and support their rehabilitation into the community.
  - **Reducing crime** – we will consider applications where an evidential link can be made with reducing crime and disorder.
  - **Serious Violence** – initiatives to support those at risk of offending and becoming victims of knife crime, gang activity and county lines.
  - **Vulnerable people** – who are or could be a target for crime. This could include people who are or could be a target for crime (including people with protected characteristics), or those vulnerable due to the nature of the crime they are suffering e.g. are persistently targeted or suffering online crime, modern slavery, hate crime or abuse.
  - **Victims of crime** – helping people cope with the immediate impact of the crime and recover from the harm caused – especially where partnerships are formed to support victims.

- **Young people** – positive engagement schemes to reduce crime and disorder with a focus on those who are disadvantaged or at risk of offending and provide opportunities for young people.
- 2.5 The panel, established to consider the grant applications, is chaired by the PCC who is responsible for final determination of each award. The panel includes a representative of the PCC's commissioning team and Chairs of the local Community Safety Partnerships (Ipswich, West Suffolk, East Suffolk).
- 2.6 The decisions for all previous grant awards can be found on the [PCC's website](#).

### **3. PROPOSED GRANTS FOR FUNDING**

- 3.1 Details of the grants proposed can be found in Appendix A. Conditions, including monitoring arrangements, for each award are agreed between Suffolk Community Foundation on behalf of the PCC and the recipient.
- 3.2 No grant funding will be released to any applicant until the conditions of the grant have been met. Appendix A indicates where an applicant is subject to conditions before receiving grant funding via the PCC Fund Panel.

### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The recommended grants from Round 35 of the panel total £26,521.
- 4.2 The PCC has committed to awarding multi-year funding, where an organisation applies, which is subject to Suffolk Community Foundation's due diligence checks and review by the panel prior to the award of funding in year 2.
- 4.3 At the December panel, there were no successful multi-year applicants.

### **5. OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS**

- 5.1 There are no major implications or risks associated with this decision paper.

### **6. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 6.1 It is recommended that:
- 1) The PCC approves a total of £26,521 be allocated from the 2023/24 PCC Fund budget, to be used to support the successful applicants in Round 35.

<b>ORIGINATOR CHECKLIST (MUST BE COMPLETED)</b>	<b>PLEASE STATE 'YES' OR 'NO'</b>
Has legal advice been sought on this submission?	<b>NO</b>
Has the PCC's Chief Finance Officer been consulted?	<b>NO</b>
Have equality, diversity and human rights implications been considered including equality analysis, as appropriate?	<b>YES</b>
Have human resource implications been considered?	<b>YES</b>
Is the recommendation consistent with the objectives in the Police and Crime Plan?	<b>YES</b>
Has consultation been undertaken with people or agencies likely to be affected by the recommendation?	<b>YES</b>
Has communications advice been sought on areas of likely media interest and how they might be managed?	<b>YES</b>
Have all relevant ethical factors been taken into consideration in developing this submission?	<b>YES</b>

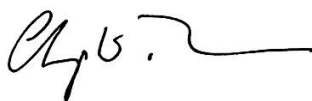
In relation to the above, please ensure that all relevant issues have been highlighted in the 'other implications and risks' section of the submission.

#### **APPROVAL TO SUBMIT TO THE DECISION-MAKER**

##### **Chief Executive**

I am satisfied that relevant advice has been taken into account in the preparation of the report and that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the PCC.

**Signature:**



**Date: 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

## SUFFOLK POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER'S FUND 2023/24

Organisation	Benefit Area	Funding purpose	Police and Crime Plan objectives	Grant Awarded [subject to condition – (C)]	Year 2 Funding
<b>Summary of grants awarded – Round 35 (Dec 2023)</b>					
Missing People	Suffolk	Towards a digital support service for young people aged 13-18 to empower them to find a way out of exploitation, abuse, and coercive situations.	<b>Objective 2: Initiatives which support victims and reduce crime and disorder</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Investment in solutions that prevent crime and disorder, or improve community safety.</li> <li>- Focus more support to divert young people from crime, and provide prevention advice so they do not become victims.</li> </ul> <b>Objective 4: Partnership work to enhance community safety</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ensuring investments in crime and disorder reduction are effectively communicated to Community Safety Partnerships.</li> <li>- Support initiatives which benefit young people.</li> <li>- Work with partners to understand gaps in service, reduce reoffending, and prevent crime.</li> <li>- Tackle issues of concern for policing and victims of crime in partnership.</li> </ul>	£8,526 (c)	
River Church	Ipswich	To support the River Football Project (Bridge the Gap) aimed at addressing ASB for 19-25 year olds in central Ipswich.	<b>Objective 2: Initiatives which reduce crime and disorder</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Investment in solutions that prevent crime and disorder, or improve community safety.</li> <li>- Reduce the demand on police (i.e., reoffending).</li> <li>- Focus more support to divert young people from crime, and provide prevention advice.</li> </ul>	£5,000(c)	

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Rock, Paper, Scissors	Suffolk	Towards a community art project, creating murals with school children to be displayed in areas around their school which have high incidences of ASB.	<b>Objective 2: Initiatives which reduce crime and disorder</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Investment in solutions that prevent crime and disorder, or improve community safety.</li> <li>- Reduce the demand on police (i.e. ASB).</li> </ul> <b>Objective 4: Partnership work to enhance community safety</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ensuring investments in crime and disorder reduction are effectively communicated to Community Safety Partnerships.</li> <li>- Support initiatives which benefit young people</li> <li>- Work with partners to reduce reoffending and prevent crime.</li> <li>- Tackle issues of concern for policing and victims of crime in partnership.</li> </ul>	£4,995 (c)	
St Thomas the Apostle and Martyr	Ipswich	Towards weekly youth provision for young people aged 11-19 in the Whitehouse area. The youth provision is aimed to address ASB and provide an alternative to young people, whilst also providing advice on drug misuse.	<b>Objective 2: Initiatives which reduce crime and disorder</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Support vulnerable young people through initiatives which divert them from criminality and enhance their skills.</li> <li>- Investment in solutions that prevent crime and disorder, or improve community safety.</li> <li>- Reduce the demand on police (i.e. ASB).</li> </ul>	£8,000 (c)	

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