

**ORIGINATOR: POLICY & COMMISSIONING
OFFICER**

DECISION NUMBER: 13 - 2025

REASON FOR SUBMISSION: FOR DECISION

SUBMITTED TO: POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

**SUBJECT: SUFFOLK POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER'S (PCC's) FUND
2025/26**

SUMMARY:

1. The Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC's) Fund was established in February 2014 to support organisations that can contribute to delivering the Police and Crime Plan objectives. The fund became operational on 1 April 2014 and has been funded by the PCC on an annual basis.
2. Suffolk Community Foundation manage and administer the fund and grant-making process. A grants panel considers the applications to the fund and the PCC makes a final determination on each award.
3. In 2024/25, the PCC's Fund granted 22 successful applications, working with a projected 26,770 beneficiaries.
4. This decision paper sets out the recommendation to approve new funding of £300,000 for 2025/26.
5. This decision paper notes the recommendation in Decision 12 - 2025 to allocate £103,098 of the new funding to be used alongside the remainder of the 2024/25 budget to cover funding for Round 39 of the PCC's Panel, March 2025.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that:

1. Suffolk Community Foundation continues to undertake the management and administration of The Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner's Fund;
2. The PCC approves allocating £300,000 for 2025/26;
3. The PCC notes that £103,098 from this budget will be to be used alongside the remainder of the 2024/25 budget to cover additional funding for Round 39.

APPROVAL BY: PCC

The recommendation set out above is agreed.

Signature:



Date: 29.04.2025

DETAIL OF THE SUBMISSION

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) can commission services that:
- a) secure, or contribute to securing, crime and disorder reduction in Suffolk, or;
 - b) are intended to help victims or witnesses of, or other persons affected by, offences and anti-social behaviour.
- This is in accordance with the provisions in the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. In applying this provision, the PCC will ensure that the services commissioned are also consistent with the Suffolk Police and Crime Plan.
- 1.2 In April 2025, the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) published the [new Police and Crime Plan for 2025-2029](#). This plan includes a review of commissioning outcomes to align with the PCC's priority areas moving forward.
- 1.3 This plan emphasises a strong commitment to supporting children and young people, alongside efforts to work with adult offenders to reduce re-offending. Consequently, the PCC is dedicated to reviewing the current model of the fund and considering a restructure for 2026/2027.
- 1.4 Overall, this report sets out the background to the Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner's Fund and proposes to continue the current model of operation with a recommended funding of £300,000 for the financial year 2024/25.
- 1.5 However, it should be noted that £103,098 of this is to be used to help fund successful applications from Round 39 of the Fund, in March 2025. In doing so, the proposal is to reduce the number of funding rounds held in 2025/26.

2. SUFFOLK POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER'S FUND

- 2.1 The Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner's Fund, previously known as the 'Safer Suffolk Fund', was established in 2014. Since its inception, the Fund has been administered by Suffolk Community Foundation (SCF), one of 46 Community Foundations in the UK. SCF enables local people to donate to the heart of their communities, addressing a wide range of issues and acting as a channel for multiple funds to support hard-to-reach communities and the organisations working within them.
- 2.2 The Fund aims to support organisations that can demonstrate clear, measurable outcomes addressing the key objectives of the Police and Crime Plan for Suffolk. Since 2014, the Fund has distributed approximately £3.2 million in grant funding and supported over 220 applications for voluntary and charitable sector projects.
- 2.3 Last year, 22 grants were awarded to support projects engaging over 26,000 beneficiaries. These projects focused on reducing exploitation, enhancing skills, improving community safety, and providing support to vulnerable individuals to reduce offending and police demand.
- 2.4 In April 2025, the new Police and Crime Plan for the period 2025-2029 was published. The criteria for applications to the PCC's Fund continue to align with the commitments within the plan. The application process and criteria are available on the SCF website.

- 2.5 The Fund will continue to invite applications from voluntary and community groups, charities, social enterprises, and community interest companies that target vulnerable people, children and young people, serious violence, drugs and substance abuse, and preventing and reducing crime.
- 2.6 However, in relation to the new Plan, a revision of commissioning outcomes has taken place. Moving forward, these organisations should provide support in partnership or collaboration, with connections to the following key areas of the Police and Crime Plan:
- Improved Confidence, Resilience and Feelings of Safety
 - Increased Education, Skills, Training and Employability
 - Reduced Offending, Violence and Exploitation
 - Improved Mental Health, Reduced Addiction and Homelessness
- 2.7 It is proposed that Suffolk Community Foundation continues to manage and administer the grant-making process, including advertising and promotion (with the OPCC), handling enquiries, processing applications, assessing applications, recommending projects to the Fund's Grant Panel, notifying applicants, and monitoring and evaluating grant awards.
- 2.8 The PCC has reviewed the current process of the Panel and developed streamlined outcomes and measurements to improve the recording of impact (as above). All changes have been made in liaison with Suffolk Community Foundation, and the updated Terms of Reference includes an exhaustive list of roles and responsibilities.
- 2.9 It is proposed that the PCC's Fund Grant Panel will consider grant applications through up to three funding rounds in 2025/26. The panel will include a representative from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and Chairs of the local Community Safety Partnerships (Ipswich, West Suffolk, and East Suffolk). The Panel will be chaired by the PCC, who is responsible for the final determination of each grant award.
- 2.10 Decision papers summarising grant awards from all previous panel meetings can be found on the Decisions section of the PCC's website. A record of grants awarded is available on a separate page dedicated to the PCC's Fund, along with information on how to apply for grant funding. The PCC's Annual Report also summarises the grants awarded each year.
- 2.11 Each grant recipient will be required to complete an end-of-project, and where appropriate, a mid-project impact report outlining activities undertaken and the outcomes achieved.
- 2.12 All recommendations in this report aim to support a more effective approach to funding for crime and disorder reduction. The PCC's new plan clearly prioritises work with children, young people, and adult offenders to reduce crime and disorder in our communities.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 It is recommended that the PCC approves an allocation of £300,000 from his commissioning budget for the operation of the PCC's Fund in 2025/26. This level of funding is consistent with previous years and would typically support up to four funding rounds.
- 3.2 However, it should be noted that £103,098 of the proposed 2025/26 budget is required to support successful applicants from Round 39 in March 2025. Consequently, the 2025/26 budget for the PCC's Fund would be £196,902 for the remainder of the financial year. Therefore, it is proposed that up to three funding rounds take place instead.
- 3.3 This approach is necessary to address the current budget shortfall and ensure the continuity of essential projects and services. By reallocating a portion of the 2025/26 budget, we can

avoid disruptions that could negatively impact our objectives and stakeholders. This reallocation is crucial for supporting the Police and Crime Plan, ensuring that key initiatives aimed at enhancing public safety and crime prevention are not compromised.

- 3.4 In order to meet the costs of managing and administering the PCC's Fund, Suffolk Community Foundation will charge a fee of 7.5% on the value of the funds awarded. This fee covers all aspects of the management and administration of the grant-making process and is included within the total sum of the budget.
- 3.5 Suffolk Community Foundation will provide the Police and Crime Commissioner with regular financial statements for the PCC's Fund.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

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

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 It is recommended that:

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- 2) The PCC approves allocating £300,000 for 2025/26;
- 3) The PCC notes that £103,098 from this budget will be to be used alongside the remainder of the 2024/25 budget to cover additional funding for Round 39.

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

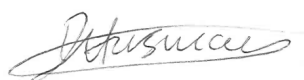
In relation to the above, please ensure that all relevant issues have been highlighted in the 'other implications and risks' section of the submission.

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT TO THE DECISION-MAKER

Chief Executive Officer

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: 29.04.2025