

Summary of Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner's Fund, Round 41, August 2026.

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Originator: Commissioning Officer

Decision Number: 28 - 2026

Reason for Submission: For Decision

Submitted to: Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC)

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 grants panel was established to consider applications and make recommendations to the PCC who then determines every grant award. On 12 August 2026, the panel met for Round 41 of the PCC's Fund.
3. This decision paper sets out the recommendation to approve ten applications totalling £163,325, as part of the first round of funding for 2026/27.

Recommendation

It is recommended that:

1. The PCC approves a total of £163,325 to fund successful applicants in Round 41 and all appropriate commission charges to Suffolk Community Foundation.

Approval by PCC

The recommendation as outlined above is approved.

Signed: Tim Passmore

Signature: 

Date: 21 September 2026

Detail of Submission

1. Objective

- 1.1 In accordance with the provisions in the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 the Police and Crime Commissioner can commission services that:
 - a) secure, or contribute to securing crime and disorder reduction;
 - 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 2025-2029](#).
- 1.3 The Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC's) Fund requires applicants to demonstrate how their proposed activities further the objectives within the Police and Crime Plan. This report provides a summary of the grants recommended through the Fund's August 2026 panel.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Suffolk PCC's Fund has been administered by Suffolk Community Foundation since 2014.
- 2.2 In March 2025, the Police and Crime Plan for the period 2025-2029 was published and the criteria for applications to the PCC's Fund was aligned to the objectives within the plan.
- 2.3 Applications are considered where links are made with the following key areas of the Police and Crime Plan:

Theme 2 – Commissioning services which support victims of crime and investing in initiatives which reduce crime, disorder, offending and prevent victimisation.

Objective 1: Commissioning services which support victims of crime.

Objective 2: Investing in initiatives which reduce crime, disorder, offending and prevent victimisation.

Theme 3 – Effective engagement with communities, and working with partner agencies, to enhance community safety and criminal justice.

Objective 3: Work in partnership to support criminal justice and enhance community safety.

2.4 Applications are required to target one of the following groups:

- Adult Offenders,
- Children & Young People (offenders, at risk of offending and exploitation),
- Communities (at risk of/affected by crime and/or fear of crime and ASB),
- Victims of crime (excluding DA and Sexual Abuse/Violence).

2.5 The PCC's Fund seeks to support organisations that can show clear, measurable outcomes that help achieve the objectives in the Police and Crime Plan for Suffolk. As a result of the new plan, these outcomes have been strengthened and are specified in each application to the Fund and will be used to assess impact and progress. Outcomes need to show impact against at least one of the following:

- Improved Confidence, Resilience and/or Feelings of Safety.
- Increased Education, Skills, Training and/or Employability.
- Reduced Offending, Violence and/or Exploitation.
- Improved Mental Health, Reduced Addiction and/or Homelessness.

2.6 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).

2.7 The decisions for previous grant awards can be found on the PCC's website.

3. Areas for Consideration

3.1 The first 2026/27 PCC Fund panel (Round 41) was held on 12 August 2026. Eighteen applications were considered with ten being selected for funding.

3.2 Details of the selected grants can be found in Appendix A. Conditions, including monitoring agreements for each award are agreed between Suffolk Community Foundation, on behalf of the PCC, and the recipient.

3.3 No grant funding will be released to any applicant until the conditions of the grant have been met.

4. Other options considered

- 4.1 During each panel meeting, alternative funding streams are considered to ensure the PCC Fund is used effectively and appropriately. Where a more suitable source of funding is identified, further enquiries are made and applications referred for consideration. Two applications from Round 41 were referred to alternative funding streams.
- 4.2 In addition, to enable a second round of applications to be opened during the 2026/27 financial year, it was agreed that all successful applicants would be awarded funding for one year only, irrespective of whether they had originally applied for one or two years of funding. This approach was intended to maximise the opportunity to deliver a further funding round.

5. Strategic aims / objective supported

- 5.1 The PCC Fund is administered in accordance with the provisions of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.
- 5.2 Applicants to the fund are asked to set out links to the Police and Crime Plan as described at paragraphs 2.3 to 2.5.

6. Financial and other resource implications

- 6.1 The recommended grants from Round 41 total £163,325 – which can be seen at Appendix A.
- 6.2 The PCC Fund for 2026/27 is £300,000 in total. In November 2025, while considering the applications for Round 40, the PCC agreed to use £49,000 of the 2026/27 PCC Fund budget to address the additional need identified in Round 40. This helped ensure continuity of essential projects and services. Subsequent amendments to some of these grants resulted in the actual amount taken from the 2026/27 budget being £36,183.26. Therefore, the PCC's Fund starting budget for Round 41 was £263,816.74.
- 6.3 Following the allocation of Round 41's successful grant awards and Suffolk Community Foundation deductions, an estimated £88,242 remains available for future funding rounds.

- 6.4 It is recommended that, given the limited budget remaining for 2026/27, the PCC Fund be opened for one final round of applications before 31 March 2027.

7. Environmental Implications

- 7.1 There are no specific environmental implications to include within this decision report.

8. Other implications and risks

- 8.1 Equality impact has been reviewed this year and Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) considerations discussed with Suffolk Community Foundation to ensure that they have the appropriate policies in place.
- 8.2 There are no other implications or risks to be considered.

Originator Checklist (must be completed).

Please state 'yes' or 'no'

Checklist Item	Yes / No
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?	No
Is the recommendation consistent with Police and Crime Plan objectives?	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?	No
Have environmental factors been considered?	Yes
In relation to the above, have all relevant issues been highlighted in the 'other implications and risks section of the submission?	Yes
Is this report a Confidential Decision?	No

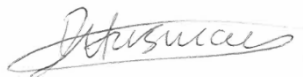
If yes, please state reasons below:

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, that the recommendation has been reviewed and that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the PCC.

Signed: Darren Horsman



Signature:

Date: 14 September 2026

Chief Finance Officer (Section 151 Officer)

I certify that:

a) there are no financial consequences as a result of this decision,

Or

b) the costs identified in this report can be met from existing revenue or capital budgets,

Or

c) the costs identified in this report can be financed from reserves

And

d) the decision can be taken on the basis of my assurance that Financial Regulations have been complied with.

Signed: Colette Batson



Signature:

Date: 15 September 2026

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Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner's Fund 2026/27: Round 41

Organisation	Benefit area	Funding purpose	Police and Crime Plan objectives (within 2025-2029 plan)	Grant Awarded [subject to conditions]
For Children and Young People (4YP)	Ipswich	Targeted detached Outreach Youth Work project within Ipswich Town Centre, parts of Westgate ward, the Waterfront, and the local College and University areas.	Theme 2, Objective 2: Initiatives which reduce crime, disorder, offending and prevent victimisation - Reduce the demand on police (i.e. ASB). - Support vulnerable young people through initiatives which divert them from criminality and enhance their skills. - Investment in local solutions that prevent crime and disorder or improve community safety. Theme 3, Objective 3: Partnership work to enhance community safety - Ensuring investments in crime and disorder reduction are effectively communicated to Community Safety Partnerships.	£20,000

Inspire Suffolk	Ipswich and Lowestoft	To support the continuation of Inspire's youth work programme in Ipswich and Lowestoft.	Theme 2, Objective 2: Initiatives which reduce crime, disorder, offending and prevent victimisation - Reduce the demand on police (i.e. ASB). - Investment in local solutions that prevent crime and disorder, reduce reoffending or improve community safety. Theme 3, Objective 3: Partnership work to enhance community safety - Ensuring investments in crime and disorder reduction are effectively communicated to Community Safety Partnerships.	£20,000
Ipswich Community Media and Learning CIO	Ipswich	Working with young offenders and those at risk of offending by engaging them in creative activity, diverting them from offending behaviour and building confidence and self-esteem.	Theme 2, Objective 2: Initiatives which reduce crime, disorder, offending and prevent victimisation - Reduce the demand on police (i.e. ASB). - Support vulnerable young people through initiatives which divert them from criminality and enhance their skills. - Investment in local solutions that prevent crime and disorder or improve community safety.	£17,850

			Theme 3, Objective 3: Partnership work to enhance community safety - Co-operate with partners to support initiatives which benefit young people and reduce offending. - Ensuring investments in crime and disorder reduction are effectively communicated to Community Safety Partnerships.	
Just42	Rendlesham, Hollesley, Gundisburgh, Alderton and Sutton Heath	To sustain and enhance six youth clubs for young people aged 11-18 in rural villages.	Theme 2, Objective 2: Initiatives which reduce crime, disorder, offending and prevent victimisation - Reduce the demand on police (i.e. ASB). - Investment in local solutions that prevent crime and disorder, reduce reoffending or improve community safety. Theme 3, Objective 3: Partnership work to enhance community safety - Ensuring investments in crime and disorder reduction are effectively communicated to Community Safety Partnerships.	£20,000
Kernos Centre	Sudbury	To deliver ring-fenced, specialist counselling for children, young people, and family members referred by Suffolk's Youth Justice Service.	Theme 2, Objective 2: Initiatives which reduce crime, disorder, offending and prevent victimisation - Reduce the demand on police (i.e. ASB).	£5,000

			- Support vulnerable young people through initiatives which divert them from criminality and enhance their skills. - Investment in local solutions that prevent crime and disorder, reduce reoffending or improve community safety. Theme 3, Objective 3: Partnership work to enhance community safety - Co-operate with partners to support initiatives which benefit young people and reduce offending. - Ensuring investments in crime and disorder reduction are effectively communicated to Community Safety Partnerships.	
Learn To CIC	Ipswich	To fund a Labouring course designed to support young people aged 16-24 who are involved in the Youth Justice System, are NEET or care experienced.	Theme 2, Objective 2: Initiatives which reduce crime, disorder, offending and prevent victimisation - Reduce the demand on police (i.e. ASB). - Support vulnerable young people through initiatives which divert them from criminality and enhance their skills.	£13,500

			- Investment in local solutions that prevent crime and disorder or improve community safety. Theme 3, Objective 3: Partnership work to enhance community safety - Co-operate with partners to support initiatives which benefit young people and reduce offending. Ensuring investments in crime and disorder reduction are effectively communicated to Community Safety Partnerships.	
Ormiston Families	Suffolk	Supporting the Breaking Barriers service to support children and young people who are in distress due to parental imprisonment.	Theme 2, Objective 2: Initiatives which reduce crime, disorder, offending and prevent victimisation - Support vulnerable young people through initiatives which divert them from criminality and enhance their skills. - Investment in local solutions that prevent crime and disorder or improve community safety. Theme 3, Objective 3: Partnership work to enhance community safety - Ensuring investments in crime and disorder reduction are effectively	£20,000

			communicated to Community Safety Partnerships. - Co-operate with partners to support initiatives which benefit young people and reduce offending	
Pathways Care Farm	Lowestoft	To provide weekly 'Friendship Groups' within a therapeutic environment for victims of crime referred by support services and other local partners.	Theme 2, Objective 1: Commissioning services which support victims of crime. - Provide services which support victims of crime. Theme 2, Objective 2: Initiatives which reduce crime, disorder, offending and prevent victimisation - Investment in local solutions that prevent crime and disorder or improve community safety. Theme 3, Objective 3: Partnership work to enhance community safety - Ensuring investments in crime and disorder reduction are effectively communicated to Community Safety Partnerships.	£7,000
Union Romani Voice	Ipswich	Delivery of the Community Action for Safer Neighbourhoods project, supporting Romanian and Roma communities across Ipswich through community safety workshops, youth engagement and parent awareness sessions, school-based	Theme 2, Objective 2: Initiatives which reduce crime, disorder, offending and prevent victimisation - Reduce the demand on police (i.e. ASB). - Support vulnerable young people through initiatives which divert	£20,000

		workshops and multi-agency community events.	them from criminality and enhance their skills. - Investment in local solutions that prevent crime and disorder or improve community safety. Theme 3, Objective 3: Partnership work to enhance community safety - Ensuring investments in crime and disorder reduction are effectively communicated to Community Safety Partnerships. - Co-operate with partners to support initiatives which benefit young people and reduce offending	
Volunteer It Yourself CIC	Lowestoft	To fund the Volunteer It Yourself improvement and refurbishment project at the Seagull Theatre, providing marginalised, excluded, disengaged and NEET young people with skills development, work experience and employability opportunities.	Theme 2, Objective 2: Initiatives which reduce crime, disorder, offending and prevent victimisation - Reduce the demand on police (i.e. ASB). - Support vulnerable young people through initiatives which divert them from criminality and enhance their skills. - Investment in local solutions that prevent crime and disorder or improve community safety. Theme 3, Objective 3: Partnership work to enhance community safety	£19,975

			- Ensuring investments in crime and disorder reduction are effectively communicated to Community Safety Partnerships. - Co-operate with partners to support initiatives which benefit young people and reduce offending	
Total				£163.325