

ORIGINATOR: LIZ HOLLINGWORTH

DECISION NUMBER: 18-2014

REASON FOR SUBMISSION: FOR DECISION

SUBMITTED TO: POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

**SUBJECT: AWARD OF CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION GRANT –
ACCESS COMMUNITY TRUST: OUTREACH – YOUTH**

SUMMARY:

1. Police and Crime Commissioners are able to utilise their resources to commission services from anyone who can provide the community safety related services that they believe will contribute to their police and crime objectives. These objectives are set out in the PCC's Police and Crime Plan 2013-2017 and include various themes including young people.
2. Following discussions between the OPCC and Access Community Trust this report seeks approval to award a Crime and Disorder Reduction Grant to Access Community Trust of £4,532 to deliver youth outreach activity in Central Lowestoft.
3. The funding will enable crime and disorder reduction activity focussing on: supporting vulnerable young people; reducing anti-social behaviour; and preventing the damaging effects of substance misuse on lives, crime levels and the night-time economy.
4. The original application is included alongside this decision paper.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the PCC approves a grant of £4,532 to Access Community Trust for the period 16 June 2014 to 30 September 2014 from the PCC's Police and Crime Plan Fund.

APPROVAL BY: PCC

The recommendation set out is agreed.

Signature

Tina Parnham

Date

9th June 2014

DETAIL OF THE SUBMISSION

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) is able to utilise his resources to commission services from anyone who can provide the community safety related services that they believe will contribute to their police and crime objectives including secure, or contribute to securing crime and disorder reduction.
- 1.2 This report seeks approval to award a Crime and Reduction Disorder Grant of £4,532 to Access Community Trust to fund a new Youth Outreach service in Central Lowestoft. This decision paper should be read alongside the original application.

2. ACCESS COMMUNITY TRUST – YOUTH OUTREACH

- 2.1 Access Community Trust works with disadvantaged communities in Suffolk and Norfolk, providing support for housing, health, wellbeing, education and employment.
- 2.2 Access Community Trust consider a new programme of youth outreach is needed in central Lowestoft to address a perceived increase in anti-social behaviour. The Trust proposes that two members of staff engage at street level with 40 individuals over three months in order to secure a reduction in anti-social behaviour incidents. Staff will refer young people to off-street activities, specialist agencies (for example to address substance misuse) and explore education and employment opportunities. The project will complete within three months.
- 2.3 Through a focus on vulnerable young people, substance misuse and anti-social behaviour, the activity will address the following Police and Crime Plan objectives:
- Reduce Re-offending
 - Prevent the damaging effects of drugs and alcohol on lives, crime levels and the night-time economy
 - Support crime prevention activity
 - Reduce Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)
 - Engage with businesses to reduce business crime
- 2.4 The project will report to the PCC on the outcomes of the project and progression of individuals involved before wider dissemination of findings to local police and other agencies. Staff will work with the police and local businesses to gather baseline data and develop a plan of action enabling sustainability of the work.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

- 3.1 Funding of £4,532 is being applied for to cover staff hours (21 hours per week for 12 weeks), resources and education.
- 3.3 Evidence of spend will be made available together with outcomes as part of the monitoring process

4. MISCELLANEOUS CONDITIONS OF AWARD

- 4.1 In addition to the grant conditions set out in the application form, the following conditions will apply should a grant be awarded.
- i. Future applications for funding will require a full business case.
 - ii. Output and outcome measures will be developed with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

- iii. A final presentation and report will be delivered to the Police and Crime Commissioner's Accountability and Performance Panel held on 18 October 2014.
- iv. The Manager of the Lowestoft Rising project will be consulted by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner in relation to the performance of the project and project outcomes.

5. OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS:

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

ORIGINATOR CHECKLIST (MUST BE COMPLETED)	PLEASE STATE 'YES' OR 'NO'
Has legal advice been sought on this submission?	Yes
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?	N/A
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 (this approval is required only for submissions to the PCC).

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 (add decision-maker's title e.g. the PCC).

Signature:

Date 9 June 2014



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**POLICE AND CRIME PLAN RESERVE
APPLICATION FORM 2013/14 FOR GRANT OF UP TO £5000**

Name of Organisation Access Community Trust

Contact Point Emma Ratzer **Tel No.** 01502 527204

Project/event Outreach - Youth

Date of event (if applicable) From date funding received for a period of 3 months

What are you seeking to achieve from undertaking this project/event?

A 3 month pilot of ASB and other night time activity in central Lowestoft particularly involving 8-18 year olds. The project will collate baseline data collected from local police and local businesses and design a delivery plan that clearly highlights intended outcomes for the locality. i.e. number of police calls decreased, number of graffiti decreased and positive outcomes for the individual. i.e. Meaningful activity away from the streets.

An article in today's Journal (Lowestoft newspaper, 21st Feb 2014) states that there has been an increase in calls to the local police in relation to large groups of youngsters (numbers of 30 – 40 are being reported) creating problems for local businesses and issues such as underage drinking and smoking are being reported alongside the anti-social behaviours such as causing damage to property.

We will work with a minimum of 40 individuals on a one to one basis during the three months by delivering outreach support in the form of two members of staff engaging at 'street' level with those young people who are congregating in large groups, contributing to ASB or generally being a public nuisance. Support will include signposting to other services, giving access to meaningful activity and positive use of time interventions (delivered by the staff) and/or referral to specialist agencies in respect of drug/alcohol/mental health or other issues. Education and Employment opportunities will also be explored by the staff with individuals who are able to engage on this level.

How does this project/event support the objectives set out in the Police & Crime Plan?

Vulnerable young people – working with this target group who are committing crime and/or being involved in low level illegal street activity.

Substance misuse – working with young people using or contemplating using substances. Making correct referrals to appropriate agencies and providing diversional activity.

Creating a safer night time economy – reducing ASB on the streets, reducing intimidation, liaison with police, town pastors etc.

This bid is supported by Phil Aves, Manager of the Lowestoft Rising project.

When do you expect to complete this project/event and what are the expected outcomes?

Three months from start date

Outcomes will be:

ASB – reduction in ASB incidents. Referral numbers to services such as substance misuse, mental health, anger management, education, employment

The local economy – increasing safer environments around local businesses, reducing damage to property.

This project will also produce a written report and verbal presentation to the local police, Suffolk police and the PCC detailing the research, plans and positive, successful outcomes for the individuals involved. In the 3 months we will work with 40 individuals on a one to one basis.

A final outcome will be to produce a plan of action that enables this work to continue indefinitely, identifying possible funding sources and other partnership agencies.

Amount applied for £ 4532

Please provide a breakdown of costs:

£16ph x 21 hours per week for 12 weeks = £4032

£500 for resources and education

In submitting the application you must have regard to the following grant conditions :

- (i) The fund will be allocated to projects, initiatives or events in Suffolk which support the objectives set out in the Police & Crime Plan;
- (ii) These grants are one-off payments that can be used to pump-prime an ongoing project or pay for a one-off event;
- (iii) The PCC will not be responsible for funding any on-going costs associated the project/initiative;
- (iv) In normal circumstances the funding will not be made available to support staff salaries, core business activities, overheads/costs associated with business administration or capital projects of the recipient;
- (v) Projects approved under this process should be completed in the financial year 2013/14 and only in exceptional circumstances will a carry-forward be agreed;
- (vi) All under-spends must be returned to the PCC;

- (vii) By accepting the award the recipient makes a commitment to acknowledge the PCC's support publically and must acknowledge the PCC in all promotional work, as well as display the PCC's logo in all publicity associated with the initiative;
- (viii) All recipients of funding will be expected to provide information on outcomes, including a written summary on how the project supported objectives in the Police & Crime Plan (a monitoring form will be made available to help with this process). The PCC also reserves the right to hold the recipient to account at the Accountability & Performance Panel;
- (ix) The award may not be used to support or promote political or religious activity.

Please e-mail completed forms to Ian Rands, Business Manager, Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner at ian.rands@suffolk.pnn.police.uk. The outcome will be notified to you as soon as possible.

Applications approved under this process will be published on the PCC's website.

