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ORIGINATOR: LIZ HOLLINGWORTH

DECISION NUMBER: 39-2015

REASON FOR SUBMISSION: FOR DECISION

SUBMITTED TO: POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

SUBJECT: AWARD OF CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION GRANT – FREEDOM PROGRAMME, BRANDON

SUMMARY:

1. The Police and Crime Commissioner 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.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 2013 – 2017.
2. Following discussions between the OPCC and Irinni Counselling this report seeks approval to award a Crime and Disorder Reduction Grant of £780 to deliver the Freedom Programme in Brandon.
3. The funding supports Police and Crime Plan objective 4, 'Caring for victims and vulnerable people' through dealing with domestic abuse.
4. The original application is included alongside this decision paper.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the PCC approves a grant of £780 for the delivery of the Freedom Programme in Brandon.

APPROVAL BY: PCC

The recommendation set out is agreed.

Signature

Tim Parmore

Date *10th August 2015*

DETAIL OF THE SUBMISSION

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. The Police and Crime Commissioner 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.

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 2013 – 2017.

- 1.2 The purpose of this report is to seek approval to award Irinni Counselling a grant of £780 to deliver the Freedom Programme in Brandon.

2. IRINNI COUNSELLING – FREEDOM PROGRAMME

- 2.1 Irinni Counselling is based in Brandon and offers counselling to victims of domestic abuse, substance abuse and survivors of child sex abuse.

- 2.2 Funding is being sought by Irinni Counselling to support the delivery of the Freedom Programme in Brandon and the surrounding area. Two facilitators have delivered the programme since September 2014 which has an average attendance of nine women. The programme duration is 13 weeks and aims to help women who have experienced domestic violence make sense of and understand what has happened to them. More information is included in the grant application (Appendix A).

- 2.3 By providing a programme of support for victims of domestic abuse in order to break the cycle of abuse, the activity contributes to the police and crime plan objective 4, caring for victims and vulnerable people and dealing with domestic abuse.

- 2.4 The project will report to the PCC on the following outcomes:

- Number of victims supported.
- Number of referrals into the service and from which agencies.
- Number of victims who had not presented to the police.
- Profile of victims (ethnicity/gender/sexual orientation/age, etc.).
- Breakdown of type of abuse e.g. physical, emotional, sexual.
- Number of safeguarding referrals.
- Completion and analysis of evaluation including feedback from attendees to illustrate the impact the service has had.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

- 3.1 Funding of £780 is being applied for to cover the cost of two facilitators to provide the programme over a period of 13 weeks.

4. MISCELLANEOUS CONDITIONS OF AWARD

4.1 The following conditions will apply should a grant be awarded.

- (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) All grants are one-off payments that can be used to pump-prime a project or pay for a one-off event;
- (iii) The PCC is not be responsible for 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 2015/16 and only in exceptional circumstances will a carry-forward be agreed;
- (vi) The award must only be used for the purpose set out in the application or as approved in writing by the PCC. The PCC must be notified as soon as reasonably practicable if the organisation ceases operation, the project does not go ahead, or if an underspend is forecast. All underspends 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.

5. OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS:

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

5.2 An assessment of risk in delivery of the service has been undertaken. This assessment has considered the value of the grant sought, the duration of delivery and the grant recipient's history of delivery and ability to deliver. Should there be any risk to the service being delivered Irinni Counselling is required to notify the PCC.

6 RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 It is recommended that the PCC approves a grant of £780 for delivery of the Freedom Programme in Brandon.

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 PCC.

Signature:



Date 6 August 2015



CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION GRANTS

Introduction

The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) can award Crime and Disorder Reduction grants where he believes it will secure, or contribute to securing, crime and disorder reduction in Suffolk and delivery of the Police and Crime Plan.

The Safer Suffolk Fund has been created by the PCC to support the work of voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations that help to make Suffolk a safer place in which to live, work, travel and invest. The fund is administered by Suffolk Community Foundation (SCF) on behalf of the PCC. For more information and guidance on how to make an application please contact SCF on 01473 602602 or go to: <http://www.suffolkcf.org.uk/grants/safer-suffolk-fund/>

In exceptional circumstances the PCC may also award grants direct from his office (e.g. where the applicant does not satisfy the criteria for the Safer Suffolk Fund). Applications for grants under £3,500 can be made using the application form below. Awards of £3,500 and over will need to be supported by a full business case. Bids from statutory partners will need to be match funded. Further information can be obtained from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner to discuss. Tel: 01473 782773 /e-mail: spcc@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

APPLICATION FORM FOR CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION GRANT UP TO £3,500

Name of Organisation	Irinni Counselling
Contact Name	Liz Jenkins
Project/event	Brandon Freedom Programme
Date of event (if applicable)	Ongoing

DETAILS OF GRANT APPLICATION

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

Establish a Freedom Programme with Brandon, based on evidence identified through communication with victims within Brandon and the surrounding area.

At present the nearest programme is held in Newmarket or Bury St Edmunds. To access these programmes taxis or unreliable public transport is required and for a number of the women childcare also needs to be found. A number of programmes are set within the Children's Centre therefore priority is given to women with children under the age of 5.

There are many families in Brandon and the local area who would benefit from attending a local venue. As the women do not want to, or are unable, to travel to other towns to access this support it is stopping their knowledge of abuse and peer support and they are not receiving the education they need around this subject

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

The main objective this project supports is Objective 4: Caring for victims and vulnerable people: It provides a programme of support for victims of domestic abuse in order to break the cycle of abuse. This programme also offers support to women who need additional 1:1 during the programme.

The Freedom Programme© examines the roles played by attitudes and beliefs on the actions of abusive men and the responses of women victims and survivors. The aim is to help women who have experienced domestic violence to make sense of and understand what has happened to them. (hidden hurt)

Support for victims of domestic abuse and the need for local support services were also highlighted in the recently commissioned study "Understanding Domestic Abuse in Suffolk"

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

The programme is underway and is expected to be completed by the end of August (which includes feedback as detailed below)

Inputs:

- A freedom programme held once a week (using facilities given in kind)
- Trained facilitators x 2
- Support for vulnerable victims

Outputs:

- A 12 week freedom programme
- Support and advice made available to all attendees
- Signposting to ongoing support services.

There is an expectation that all grants awarded must deliver clear and measurable outcomes. Please set out below the expected outcomes and how you will measure them. Outcomes should be aligned to the Police and Crime Plan and demonstrate change as a result of the funding.

- Establish a Freedom Programme

- Ensure that 2 co facilitators are engaged with the programme
- Ensure the needs of the attendees are met by providing a full programme and access to information once programme has been completed.
- Improve the confidence in those attending the programme to be able to offer support to the women
- Establish links with the towns Health providers to ensure the needs of the victims are met

As part of the evaluation process I will be asking for feedback from those attending and this will be part of the end evaluation. Self-perception evaluation forms will be completed by those attending which will allow a measure of success from the course

The report will give a basic outline of what has happened in the quarter and include performance against a number of outputs (listed above). Basic data will include

- Number of individuals referred (self or agency) to the programme
- Number of individuals referred who complete the programme
- Number of individuals referred to other agencies upon completion of the programme
- Self-perception data

Amount applied for £ 780

Please provide a breakdown of costs:

Venue, refreshments and materials are all donated to the programme.

Cost is for the facilitators to provide the programme:

13 weeks at £60 per session: £780 (this includes 2 facilitators for 2 hours a week)

