

ORIGINATOR: HEAD OF COMMISSIONING

DECISION NO.

23-2019

REASON FOR SUBMISSION: FOR DECISION

SUBMITTED TO: POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

SUBJECT: YOUTH INTERVENTION FUND

SUMMARY:

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 in Suffolk;
 - b) are intended to help victims or witnesses of, or other persons affected by, offences and anti-social behaviour. In applying this provision, the PCC will ensure that the services commissioned are consistent with the Suffolk Police and Crime Plan 2017-2021.
2. This report seeks approval for a contribution of £50,000 from the PCC towards the 'Youth Intervention Fund'. The fund will be jointly created by the PCC and Suffolk Community Foundation with the PCC contribution supplemented by philanthropic giving.
3. The aim of the fund is to support voluntary organisations to deliver on the needs of young people in Suffolk, providing opportunities for positive activities, increasing life chances and reducing crime and disorder. The fund will support the delivery of Objectives 2 and 3 in the Police and Crime Plan.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the PCC approves:

- 1) The creation, in partnership with Suffolk Community Foundation of a one off fund, to be called the 'Youth intervention Fund';
- 2) The proposed terms of the fund (Appendix A);
- 3) The transfer of £50,000 to Suffolk Community Foundation to enable operation of the fund to commence.

APPROVAL BY THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

The recommendation set out is agreed.

Signature

Tina Rammare

Date

27th June
2019

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 can commission services that:
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 - 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 2017 – 2021.
- 1.3 This report seeks approval for a contribution of £50,000 from the Police and Crime Commissioner to set up the Youth Intervention Fund in partnership with Suffolk Community Foundation.

2. POLICE AND CRIME PLAN OBJECTIVES

- 2.1 The proposed grant is intended to contribute to the delivery of the Police and Crime Plan 2017-2021 Objective 2 (Caring about victims, communities, the local economy and our people) and Objective 3 (Protecting the most vulnerable people and communities by preventing, reducing and solving crime and anti-social behaviour).
- 2.2 The proposed grant funding will specifically deliver on a number of actions set out by the PCC to deliver on the Police and Crime Plan. These include actions to:
- support young people through positive engagement schemes and via crime and disorder reduction initiatives (including those who are disadvantaged and at risk of offending);
 - support crime and disorder reduction initiatives to provide opportunities for young people;
 - continue with a programme of engagement with schools and children and young peoples' groups;
 - support Suffolk Constabulary to respond to the threats to vulnerable people posed by serious violence and use commissioning powers to invest in voluntary sector initiatives which make a difference in this area.

3. YOUNG PEOPLE IN SUFFOLK – THE CASE FOR FUNDING

- 3.1 The 0-24 year old population in Suffolk is 206,600 (2017) comprising 27% of the population (120,000 10-24 year olds)¹.
- 3.2 A report from Suffolk Knowledge, 'Violence in Suffolk' (2019) set out some of the risk factors for violence and related Suffolk statistics:
- 76,500 0-17 year olds in Suffolk could be exposed to at least one adverse childhood experience (ACE) and 13,800 could be exposed to four or more ACEs.
 - Approximately 33,000 children live in poverty after including for housing costs.
 - In 2016/17 family dysfunction as a primary need was higher among Suffolk children (26%) compared with the national average (15%)

¹ <https://www.suffolkobservatory.info/children-and-young-people/>

- 4 out of 7 local authorities in Suffolk are social mobility 'coldspots' where people from disadvantaged backgrounds are least likely to make social progress.
- 3.3 In 2019 the University of Suffolk undertook research with 77 young people, aged 11-18 years across rural and urban areas in Suffolk². Key findings from the research included the perception from young people that there is a lack of activities and safe social spaces in their local area. If facilities were available then young people were not aware of them. The lack of 'things to do' was seen to exacerbate barriers to gaining work experience and employment. Furthermore young people felt disconnect and social exclusion, with cost and travel implications cited as additional barriers to engaging in positive activities.
 - 3.4 Since 2014, the PCC has funded a number of projects and schemes to provide positive activities and learning opportunities for young people to reduce the likelihood of engagement in crime and disorder. Recently this has extended to projects which directly tackle gang and youth violence.
 - 3.5 The proposal for a Youth Intervention Fund has drawn on the available research and existing PCC commissioning for young people in developing the intention and in the design of the award criteria.
 - 3.6 The Fund will support voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) organisations to deliver services focused on young people, supporting positive activities, addressing risk factors and ultimately reducing levels of crime and disorder.
 - 3.7 The benefits of developing a specific fund to deliver interventions are:
 - To deliver a variety of interventions across Suffolk in a coordinated manner;
 - To more easily assess projects at point of application and the subsequent impact of the investment;
 - To respond to the needs highlighted through the University of Suffolk research and other funding being directed to serious violence, USG&CL.
 - To enable leverage of other funding to support this specific need.
 - 3.8 It is proposed the fund will be open to applications from the VCSE sector. Suffolk has a vibrant and committed VCSE sector delivering services across all disciplines and there are many excellent examples of creative and innovative work. This fund will continue to support the VCSE sector to enhance its capacity and capability using their understanding of their local area and the young people they work with to tackle the things that matter most to our communities.

4. SUFFOLK COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

- 4.1 Suffolk Community Foundation is one of 46 Community Foundations in the UK who offer a way for local people to give right to the heart of their communities wherever they live across Britain. They address the widest possible range of issues and intervene in the hardest to reach communities, acting as a channel for multiple funds.
- 4.2 The PCC has worked with Suffolk Community Foundation (SCF) since 2014 through the PCC Fund (formerly known as the Safer Suffolk Fund) and 'Stay Safe Online'. The PCC Fund has supported over 100 projects since 2014, delivered by the voluntary and charitable sector.

² Tyrrell, K., [Young people's perceptions of provision and opportunities in Suffolk](#). University of Suffolk, Suffolk Institute for Social and Economic Research, March 2019.

- 4.3 Early in 2019, the PCC discussed his vision to expand work with young people with Suffolk Community Foundation who have since been able to multiply the proposed investment by the PCC through philanthropic giving to create the 'Youth Intervention Fund'.
- 4.4 It is considered that the partnership with Suffolk Community Foundation who will administer the Youth Intervention Fund will:
- Highlight the significance of philanthropic giving to support the Fund (already achieved);
 - Maximize publicity and provide access to organisations who are best able to deliver the aims of the Fund;
 - Ensure the Fund is swiftly set up and efficiently administered through existing established processes. See section 5 below for more details.
 - Draw on the learning developed through the operation of the PCC Fund and Stay Safe Online

5. YOUTH INTERVENTION FUND

Publicity and Promotion

- 5.1 Suffolk Community Foundation will work with the Police and Crime Commissioner to promote the Fund, known as the Youth Intervention Fund, through a variety of media.
- 5.2 The fund will be officially launched on 3 July in response to the publication of the University of Suffolk research 'Young people's perceptions of provision and opportunities in Suffolk'. A grants panel will be convened to consider applications with awards made in October 2019.

Fund Criteria

- 5.3 The draft criteria for the fund can be found at Appendix A. The Fund will provide grants of up to £20,000 to support the work of voluntary and community groups who are delivering services to support young people.

Managing the Fund

- 5.4 Suffolk Community Foundation will undertake all aspects of the management and administration of the grant making process including advertising and promotion (with the OPCC), handling enquiries and processing applications, assessing applications and recommending projects to the Fund's Grant Panel, notifying applicants, award monitoring and evaluation.
- 5.5 The Foundation's Head of Grant Programmes will have overall responsibility for the Fund.

The Panel

- 5.6 The PCC will chair the grant panel which will comprise the PCC and three co-opted members to provide further insight. The Chief Executive of Suffolk Community Foundation and the PCC's Head of Commissioning and Governance will provide advice but will have no voting rights.
- 5.7 The Grant Panel members will receive a schedule of eligible applications with detailed assessment reports and recommendations for each project that meets the Fund's objectives at least one week ahead of the scheduled grant panel meeting.
- 5.8 The PCC will have the final sign off on grants awarded. To ensure clear and transparent governance a PCC Decision paper on the grant awards will be published on the PCC's website following the panel meeting.

Monitoring and outcomes

- 5.9 Successful grant applicants are required to complete a monitoring form on completion of the project, reporting on delivery against the measurable outcomes that are required in the application and confirming that the grant has been used in accordance with the terms and conditions of the award.
- 5.10 Visits to the funded projects will take place as part of the monitoring progress and interim reports on progress may be required as part of the conditions of award.
- 5.11 Suffolk Community Foundation will provide the PCC with an overall evaluation of the fund on completion to inform future commissioning.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The PCC is asked to approve a contribution of £50,000 towards the Youth Intervention Fund. Suffolk Community Foundation has raised a further £100,000 from private donors to support the operation of the fund, bringing the total fund value to £150,000.
- 6.2 It is proposed that the PCC contribution is funded from the Crime and Disorder Reduction strand of the PCC's commissioning budget for 2019/20.
- 6.3 In order to meet the costs of managing and administrating the Youth Intervention Fund the Foundation will charge a fee of 7.5% on the value of the funds awarded.
- 6.4 The Foundation will provide the Police and Crime Commissioner with a financial statement for the Fund.
- 6.5 It is expected that the Youth Intervention Fund will be a one off fund and there is no commitment to further funding in future years.

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

- 7.1 There are no direct risks arising from the consideration of this report.
- 7.2 Suffolk Community Foundation has considerable experience of managing grant funds and of assessing and managing risks. Each grant assessment prepared for consideration by the panel includes an assessment of risk and will consider the likelihood of financial, delivery and reputational risks.
- 7.3 Monitoring of grant spend following award is undertaken by SCF and all successful grant applicants are aware of their contractual duty as outlined in the letter of award which is signed as acceptance of the terms and conditions.
- 7.4 Safeguarding will be considered and organisations applying for funding are required to supply details of their adult and child safeguarding arrangements.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 It is recommended that the PCC approves:
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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

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 27 June 2019

APPENDIX A



SUFFOLK
Community
Foundation

Youth Intervention Fund

Type	Core and project costs
Status	Open
Applications accepted from social enterprises?	Yes
Grant amount	£20,000 but no grant will exceed 10% of an organisation's total income.
Opening	3 rd July 2019
Deadlines	28 th August 2019 Decisions expected end of October

How this fund has been created

- This fund has been jointly created with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC), philanthropic giving and Suffolk Community Foundation. By working in partnership this fund will support the needs of young people in Suffolk.

Funding amounts and term of funding

- Grants of between £2,500 and £20,000 are available to support the work of voluntary and community groups, charities, Social Enterprises and Community Interest Companies.

Conditions of grant funding

- A grant would not normally exceed 10% of an organisation's total income. However, some exceptions may be allowed for start-up groups and grassroots organisations. If your organisation falls outside these criteria, please call a Grants Officer before applying.
- These grants are to support young people (defined as being up to the age of 25 years).
- This is a countywide programme.
- Applicants who are currently in receipt of Police and Crime Commissioner funding can apply but only if the application can demonstrate significant differences between the two.

Making an application

- Grants are available for those organisations that are delivering services to support young people: -
 - to achieve their potential,

- improve their skills base, especially when employment opportunities are being maximised,
 - by offering support and signposting to increase life chances,
 - providing preventative services that educate young people i.e. around drugs and alcohol,
 - to improve their mental well-being,
 - that help to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour.
- In addition, the fund is looking for applications from organisations that are:-
 - Working in partnership/collaboration.
 - Working in a specific location as part of a partnership that address the core support services.
 - Working with hard to reach groups.
 - Filling gaps in services.
 - Working with young people who are excluded from “mainstream” school settings.
 - Working in the deprived areas of the county.
 - Priority will be given to those:-
 - that have been developed with young people to meet their needs.
 - are addressing County Lines, gang culture and knife crime.

Outcomes and monitoring

All funding supported must show **three clear measurable outcomes** which will have to be reported on at the end of the grant funding.

If you are unsure how to describe what the outcomes of your project or intervention will be, as a general rule, think of the phrase ‘*as a result of ...*’ and describe what will be qualitatively or quantitatively different as a direct result of your inputs.

A full end-of-grant monitoring report will be expected at the end of the intervention. This will need to include benchmarking of the beneficiaries at the beginning and end of the service, i.e. how were they referred to the service, what difference has been made etc.

Wherever possible, visits to funded organisations will take place and, therefore, please ensure, if successful, that you keep Suffolk Community Foundation up to date with opportunities, with as much notice as possible.

What next?

If you feel that your proposal addresses the criteria of the fund, please complete a grant application form. If you need further help, please contact the Grants Team on 01473 602602.

What we will not fund?

Please see our general exclusions [here](#).