

ORIGINATOR: HEAD OF COMMISSIONING

DECISION NO. 14 - 2021

REASON FOR SUBMISSION: FOR DECISION

SUBMITTED TO: POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

**SUBJECT: YOUTH INTERVENTION FUND ADDITIONAL
FUNDING - FRAMLINGHAM AREA YOUTH ACTION
PARTNERSHIP**

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. The Youth Intervention Fund was jointly created by the PCC and Suffolk Community Foundation in 2019 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.
3. This report seeks approval for a contribution of £11,137 from the PCC to support the continuation of the Framlingham Area Youth Action Partnership.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that £11,137 grant funding to Suffolk Community Foundation is approved by the PCC in order to support the Framlingham Area Youth Action Project.

APPROVAL BY THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

The recommendations set out are agreed.



Signature

Date 11.03.21

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:
- 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.
- 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 £11,137 from the Police and Crime Commissioner to support the continuation of the Framlingham Area Youth Action Partnership project previously awarded funding through the ‘Youth Intervention Fund’.
- 1.4 The proposed new 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;
 - 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.

2. YOUTH INTERVENTION FUND – SUMMARY

- 2.1 [Decision 23-2019](#) recommended that the PCC approved the creation of the Youth Intervention Fund with Suffolk Community Foundation (SCF). The decision paper set out the case for funding, proposed terms of the fund and award criteria.
- 2.2 The fund was set up to support those organisations that were 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 encouraged:

- 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.

- 2.3 The PCC contributed an initial £50k to the fund with £100k raised by SCF. [Decision 39-2019](#) awarded a further £30k from the PCC, which again levered in other funding, enabling all the recommended grants, eighteen in total, to be awarded.
- 2.4 SCF produced an interim report in October 2020 setting out the progress made by organisations who had been awarded funding. Many of the organisations reported that they had paused or changed their project with the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic. Most organisations have been granted an extension of time in which to complete their projects and provide final reports. A final composite report will be produced for all the grants.

3. CONTINUATION FUNDING – FRAMLINGHAM AREA YOUTH ACTION PARTNERSHIP

- 3.1 During the interim reporting process a number of organisations requested funding to allow them to continue their work in 2021. These organisations successfully completed their Youth Intervention Fund projects in 2020, adapting where necessary to continue working safely with young people during the Covid-19 Pandemic.
- 3.2 Having reviewed the impact reports and considered the requests for continuation funding it is recommended that the PCC supports Framlingham Area Youth Action Partnership (FAYAP) with a grant via Suffolk Community Foundation and the Youth Intervention Fund.
- 3.3 A summary of impact to date and the proposed new activity funding is being requested for is below.
- 3.4 Framlingham Area Youth Action Partnership (FAYAP) was awarded a grant of £4,992 to support the Pagent Field Youth Drop-in. This is the only youth provision in the centre of Framlingham where young people can seek advice and mentoring about a whole number of issues and help to develop their physical, mental, social and moral capacities.
- 3.5 Outreach work amounting to 312 hours of youth work reached 50 young people (aged 14-19) in the Framlingham area through informal support and mentoring as well as liaison with the police to prevent youth violence, drug dealing and ASB. The organisation also supported three young people who previously dealt drugs. Provision was altered during the year in order to safely support young people with Covid-19 guidelines and support students who were only attending college part time due to the pandemic. The impact report supplied includes various case studies illustrating the impact of the project.
Feedback from a beneficiary: "It makes us feel safer and it's good knowing there is an adult to talk to that we know and trust that isn't our parents."
- 3.6 FAYAP have requested £10,360 to fund 32 weeks of outreach youth support with an additional 16 weeks supported by other funding.
- 3.7 The relationships built with the Police and town and district councils will inform a new anti-social behaviour panel for the Framlingham area to further prevent crime and disorder.
- 3.8 The recommended funding will continue to work in with approximately 50 young people, providing a safe place alongside information and support on gang/drug related issues, mental health and family situations. This project meets the YIF criteria by providing preventative services that educate young people i.e. around drugs and

alcohol, improves their mental well-being, and help to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour.

3.9 The outcomes are:

- To help reduce Crime and Anti-social behaviour.
- To offer mentoring and support.
- To provide preventative services that educate young people.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The PCC is recommended to contribute £10,360 to the Youth Intervention Fund to directly support the Framlingham Area Youth Action Project and an additional £777 for Suffolk Community Foundation to administer and monitor the grant.

4.2 It is proposed that the PCC's total contribution of £11,137 is funded from the 2020/21 PCC Commissioning budget covering Crime and Disorder Reduction.

4.3 SCF continue to raise funding through philanthropic giving and other fund raising to contribute to the Youth Intervention Fund. There is no commitment from the PCC to further funding for the Youth Intervention Fund.

5. OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

5.1 There are no direct risks arising from the consideration of this report.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 It is recommended that £11,137 grant funding to Suffolk Community Foundation is approved by the PCC in order to support the Framlingham Area Youth Action Project.

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?	No
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

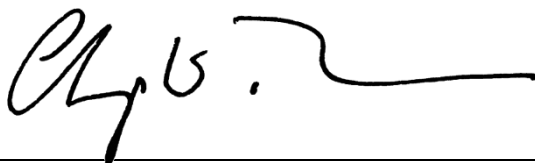
In relation to the above, please ensure that all relevant issues have been highlighted in the 'other implications and risks' section of the submission.

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: 11.03.21