

**ORIGINATOR: HEAD OF
COMMISSIONING AND
GOVERNANCE**

DECISION NUMBER: 34 - 2021

REASON FOR SUBMISSION: FOR DECISION

SUBMITTED TO: POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

**SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF SUFFOLK POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER'S FUND
ROUND 26, OCTOBER 2021**

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 2017 – 2021.
2. The Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner's Fund was established in February 2014 to support organisations that can contribute to delivering the Police and Crime Plan objectives. The fund became operational on 1 April 2014.
3. A Grant Panel was established to consider applications and make recommendations on grant awards to the PCC who determines every grant award.
4. This decision paper sets out the recommendation to approve five applications totalling £73,602.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the PCC approves the grants to be made through the Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner's Fund.

APPROVAL BY: PCC

The recommendation set out is agreed.



Signature:

Date: 27 October 2021

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 2017 – 2021.
- 1.2 This report provides a summary of the grants recommended for funding through the Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner's Fund in October 2021.

2. SUFFOLK POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER'S FUND

- 2.1 The Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner's Fund is administered by Suffolk Community Foundation and was previously known as the Safer Suffolk Fund. More information on the Fund can be found on the PCC website: [Decision 10 – 2014 – Proposals for Crime and Disorder Reduction Grants – 2014-15](#) and the [Safer Suffolk Fund Terms of Reference](#). [Decision 23-2016](#) refers to the future management of small grant awards.
- 2.2 The Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner's Fund seeks to support organisations that can show clear measurable outcomes that address the key objectives of the [Police and Crime Plan for Suffolk 2017-2021](#). These are: to respond to calls for urgent assistance, care for our victims, communities, the local economy and our workforce, to protect the most vulnerable people and communities by preventing, reducing and solving crime and delivering efficient and effective services with the right resources. A new Police and Crime Plan is currently being consulted upon and will steer the future direction of the PCC Fund.
- 2.3 It is recognised that voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) organisations play a significant role in reducing crime and disorder and supporting victims and therefore the fund invites applications from organisations that are providing support in partnership/collaboratively where links can also be made with the key areas of focus in the Police and Crime Plan:
- **Vulnerable victims** – who are or could be a target for crime.
 - **Victims of crime** – helping people cope with the immediate impact of the crime and recover from the harm caused – especially where partnerships are formed to support victims.
 - **Serious Violence** – initiatives to support those at risk of offending and becoming victims from Knife crime, gang activity and county lines.
 - **Young People** – positive engagement schemes to reduce crime and disorder with a focus on those who are disadvantaged or at risk of offending, and provide opportunities for young people.
 - **Drugs and Substance misuse** – working with those who have drug and alcohol issues to positively impact on crime and disorder reduction.
 - **Preventing reoffending** – working with those who offend to reduce re-offending.
 - **Reducing crime** – where an evidential link can be made to reducing crime and disorder.

- 2.4 A panel, established to consider grant applications, includes a representative of the PCC's executive team and Chairs of the local Community Safety Partnerships (Ipswich, West Suffolk, East Suffolk Community Safety Partnerships). The Panel is chaired by the PCC who is responsible for final determination of each award.
- 2.5 Due to Covid-19 pandemic restrictions the meeting to discuss the applications for Round 26 was held online.
- 2.6 The decisions for all previous awards can be found on the [PCC's website](#) along with a [summary of impact](#) for the grants awarded between September 2017 – December 2019.

3. PROPOSED GRANTS FOR FUNDING

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

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The recommended grants from Round 26 of the panel total £73,602.

5. OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

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

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 It is recommended that the PCC approves the grants to be made through the Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner's Fund.

ORIGINATOR CHECKLIST (MUST BE COMPLETED)	PLEASE STATE 'YES' OR 'NO'
Has legal advice been sought on this submission?	No
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?	Yes
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: 26 October 2021

SUFFOLK POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER'S FUND 2021/22

Organisation	Benefit Area	Funding purpose	Police and Crime Plan objectives	Grant Awarded
Summary of grants awarded – Round 26 (October 2021)				
Green Light Trust	Bury St Edmunds, Sudbury, Ipswich, Woodbridge, Felixstowe, Saxmundham and surrounding villages	Continuation funding to support the Women’s programme. Nature-based group work engaging women who have been victims of crime, abuse and/ or trauma, often with mental health issues and other barriers which they need support with to overcome and move forwards in life. This funding will address the current waiting list of 22 and support a total of 24 women.	Objective 2: Caring about victims, communities, the local economy and our people. - Service that support victims cope and recover. Objective 3: Protecting the most vulnerable people and communities by preventing, reducing and solving crime. - Ensure that the most vulnerable victims receive high quality support. - Supporting activities to reduce substance misuse.	£18,297
Ipswich BMX Club	Gainsborough, Ipswich	Contribution towards the total cost of a safety fence around the new Ipswich BMX track. The Club is located in an area of deprivation with minimal outdoor opportunities. The aspiration is that the new track will help reduce ASB and minimise gang activity in the area by providing an alternative activity for young people. The safety fence will prevent access to the track while in use, particularly in respect of young children and animals.	Objective 2: Caring about victims, communities, the local economy and our people. - Supporting Crime and Disorder Reduction initiatives to provide opportunities for disadvantaged young people at risk of offending.	£1,505
RFEA – The Forces Employment Charity	Suffolk	Continuation of PCC contribution towards the Project Nova programme for veterans in Suffolk. Norfolk and Suffolk Foundation Trust provide the majority of funding to Walking with the Wounded & RFEA for Project Nova. An early intervention programme to reduce reoffending. Working in partnership with police to engage with veterans at arrest and provide practical and emotional support to enable veterans to change their lives. This funding will support 60 beneficiaries.	Objective 3: Protecting the most vulnerable people and communities by preventing, reducing and solving crime. - Reducing reoffending and transforming rehabilitation – including support for schemes which enable ex-offenders to gain skills and support the local economy. - Invest in voluntary sector initiatives which tackle serious violence.	£20,000

Appendix A

Suffolk Mind	Ipswich	<p>Towards 'Health Minds Counselling' (HMC) and 'Your Needs Met' (YNM) training.</p> <p>Counselling and training for vulnerable adults who have poor mental health and struggle with their anger and anxiety following the effects of crime. 6 initial sessions of HMC followed by a YNM group training session to provide beneficiaries with the tools to sustain and improve their emotional health and wellbeing further.</p> <p>This funding will address the current waiting list of 37 and support a total of 40 beneficiaries.</p>	<p>Objective 2: Caring about victims, communities, the local economy and our people.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Service that support victims cope and recover. 	£13,800
Suffolk Refugee Support	Ipswich (but not limited to this area)	<p>Continuation funding to support work around crime prevention and safety of vulnerable people, particularly young people, women and families and online crime.</p> <p>Awareness raising on how to prevent crime, reduce crime and improve road safety, the law, and how to protect themselves from gangs, drug misuse and online crimes and harms. This work will be co-produced with partner organisations, Suffolk Police and Suffolk County Council.</p> <p>This funding will support 150 beneficiaries.</p>	<p>Objective 3: Protecting the most vulnerable people and communities by preventing, reducing and solving crime</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Raising awareness of hidden harm - Ensure that the most vulnerable victims receive high quality support. 	£20,000
				£73,602