

**ORIGINATOR: POLICY & COMMISSIONING
OFFICER**

DECISION NUMBER: 29 - 2023

REASON FOR SUBMISSION: FOR DECISION

SUBMITTED TO: POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

**SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF SUFFOLK POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER'S
FUND, ROUND 34, SEPT 2023**

SUMMARY:

1. The Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC) Fund was established in February 2014 to support organisations that can contribute to delivering the PCC's Police and Crime Plan objectives.
2. The fund became operational on 1 April 2014 and a Grant Panel was established to consider applications - making recommendations on grant awards to the PCC who determines every grant award. On 27 September 2023, the Panel met for Round 34 of the PCC Fund.
3. This decision paper sets out the recommendation to approve five applications totalling £69,236, as part of the second round of funding for 2023/24.
4. In addition, the decision paper sets out the recommendation to allocate £20,000 from the 2024/25 PCC Fund budget, to fund one successful multi-year applicant from Round 34.
5. Finally, the decision paper sets out the recommendation to award £3,240 to a deferred application from Round 33 of the PCC Fund (June 2023).

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that:

1. The PCC approves a total of £69,236 be allocated from the 2023/24 PCC Fund budget, to be used to support the successful applicants in Round 34.
2. The PCC approves a total of £20,000 be allocated from the 2024/25 PCC Fund budget, to be used to support the successful multi-year applicant in Round 34.
3. The PCC awards £3,240 to a deferred application from Round 33 of the PCC Fund (June 2023).

APPROVAL BY: PCC

The recommendation set out above is agreed.



Signature:

Date: 05.10.2023

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 (PCC) 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.
- 1.3 This report provides a summary of the grants recommended for funding through the Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner's Fund in September 2023, as well as a deferred application from the funding panel in June 2023.

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 establishment of the Fund can be found on the PCC website: [Decision Paper 10-2014](#).
- 2.2 In February 2022, a [new Police and Crime Plan](#) for the period 2022-2025 was published and the criteria for applications to the PCC Fund was aligned to the new objectives within the plan. The terms of reference were also updated to reflect the new objectives and the parameters in which the Fund will operate in.
- 2.3 The Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner's Fund seeks to support organisations that can show clear measurable outcomes that address the objectives of the Police and Crime Plan for Suffolk. These outcomes have been strengthened and are specified in each application to the fund.
- 2.4 Applications are considered where links are made with the following key areas of the Police and Crime Plan:
- **Vulnerable people** – who are or could be a target for crime. This could include people who are or could be a target for crime (including people with protected characteristics), or those vulnerable due to the nature of the crime they are suffering e.g. are persistently targeted or suffering online crime, modern slavery, hate crime or abuse.
 - **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 of 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 Abuse** – supporting 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. This could include schemes to support offenders and ex-offenders to improve their skills and support their rehabilitation into the community.
 - **Reducing crime** – we will consider applications where an evidential link can be made with reducing crime and disorder.
- 2.5 The panel, established to consider the grant applications, is chaired by the PCC who is responsible for final determination of each award. The panel includes a representative of the PCC's executive team and Chairs of the local Community Safety Partnerships (Ipswich, West Suffolk, East Suffolk).
- 2.6 The decisions for all previous grant awards can be found on the [PCC's website](#).

3. PROPOSED GRANTS FOR FUNDING

- 3.1 Details of the grants proposed can be found in Appendix A. Conditions, including monitoring arrangements, for each award are agreed between Suffolk Community Foundation on behalf of the PCC and the recipient.
- 3.2 No grant funding will be released to any applicant until the conditions of the grant have been met. Appendix A will indicate if an applicant is subject to conditions before receiving grant funding via the PCC Fund Panel.
- 3.3 In addition to successful applicants from Round 34 (Sept 2023), a deferred application from June's meeting has been successful in meeting conditions required before consideration. Hal Company is an organisation that aims to work with prisoners to create an awareness-raising play for sixth-form students to challenge the negative portrayal of prisoners. Details of the grant recommendation can be found in Appendix A.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The recommended grants from Round 34 of the panel total £69,236.
- 4.2 The PCC has committed to awarding multi-year funding, where an organisation applies, which is subject to Suffolk Community Foundation's due diligence checks and review by the panel prior to the award of funding in year 2.
- 4.3 There was one recommended applicant for a 2-year grant agreement. Therefore, there is an additional £20,000 recommended to be awarded in Year Two, which will be allocated from the 2024/25 PCC Fund budget. This can be viewed at Appendix A.
- 4.4 In addition, the deferred application which is from Hal Company is recommended. This totals £3,240.

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:

- 1) The PCC approves a total of £69,236 be allocated from the 2023/24 PCC Fund budget, to be used to support the successful applicants in Round 34.
- 2) The PCC approves a total of £20,000 be allocated from the 2024/25 PCC Fund budget, to be used to support the successful multi-year applicant in Round 34.
- 3) The PCC awards £3,240 to a deferred application from Round 33 of the PCC Fund (June 2023).

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

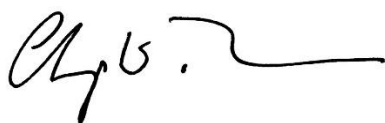
In relation to the above, please ensure that all relevant issues have been highlighted in the 'other implications and risks' section of the submission.

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: 03.10.2023

SUFFOLK POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER'S FUND 2023/24

Organisation	Benefit Area	Funding purpose	Police and Crime Plan objectives	Grant Awarded (subject to condition - C)	Year 2 Funding
Summary of grants awarded – Round 34 (Sept 2023)					
ActivLives	Ipswich	The funding is to set up work experience placements for people on probation. The project will work with two Approved Premises in Ipswich to allow 20 high-risk offenders to develop employability skills.	<p>Objective 2: Initiatives which reduce crime and disorder</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Investment in solutions which reduce reoffending, prevent crime, or improve community safety - Reduce the demand on police (i.e. crime and disorder) <p>Objective 4: Partnership work to enhance community safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work with partners to understand gaps in service, reduce reoffending, and prevent crime - Tackle issues of concern for policing and victims of crime 	£14,700 (c)	
Clean Sheet	Suffolk	To provide remote employment support for people with convictions living in Suffolk. Supports aims to build confidence and increase employability. Support includes a dedicated adviser to provide personalised support and access to a directory of approved employers.	<p>Objective 2: Initiatives which reduce crime and disorder</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Investment in solutions that prevent crime and disorder, or improve community safety - Reduce the demand on police (i.e. reoffending) <p>Objective 4: Partnership work to enhance community safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work with partners to reduce reoffending and prevent crime 	£4,818(c)	
For Children and Young People (4YP)	Ipswich	To continue and expand their detached youth work within the IP2/3 hotspot areas (Gainsborough, Ravenswood, Chantry). Their support offers informal education, identifying vulnerable young people, and making onward referrals where	<p>Objective 2: Initiatives which reduce crime and disorder</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support vulnerable young people through initiatives which divert them from criminality and enhance their skills 	£20,000 (c)	£20,000 (c)

		necessary. In addition, they offer 1:1 drop ins for young people to provide safeguarding.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Investment in solutions that prevent crime and disorder, or improve community safety - Reduce the demand on police (i.e. ASB) <p>Objective 4: Partnership work to enhance community safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support initiatives which benefit young people - Work with partners to reduce reoffending and prevent crime - Tackle issues of concern for policing and victims of crime in partnership 		
Murrayside Community Development CIC	Ipswich	To expand youth provision in an ASB hotspot where young people are vulnerable to further exploitation. The funding will expand classes available to develop skills and provide an alternative to ASB/crime.	<p>Objective 2: Initiatives which reduce crime and disorder</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support vulnerable young people through initiatives which divert them from criminality and enhance their skills - Investment in solutions that prevent crime and disorder, or improve community safety - Reduce the demand on police (i.e. ASB) <p>Objective 4: Partnership work to enhance community safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support initiatives which benefit young people - Work with partners to reduce reoffending and prevent crime 	£9,718 (c)	
Northampton Saints Foundation	Ipswich	To continue to deliver their Engage programme based at Ipswich Rugby Club. The programme supports young people (aged 7-16) who have disengaged with mainstream education – on the periphery of gang culture – to develop a progression pathway.	<p>Objective 2: Initiatives which reduce crime and disorder</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support vulnerable young people through initiatives which divert them from criminality and enhance their skills - Investment in solutions that prevent crime and disorder, or improve community safety - Reduce the demand on police (i.e. ASB, gang culture) 	£20,000	

			Objective 4: Partnership work to enhance community safety <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support initiatives which benefit young people - Work with partners to reduce reoffending and prevent crime - Tackle issues of concern for policing and victims of crime 		
				£69,236	£20,000
Summary of deferred grant(s) awarded – Round 33 (June 2023)					
Hal Company	Suffolk	To provide to 300 sixth form students an awareness-raising play to challenge the negative portrayal of prisoners. Planned venues include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Theatre Royal, Bury St Edmunds - Wolsey Theatre, Ipswich - Marina Theatre, Lowestoft - Quay Theatre, Sudbury - West Suffolk College 	Objective 2: Initiatives which reduce crime and disorder <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Investment in solutions that prevent crime and disorder, or improve community safety Objective 4: Partnership work to enhance community safety <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support initiatives which benefit young people 	£3,240	
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