

**ORIGINATOR: POLICY & COMMISSIONING
OFFICER**

DECISION NUMBER: 15 - 2024

REASON FOR SUBMISSION: FOR DECISION

SUBMITTED TO: POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

**SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF SUFFOLK POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER'S
FUND, ROUND 36, MARCH 2024**

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 and make recommendations on grant awards to the PCC who then determines every grant award. On 13 March 2024, the Panel met for Round 36 of the PCC Fund.
3. This decision paper sets out the recommendation to approve seven applications totalling £109,090, as part of the final round of funding for 2023/24.
4. In addition, the decision paper sets out the recommendation to allocate £25,175 of this total from the 2023/24 PCC Fund budget to fund in 2024/25 two successful multi-year applicants from Round 36.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that:

1. The PCC approves a total of £109,090 be allocated from the 2023/24 PCC Fund budget, to be used to support the successful applicants in Round 36.
2. Included in the total at 'Recommendation 1', the PCC approves a total of £25,175 be allocated from the 2023/24 budget to be used to support two successful multi-year applicants from Round 36 in 2024/25.

APPROVAL BY: PCC

The recommendation set out above is agreed.



Signature:

Date: 4 April 2024

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 through the Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner's final grants panel for 2023/24.

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 updated terms of reference reflects the new objectives and the parameters in which the Fund operates 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:
- **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.
 - **Serious Violence** – initiatives to support those at risk of offending and becoming victims of knife crime, gang activity and county lines.
 - **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.

- **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.
- 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 commissioning 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 indicates where an applicant is subject to conditions before receiving grant funding via the PCC Fund Panel.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The recommended grants from Round 36 of the panel total £109,090. This total includes £25,175 which is to be allocated from the current budget to fund two successful multi-year applicants – which can be seen at Appendix A.
- 4.2 Where a successful applicant has applied for multiyear funding, an assessment conducted by the OPCC will be undertaken in 2024/25 on the allocation of second year funding, pending future decisions on the PCC Fund.
- 4.3 In addition, if an allocation of second year funding is awarded to the successful applicant(s), this is subject to Suffolk Community Foundation's due diligence checks and review by the panel prior to the award of funding.

5. OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

- 5.1 The PCC elections take place on 2 May 2024. However, this risk is managed as all successful applicants from Round 36 will have their funding allocated from the remainder of the 2023/24 budget – including successful multiyear applicants.

6. RECOMMENDATION

- 6.1 It is recommended that:
- 1) The PCC approves a total of £109,090 be allocated from the 2023/24 PCC Fund budget, to be used to support the successful applicants in Round 36.

- 2) Included in the total at 'Recommendation 1', the PCC approves a total of £25,175 be allocated from the 2023/24 budget to be used to support two successful multi-year applicants from Round 36 in 2024/25.

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

Head of Commissioning and Governance on behalf of the 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: 15 March 2024

SUFFOLK POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER'S FUND 2023/24

Organisation	Benefit Area	Funding purpose	Police and Crime Plan objectives	Grant Awarded [subject to conditions]	Year 2 Funding [subject to conditions]
Summary of grants awarded – Round 36 (March 2024)					
Emmaus Suffolk Ltd	Ipswich	Towards delivering an ongoing programme of learning and development in hospitality, for 10 offenders, ex-offenders, prison leavers furthest from the labour market.	<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. - Lower reoffending, prevent crime and reduce the demand on police. <p>Objective 4: Partnership work to enhance community safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensuring investments in crime and disorder reduction are effectively communicated to Community Safety Partnerships. - Work with partners to understand gaps in service, reduce reoffending, and prevent crime. 	£20,000	£19,775
Ipswich Community Foundation	HMP Hollesley Bay	To support the Twinning Project – Leadership Through Football delivered in prison.	<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. - Lower reoffending, prevent crime and reduce the demand on police. <p>Objective 4: Partnership work to enhance community safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensuring investments in crime and disorder reduction are effectively communicated to Community Safety Partnerships. 	£2,000	

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work with partners to understand gaps in service, reduce reoffending, and prevent crime. 		
Level Two Project	Felixstowe	Towards a container conversion turning it into a new youth and community venue at Beach Street, Felixstowe.	<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"> - Ensuring investments in crime and disorder reduction are effectively communicated to Community Safety Partnerships. - Support initiatives which benefit young people. - Work with partners to reduce reoffending and prevent crime. 	£20,000	
Pathways Care Farm	Lowestoft	Towards the cost of providing woodwork courses to ex-offenders so they learn new practical skills which will help them when seeking employment.	<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. - Lower reoffending, prevent crime and reduce the demand on police. <p>Objective 4: Partnership work to enhance community safety</p>	£10,800	£5,400

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensuring investments in crime and disorder reduction are effectively communicated to Community Safety Partnerships. - Work with partners to understand gaps in service, reduce reoffending, and prevent crime. 		
Right Time Counselling Services	Lowestoft	Towards a pilot programme 'Recovery Inclusion' working with Suffolk Probation to provide solution-focussed therapy for offenders, repeat offenders, and recent prison leavers.	<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. - Lower reoffending, prevent crime and reduce the demand on police. <p>Objective 4: Partnership work to enhance community safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensuring investments in crime and disorder reduction are effectively communicated to Community Safety Partnerships. - Work with partners to understand gaps in service, reduce reoffending, and prevent crime. 	£3,840	
Union Romani Voice	Ipswich	Towards core support services that help the Roma community with housing, benefits, debt, health, legal, education, mental health and wellbeing. Outreach support that aims to reduce crime and disorder and improve community safety.	<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. - Lower reoffending, prevent crime and reduce the demand on police. <p>Objective 4: Partnership work to enhance community safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensuring investments in crime and disorder reduction are effectively communicated to Community Safety Partnerships. - Work with partners to understand gaps in service, reduce reoffending, and prevent crime. 	£10,000	

Volunteer it Yourself	Lowestoft	Towards delivering a facility improvement / refurbishment project at Sam's café in Lowestoft involving and benefitting at least 20 marginalised / excluded / disengaged and NEET or risk of NEET young people.	<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"> - Ensuring investments in crime and disorder reduction are effectively communicated to Community Safety Partnerships. - Support initiatives which benefit young people. - Work with partners to reduce reoffending and prevent crime. 	£17,275	
Sub totals				£83,915	£25,175
Total				£109,090	