

**ORIGINATOR: POLICY & COMMISSIONING
OFFICER**

DECISION NUMBER: 19 - 2024

REASON FOR SUBMISSION: FOR DECISION

SUBMITTED TO: POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

**SUBJECT: SUFFOLK POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER'S (PCC's) FUND
2024/25**

SUMMARY:

1. The Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC'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 and is funded by the PCC on an annual basis.
2. Suffolk Community Foundation manage and administer the fund and grant-making process. A grants panel considers the applications to the fund and the PCC makes a final determination on each award.
3. This decision paper sets out the recommendation to roll forward unallocated funding of £11,501 from 2023/24 and approve new funding of £300,000 for 2024/25.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that:

1. Suffolk Community Foundation continues to undertake the management and administration of The Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner's Fund;
2. The PCC approves allocating £300,000 to support the fund in 2024/25;
3. The PCC approves rolling forward £11,501 of unallocated funding from the previous year in addition to 'Recommendation 2'.

APPROVAL BY: PCC

The recommendation set out above is agreed.

Signature: The signature of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Suffolk



Date: 10.06.2024

DETAIL OF THE SUBMISSION

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) can commission services that:
- secure, or contribute to securing, crime and disorder reduction in Suffolk, or;
 - 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.
- 1.2 This report sets out the background to the Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner's Fund and proposes to continue the current model of operation with recommended funding of £300,000 for the financial year 2024/25.

2. SUFFOLK POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER'S FUND

- 2.1 The Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner's Fund (previously known as the 'Safer Suffolk Fund') was established in 2014.
- 2.2 Since its establishment, the Fund has been administered by Suffolk Community Foundation (SCF). SCF is one of 46 Community Foundations in the UK who enable local people to donate to the heart of their communities. They address a wide range of issues, acting as a channel for multiple funds to support hard to reach communities and the organisations working within them.
- 2.3 The Fund seeks to support organisations that can show clear measurable outcomes that address the key objectives of the Police and Crime Plan for Suffolk. Since 2014, the Fund has distributed approximately £2.9m worth of grant funding and supported over 200 applications for voluntary and charitable sector projects. Last year, 20 grants were awarded.
- 2.4 The current Police and Crime Plan for the period 2022-2025 was published in February 2022 and the criteria for applications to the PCC's Fund are aligned to the objectives within the plan. The application process and criteria are published on the [SCF website](#).
- 2.5 It is proposed that Suffolk Community Foundation continues to 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, grant award monitoring and evaluation. The current Terms of Reference has an exhaustive list of roles and responsibilities.
- 2.6 The fund invites applications from voluntary and community groups, charities, social enterprises and community interest companies that are providing support in partnership/collaboration and where links can also be 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.

2.7 It is proposed that the PCC’s Fund Grant panel will continue to consider the grant applications on a quarterly basis. The panel includes a representative from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, and Chairs of the local Community Safety Partnerships (Ipswich, West Suffolk and East Suffolk). The Panel is chaired by the PCC who is responsible for final determination of each grant award.

2.8 The decision papers summarising grant awards from all previous panel meetings can be found on the [Decisions](#) section of the PCC’s website. A record of grants awarded is found on a separate page dedicated to the [PCC’s Fund](#) along with information on how to apply for grant funding. The PCC’s Annual Report also summarises the grants awarded each year.

2.9 Each grant recipient is required to complete an end of project, and where appropriate a mid-project impact report, outlining activities undertaken and the outcomes achieved.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 It is recommended that the PCC approves an allocation of £300,000 from his commissioning budget for the operation of the PCC’s Fund in 2024/25.

3.2 This level of funding is commensurate with previous years and will support up to four funding rounds, allowing grants to be awarded in line with the published criteria of the fund.

3.3 The 2023/24 year closed with £11,501 of unallocated grant funding remaining in the PCC’s Fund. It is recommended that this will be included in the fund for 2024/25 in addition to the £300,000 noted above.

3.4 In order to meet the costs of managing and administering the PCC’s Fund, Suffolk Community Foundation will charge a fee of 7.5% on the value of the funds awarded. This fee covers all aspects of the management and administration of the grant-making process and is included within the total sum of the grant.

3.5 Suffolk Community Foundation will provide the Police and Crime Commissioner with regular financial statements for the PCC’s Fund.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

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

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 It is recommended that:

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2. The PCC approves allocating £300,000 to support the fund in 2024/25;
3. The PCC approves rolling forward £11,501 of unallocated funding from the previous year in addition to 'Recommendation 2'.

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?	YES
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

(Acting) 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: 04.06.2024