

## PCC Decision Form

Title of Request	Name of Proposer (e.g. Chief Executive, Chief Constable, Director of Finance)	Date of Request
<b>Small charities Covid Grant Additional £16k VRU funding 2020/21</b>  <b>August 2020</b>	<b>Senior Partnership Manager</b>	<b>17/08/20</b>

<b>Private / Exemption - Yes / No</b> If Yes Reason Why (eg Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972, Freedom of Information Act 2000)	<b>Urgent</b> (if Yes, Why and by When?)
No	

Decision Requested		
<p>The Police and Crime Commissioner (“The Commissioner”) is recommended to approve the grants below recommended by the VRU for £15254 worth of grants for small charities in South Yorkshire for urgent Covid response work. This allocation is in additional to the Home Office small charity Covid 19 response allocation of £135k.</p>		
Executive Summary of Request	Supporting Report attached?	No
<p>In June 2020, South Yorkshire VRU were allocated £135k of additional funding from the Home Office to distribute to small charities (under £100k income per year) in South Yorkshire who work with vulnerable young people. This funding was to to offset financial hardships arising from Covid-19. The Home Office grant is to fund projects that will positively impact on children and young people. A grant agreement was completed for these monies.</p> <p>A large piece of work was undertaken by officers at short notice to ensure the groups most in need of funding across South Yorkshire were identified, their needs assessed and that they met all the criteria for Home Office funding.</p> <p>Some groups we identified as in urgent need did not meet the Home Office criteria, eg income was just over £100k, they were not a registered charity, or linked to a larger national charity. As they were still in urgent need of funding to enable them to survive we quickly recognised the need to fund these small groups from elsewhere if we could.</p>		

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We identified our community engagement budget. This was not being used in full as planned at the time due to Covid as we were not going out engaging with groups or communities. We also realised we were engaging in a different way with these community groups through this grant process, and funding them would enable them to keep going and to continue engaging with their own communities and partners. We have identified a saving of £16k from this budget to enable us to fund these groups in need.

The groups identified needed a total of £15,254 in funding. The organisations we identified for this funding are:

Organisation	Project	Reason not eligible for Home Office fund	Recommended Funding £
Sheffield Roma Network	<p>To make heard 'the voice' of the Sheffield Roma Community by linking the Roma communities in their various places of residence across Sheffield and creating a conduit for the Roma community to engage in meaningful two way communication with the various city agencies and organisations.</p> <p>They want to do a small consultation through the summer about young Roma peoples thoughts on Covid 19, how it felt living in the small houses, police presence did they understand the police was trying to help them not get caught up in the pandemic etc. Where they are now in terms of state of mind ie mental health. Will make a small Dmc video supported by the police. Costs are for PPE needed to engage with young people plus video making costs</p>	Not a charity in own right, come under umbrella of Fir Vale Community Hub	500
Tinsley Forum	<p>Community forum serving the Tinsley community in Sheffield</p> <p>Need urgent cleaning costs and costs of ppe and equipment to reopen the centre and to enable them to engage with the young people in the community and their families.</p>	Income just over £100k last year	4000

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Winn Gardens TARA	<p>Tenants and Residents Association on the Winn Gardens Estate in Sheffield 6</p> <p>Urgent costs as had to start a food bank and having to run the food bank out of a garage on the estate as the community centre is closed, need shelving in there some permanent lighting and some pest control measures. Need to offer emergency food to some of the most deprived families in Sheffield living on this isolated estate.</p>	TARA is not a charity, but recognised and audited by SCC	2000
The Link Stradbroke	<p>The link is a locally run community hub offering a wide range of services in the Stradbroke Estate in Sheffield. It provides young people services to young people aged 0-18 from the hub and families.</p> <p>Need help with urgent costs related to reopening the centre and being able to reoffer youth services to young people, especially mental health support and substance misuse help. Costs needed are a new Screen and fixings, bins, ppe and cleaning equipment.</p>	Was a CIC but now not active as not needed	474
Families Together Community Group	<p>Small community group set up by residents in Scawthorpe to support other residents who maybe vulnerable, on low incomes and require support.</p> <p>The impact of Covid 19 has seen an increase in residents in the community approaching the group for confidential support. In order to provide the support safely we would like PPE for volunteers and additional provisions for food bank such as cleaning materials and hygiene products</p>	Not a charity	£1500

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Bentley Town End Flood Action	<p>Bentley Town End flood action is a small community group set up after the area was desimated by floods, there are almost 500 properties in the area whose residents form the group. The group provides equipment, cleaning products, food and other essentials to residents who are living in homes that have been flood damaged or are living away from their unhabitable home.</p> <p>Due to Covid 19 the supplies from the Hygiene Bank have been limited and in some cases the group have had to make purchases themselves from funds. In addition an expense has ocured due to having to collect supplies and deliver to other vulnerable residents.</p>	Not a charity	1000
Naturewood	<p>not for profit social enterprise that provides Short Breaks for disabled children and projects for children at risk of being excluded from school. run outdoor activities sessions in the woods at Silverwood Scout Campsite. The majority of the children that attend the Short Breaks have a diagnosis of ASD.</p> <p>can operate in the woods, but need additional cleaning products for the toilets, hand washing supplies including hand washing stations and additional equipment such as hammocks and gloves so that the children can have designated equipment to avoid cross contamination.</p>		780
Thurgoland Village Hall	The Village Hall and sporting facilities provide a wide range of activities for all ages, while our Youth Centre and Playground is mainly used for the Thurgoland Out Of School Club providing	Not a charity	3000

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	<p>breakfast, tea and support before and after school and in holidays for children aged 4 – 11.</p> <p>Risk Assessments have highlighted the need for a comprehensive review of standards of cleanliness throughout the Village Hall and the Youth Centre. We need to refurbish the toilets need additional cleaning materials and additional cleaning hours throughout the Youth Centre and Village Hall.</p>		
Adwick Warriors JFC	<p>Adwick Warriors JFC is a FA Charter Standard community based Junior Football Club, we provide opportunities for both Girls and Boys aged 5 to 12 years from the surrounding community and beyond</p> <p>Due to the COVID-19 situation we have seen a substantial shortfall in our income (£1000) from Subscriptions which would go to pay for new balls , kit and equipment as well as paying Football Association and League fees which we have had to pay out.</p>	New organisation not a charity yet	1000
De Paul Safe at Last	<p>Safe@Last works across South Yorkshire, offering free 1:1 outreach and family support to those most at risk of going missing.</p> <p>Due to the current Covid-19 pandemic, we are unable to offer face to face support. Much of our current support and communication is being conducted video call. As we emerge from the pandemic, support staff will be reverting back to face to face support, school visits, and 1:1 sessions in person. This will incur a significant extra cost to the project in the form of PPE (Face masks and hand sanitiser).</p>	Part of a large national charity	1000
<b>Total</b>			<b>£15254.00</b>

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<b>Approval by proposer (SLG lead / OPCC SMG lead) and confirmation request is ready for PCC consideration</b>	
There is sufficient income within the community engagement budget in the VRU to cover the recommended grants.	
Submitted for approval by the Senior Partnership Manager.	
<b>Signed:</b> <span style="background-color: black; color: black;">██████████</span>	<b>Date:</b> 17/08/20

Considerations	Evidence of information or advice gathered or discussion / consultation conducted	How has all this evidence impacted on overall proposal?
<b>Public and / or Partners</b>	Input from relevant SYP officers/relevant partners is sought List of groups already funded by SYCF obtained List of funded groups from CSPs obtained List of groups funded by OPCC obtained	We have ensured that these groups are in urgent need of funding to allow them to continue.  We have ensured that no group is double funded from grants we are aware of
<b>Impact on Service</b>	Improve the service provider's capability to achieve activity as set out in the application	Grants will ensure these groups can continue to engage with the VRU and with partners, and their communities.
<b>Financial</b>	Forms part of the VRU Community Engagement budget	
<b>Legal</b>	Grant terms and conditions are approved by the PCC's Chief Executive and Solicitor	
<b>HR</b>	n/a	
<b>T/Unions / Staff Assoc.</b>	n/a	
<b>Equality &amp; Diversity (Public Sector Equality Duty)</b>	Applications are accepted from all community groups	
<b>Risks / Opportunities</b>	Opportunity to empower community groups to affect change in the local community	
<b>Sustainability</b>	Grants are offered as per the grant agreement	
<b>Other (specify)</b>	n/a	

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### Views of PCC's Chief Finance & Commissioning Officer

A process was undertaken to assess applications in line with the Home Office Covid response small charity grants. Due diligence checks were conducted on applicant organisations to further mitigate risk. On this basis, and because in addition to grants previously approved using the Home Office Funding, the recommended allocations are within the budget I support the recommendation.

**Signature:** Interim Finance Manager



**Date:**

26/08/2020

### Views of PCC's Chief Executive & Solicitor

Supported for reasons outlined by the Chief Finance Officer.

**Signature:**



**Date:**

03/09/2020

### PCC's Decision and Rationale

**Approved.**

**Signature:**



**Date:**

03/09/2020

### OPCC GATEKEEPER (Information Officer)

Decision Ref. No	PAB Minute No: (where applicable)	Date Proposer notified of Decision	Date Published