

PCC Decision Form

Title of Request	Name of Proposer (e.g. Chief Executive, Chief Constable, Director of Finance)	Date of Request
POCA Community Grant Scheme 2021/22 - Panel recommendations October 2021	Partnerships and Commissioning Manager	22/11/2021

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

Decision Requested		
The Police and Crime Commissioner ("The Commissioner") is recommended to approve recommendations made by the October 2021 Community Grant Scheme Panel.		
Executive Summary of Request	Supporting Report attached?	No
<p>The Commissioner's Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA) Community Grant Scheme for 2021/22 enables non-profit organisations to apply for funding of up to £7,500. Proposed activities must address one or more of the Commissioner strategic priorities as set out in the Police & Crime Plan. Funded organisations have to show compliance with Terms & Conditions including the submission of monitoring Information upon completion of their project.</p> <p>In October officers considered and assessed 20 applications for funding with a total value of £133,724 and recommend that 8 applications be approved, averaging a benchmark score of 30 or above, as set by the panel.</p> <p>A meeting was held on the 15th October 2021 (via Microsoft Teams) with the PCC to discuss the applications and panel recommendations. A decision was made to fund the grants as below. The Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) is to fund 50% of a number of the grants.</p> <p>Nine bids were agreed with a total value of £58,735</p>		
Organisation	Project	Recommended Funding
Sport For Good CIC	Fight For Good	£7,400.00
Sheffield City Boxing Club	Punch Through it Programme	£5,250.00
Prisoners' Education Trust (PET)	Reducing Reoffending and Increasing Employment	£5,380.00

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	Opportunities: Education for Prisoners from South Yorkshire	
Sheffield Wednesday FC Community	Batemoor Junior & Youth Club	£4,550.00
Kickback Recovery	Kickback Recover Together Project	£7,500.00
SAYiT	Call It Out (LGBT+ Domestic Abuse)	£7,500.00
Reds in the Community	Kicks	£7,455.00
Diversify Now	Preventative Engagement, Mentoring and Follow-Up Support to protect vulnerable young people	£7,500.00
Sharrow Community Forum	Developing Youth Voice	£6,200.00
Total		£58,735.00

Each of the recommended projects will be provided with a grant agreement specific to this fund. All projects will be required to submit monitoring information upon completion of their project. It is proposed that 50% of the grant is paid in advance with the final payment made at the end of the project based on actual expenditure, should this cause an issue for any of the organisations an alternative payment schedule can be negotiated. Following consultation with the OPCC Finance Manager it is agreed that payments will be signed off using the pro-forma method.

All grant recipients will be subject to due diligence checks prior to the release of funding.

For those grants where the VRU is to fund 50% of the funding as they meet VRU strategic priorities a slightly amended monitoring and payment arrangements will be in place to enable the VRU to meet Home Office reporting requirements. Initial advance payment of 25%, in April 2022 a further 25% released upon receipt of satisfactory monitoring and evidence of expenditure and a final 50% being released following receipt of satisfactory monitoring and evidence of expenditure at project end.

Approval by proposer (SLG lead / OPCC SMG lead) and confirmation request is ready for PCC consideration

The Community Grants Scheme budget for 2021/22 is £150,000, there is sufficient budget within this to cover the recommended grants.

Submitted for approval by the Partnerships and Commissioning Manager.

Signed:		Date:	22/11/2021
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Considerations	Evidence of information or advice gathered or discussion / consultation conducted	How has all this evidence impacted on overall proposal?
Public and / or Partners	Input from relevant SYP officers/relevant partners is sought. VRU team member of the grants panel	
Impact on Service	Improve the service provider's capability to achieve activity as set out in the application	
Financial	Forms part of the Partnerships and Commissioning (and VRU) budget	
Legal	Grant terms and conditions are reviewed each year and approved by the PCC's Chief Executive and Solicitor	
HR	n/a	
T/Unions / Staff Assoc.	n/a	
Equality & Diversity (Public Sector Equality Duty)	Applications are accepted from all community groups/not for profit organisations. One of the areas of focus of the grants its reducing disproportionality in the criminal justice system.	
Risks / Opportunities	Opportunity to empower community groups to affect change in the local community	
Sustainability	Grants are offered for a twelve month period following notice of award, it is hoped that the benefits of the projects will continue in the community after the funding period ends.	
Other (specify)	n/a	

Views of PCC's Chief Finance & Commissioning Officer


There is a process in place that assesses applications for compliance with the Police and Crime Plan priorities. Due diligence checks are conducted on applicant organisations to further mitigate risk. On this basis, and because the recommended allocations are within the budget I support the recommendation.

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Signature:		Date:	30/11/2021
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Views of PCC's Chief Executive & Solicitor

I recommend PCC approval.

Signature:		Date:	30/11/21
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PCC's Decision and Rationale

Approved.

Signature:		Date:	30/11/21
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OPCC GATEKEEPER (Information Officer)

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