

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 2022/23 - Panel Recommendations January 2023	Head of Partnerships and Commissioning	01/03/2023

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 January 2022 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 2022/23 enables non-profit organisations to apply for funding of up to £10,000. Proposed activities must address one or more of the Commissioner strategic priorities as set out in the Police & Crime Plan. Funded organisations must comply with the Terms & Conditions set out in the Grant Agreement including the submission of monitoring information at the project mid-point and on completion. All recipients will be subject to due diligence checks prior award.</p> <p>In January 2023, officers considered and assessed 25 funding applications with a total value of £234,169.00. The panel recommended that 8 applications be approved, averaging a benchmark score of 20 or above, as set by the panel. A meeting was held on the 31 January with the PCC to discuss the panels’ recommendations. A decision was made to progress 8 projects through due diligence.</p> <p>Four applications have are progressing through due diligence to award. The total value of these grants is £ 35,804.25. The applications are:</p>			
Organisation	Project Name	District	Amount
Friends of the Trans Pennine Trail	South Yorkshire Partnership - Off Road Crack Down	South Yorkshire	£8197.75
Prisoners' Education Trust (PET)	Education for Prisoners from South Yorkshire	South Yorkshire	£9,696.00
Rotherham United Community Sports Trust	Celebrating Diversity	Rotherham	Up to £9,100.00
Element	Galvanise Youth	Sheffield	£8,810.50

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On this occasion, 4 applications have not progressed through due diligence to award. Where relevant work will be done to support future applications.

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 at the project mid-point and on completion. It is proposed that 50% of the grant is paid in advance with a mid-point instalment of 25% and a final payment of 25% at the end of the project. Mid-point and final payments are subject to satisfactory assessment of the monitoring materials and proof of expenditure. Should this be problematic 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.

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

The Community Grants Scheme budget for 2022/23 is £150,000, there is sufficient budget within this to cover the recommended grants.

Signed:		Date:	01/03/23
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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	

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	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

This can be put forward for consideration as there is significant budget available for the requested spend.

Signature:		Date:	01/03/23
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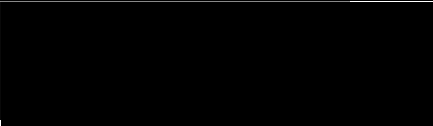
Views of PCC's Chief Executive & Solicitor

I recommend approval.

Signature:		Date:	08/03/23
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PCC's Decision and Rationale

Approved.

Signature:		Date:	08/03/23
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OPCC GATEKEEPER (Information Officer)

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