

<b>Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision</b>	
PCCG-2025-24	Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision
Subject	2025/26 Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Gwent Community Fund Successful Applications
Summary	To record the decision of the PCC to award grants from the PCC's Community Fund for the 2025/26 financial year.

## **DECISION**

1. In April and June of 2025 awards were made out of the previously established Police Community Fund (PCF) for the remainder of the previously agreed multi-year funding opportunities (see Decision Logs PCCG-2024-035 and PCCG-2025-003). These awards amounted to a total of **£225,372.53**, out of a £300,000 annual fund of which £150,000 is made up of monies obtained through the Proceeds of Crime Act, the other £150,000 coming from my Office's core budget

During the summer of 2025/26 the Fund was revised in conjunction with the development of my Police, Crime and Justice Plan. The Fund was renamed to the PCC's Community Fund (still retaining the abbreviated name of PCF) and the overall budget was increased to an annual amount of **£500,000**.

The redesigned fund was developed to allow for wider reach to the various communities of Gwent; no longer solely focusing on children and young people at risk of entering the criminal justice system or who have been victims of crime. The Fund is now also designed to allow for the opportunity to apply for either a small or large grant - £1,000 to £10,000 or £10,001 to £50,000, whilst still maintaining the opportunity for a multi-year bid.

2. The new Fund is designed to support not-for-profit organisations that are working to support delivery of my Police Crime and Justice Plan priorities; including preventing crime and anti-social behaviour, supporting victims and protecting vulnerable people; as well as building safer, stronger and more resilient communities.

This Fund is about empowering communities to take action – whether that's through youth engagement, providing support services, community safety initiatives or innovative approaches to reducing re-offending. It also aims to build trust and confidence between the public and Police by supporting projects that reflect local needs and priorities. By funding good quality, evidence-based and community led interventions, I aim to create lasting positive change for our

communities across Gwent – in particular for children and young people and areas facing higher levels of deprivation and vulnerability.

3. The Fund was launched in October 2025 with **50** applications being submitted totalling to an amount of **£1,497,397** for the 2025/26 period.

Following a robust assessment process conducted within the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, at the December 2025 review Panel, **22** projects have been successful in receiving funding, totalling **£585,494.16**

These awards in conjunction to the awards made earlier in the year brings the overall allocation of 2025/26 funding to a total of **£810,866.69** The additional funding over and above the annual £500,000 has been agreed to be paid out of my ‘Commissioning Strategy and Force Initiatives’ Committed Fund on this occasion, due to the high standard of applications received.

4. The breakdown of the successful applicants is documented below:

**The Parish Trust** - **£34,112** towards continuation costs of a youth service provision in Trethomas, which also provides volunteering opportunities. The programme is designed to prevent anti-social behaviour and crime by addressing the underlying issues that place young people at risk.

**Newport Yemeni Community Association** - **£49,000** towards continuation costs of a youth service provision aimed at diverting young people away from anti-social behaviour, exploitation and crime.

**HIT Community CIC** - **£24,963** towards the provision of weekly youth club sessions in Blaenavon which aim to develop young people’s independent living skills, build confidence and learn practical as well as social skills.

**Cymru Creations** - **£47,600** towards continuation of a film project for young people in Blaenau Gwent, delivering messages of crime prevention and supporting victims of crime.

**BGfm** - **£22,692.80** towards a mentoring and engagement project delivering the NextWave programme that helps connect generations and strengthen communities through digital literacy.

**St Joseph’s Boxing Club** - **£25,000** towards a project called ‘Gloves Up Against ASB’, delivering boxing sessions alongside a full mental health support package.

**Tillery Action for You - £36,654.28** towards a project called 'Growing, Volunteering, Training and Community Cohesion in Gwent' which will provide volunteering opportunities and provide skills with a view to overcoming barriers into employment and mainstream society. The project will also work with ex-offenders, working closely with Probation.

**Newport Mediation - £18,688** towards the 'Voices to Resolution: Early Help for Neighbours in Conflict' project, which will provide early intervention conflict resolution, providing constructive resolutions before situations escalate into harm, legal action, homelessness or long term emotional stress.

**RecRock - £10,000** towards a youth project which provides two-hour music sessions at their community base Y Blanc, alongside targeted workshops and performance events.

**KidzRUs - £3,300** towards Korean pop dance classes to provide diversionary activity and a safe environment for young people in Tredegar.

**Torfaen Talks CIC - £14,944** towards the delivery of the 'Own My Life' project which is aimed at enabling women who have experienced abuse to regain ownership over their lives through a psychoeducational programme delivered in a support group setting.

**Bengal Dragons Foundation - £46,000** towards a 12-month youth development programme in Newport, working with young people, particularly those of ethnically diverse and disadvantaged communities, utilising football as a means to build confidence, leadership and life skills.

**The Bridge to Cross Charitable Trust - £24,893.09** towards the 'Turning Corners' project which will work with partners to offer greater diversionary opportunities for vulnerable young people to avoid interaction with the Criminal Justice System. The project will also provide counselling and help develop clear pathways for a more person-centred focus for the young people once they are engaged with the service.

**Cyfannol Women's Aid - £49,949** towards a Children and Young Peoples Groupwork project, delivering a range of therapeutic group interventions for children aged 5 to 16 who have been impacted by violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence.

**Mind in Gwent - £44,298.99** towards the continuation of the 'Piece by Piece' project previously funded out of the PCC's Police Community Fund for one year in Newport, now expanded on a Pan Gwent basis. The project will provide 1-1

trauma informed support for young people who have experienced trauma and/or multiple adverse childhood experiences; have a history of aggressive or deviant behaviours; or who have been involved in the Criminal Justice System either as a victim or perpetrator.

**The Hwb Torfaen - £9,800** towards a project that is aimed at tackling anti-social behaviour and heritage-based crimes. The project will work with disadvantaged young people from Blaenavon to provide structured training, intergenerational learning as well as practical conservation work; providing participants with an understanding of the consequences of crime whilst also developing key skills by providing opportunities for positive action.

**Missing People - £17,965** towards a project that will develop and deliver 8 in-person workshops for up to 80 young people who are caught up in / at known risk of exploitation. The workshops will equip and empower these young people with the knowledge and skills to stay safe, reduce harm and be confident in seeking help. The workshops will be designed around local exploitation models and challenges.

**The Family & Community Group - £19,000** towards the Pontymoile 'Youth Empowerment' Project which will deliver a programme of youth engagement activities designed to boost confidence, self esteem and resilience, providing diversionary activities and improve health and wellbeing. Outreach work and drop-in sessions will be available to ensure accessibility, together with group workshops and mentoring sessions. Specific targeted support for young carers, Roma, Gypsy and Traveller young people as well as those from the most disadvantaged communities will be a key target demographic of this project.

**County in the Community - £21,680** towards continuation of the 'Premier League Kicks' project in Ringland. This project will provide easily accessible sports provision for young people, fostering engagement through trusted adults and role models.

**Umbrella Cymru - £49,954** towards the 'Safe & Supported' project which will provide specialist LGBTQ+ support for young people under the age of 25 across Gwent, who have experienced or who fear becoming victims of crime, including hate crime and harassment.

**The Gap Wales - £10,000** towards the 'Stronger Together: Community Safety and Wellbeing Programme' which will deliver a structured programme of advocacy and support designed to prevent crime, anti-social behaviour and vulnerability amongst refugees and asylum seekers. The programme will

introduce targeted interventions that strengthen resilience, improve wellbeing and reduce risk factors linked to anti-social behaviour and exploitation.

**Newport Business Against Crime - £5,000** towards the continuation of the community safety focused project in Newport City Centre aimed at deterring shoplifting and disorder inside and outside pubs via the 'Pubwatch' scheme.

5.. The arrangements for each award will be set out in a Grant Agreement which includes appropriate terms and conditions, purpose of the award and payment, monitoring and reporting arrangements.

As a minimum, in order to monitor the progress of funded projects, and provide reassurance that funding allocated is effectively meeting Policing Priorities in Gwent, as outlined in the Police, Crime and Justice Plan, grant recipients are required to complete a mid-year and an end of year monitoring report which will require the following information to be provided:

- Project Activity;
- Project Outputs;
- Project Outcomes;
- Breakdown of financial expenditure;
- Risks; and
- Learning

Where the review panel recommended additional conditions over and above the standard terms and conditions, (in order to gain assurance and clarity in relation to project deliverables and outcomes); these will be monitored in addition to the minimum monitoring and reporting requirements and where appropriate and proportionate, have been linked to the release of funding.

Applicant organisations will be required to accept the terms and conditions of the grant, which will be outlined in a Grant Agreement and Grant Offer Letter, by signing and returning the relevant documentation. Payment of grants is subject to ongoing compliance with the terms and conditions of the grant and satisfactory monitoring and reporting.

**Jane Mudd, Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent**

I confirm I have considered whether or not I have any personal or prejudicial interest in this matter and take the proposed decision in compliance with my code of conduct.

Any such interests are recorded below.

The above request has my approval.

Signed



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