

<b>Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision</b>	
PCCG-2020-058	Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision
Subject	2021/2022 Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent (PCC) Police Community Fund Successful Applications
Summary	To record the decision of the PCC to award grants from the PCC Police Community Fund for the 2021/2022 financial year.

## **DECISION**

- Previous publication of Decision number PCCG-2018-034 confirmed my intention to establish a recurrent commissioning fund (the PCC Police Community Fund) of up to £300,000 annually, to use monies obtained through the Proceeds of Crime Act. This Fund aims to enable children and young people in Gwent to be safe, healthy and happy, building a better future for themselves and their community, by empowering Gwent Police to tackle community based issues in a lasting and impactful way. The Fund supports not-for-profit organisations, seeking to deliver projects and services working with children, young people or vulnerable adults under the age of 25, who live in the Gwent Police area. The Fund will focus on projects supporting children and young people who:

  - may be in danger of entering the criminal justice system; or
  - have become victims of crime.

Eligible organisations and groups can make applications for funding throughout the year. Applications must have the support of their local Neighbourhood Policing Team. Submitted applications are assessed on a quarterly basis by a Panel consisting of representatives from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, Gwent Police and the Council for Wales Voluntary Youth Service (CWVYS).
- Following a robust application process at the February 2021 PCC Police Community Fund Panel, six projects have been successful in receiving funding, totalling £143,656.64. Additionally, four projects funded in previous years (2019/2020 & 2020/2021), were in principle awarded year two or three funding, subject to satisfactory reporting and continuing compliance with terms and conditions of grant. These four projects total £155,596.72

This brings the allocation of 2021/2022 funding to a total of £299,253.36. As such, due to the near full allocation of the £300,000 Fund, no further funding round will be required for the 2021/2022 financial year.

3. The successful projects reviewed at the February 2021 Panel that will be receiving year one funding are listed below:

**2021/22 Grant Awards (April 2021 – March 2022):**

**Cymru Creations** (Blaenau Gwent)- £25,000 towards the Blaenau Gwent Film Academy, which will include the opportunity for young people to create a series of short films focusing on current issues and concerns e.g. focusing on anti-social behaviour and the immediate plus long-term effects it can have.

**Senghenydd Youth Drop-in Centre** (Caerphilly) - £33,314.49 to provide a youth and community worker to offer outreach and youth centre-based activities for young people and their families, who are at risk of committing / recommitting or becoming victims of crime / anti-social behaviour.

**KidCare4U** (Newport) - £22,000 towards a Saturday Kids Club for children and young people from ages 5 to 16 years based within the BAME community. This will provide a safe environment for young people to develop, participate in placement opportunities, improve self-esteem and confidence as well as promote positive relationships between communities.

**Cyfannol Women's Aid** (Gwent Wide) - £27,314.15 to expand the Assertive Outreach Project to include a specialist Youth Worker with domestic abuse experience. The Youth Worker will provide support to young people (predominantly ages 16 to 24) both at the time of crisis, as well as providing follow up support to ensure the young people are linked in with the appropriate services. The intervention will support young people to be safer and feel more supported in leaving abusive relationships.

**Ffin Dance** (Blaenau Gwent) - £10,000 to provide diversionary activity through the Dance & Enhance project which will be holding dance and fitness sessions. The project will also be working with excluded young people and will be free of charge to all who attend. It will be open on weekdays, weekends and school holidays. The project will also be providing awareness sessions on topics such as alcohol abuse, impacts of poverty etc., that will aid community cohesion and provide early intervention opportunities to ensure participants have improved wellbeing and awareness of life choices.

**Duffryn Community Link** (Newport) - £28,028 towards the provision of a Detached Youth Worker who will engage with the harder to reach young people, who do not participate in the centre-based provision that the organisation offer. Through this avenue the young people can be provided with support and diversionary opportunities. The project will be working alongside

specialist agencies to encourage young people to turn their back on alcohol and drug abuse.

Where the above organisation applied for year two and / or year three funding, this funding has been ringfenced out of the future years' funding pots. Decisions on awarding year two and year three funding will be made based on the receipt of satisfactory monitoring reports, continued compliance with fund criteria and terms and conditions of the grant awarded.

The following projects funded in 2019/2020 or 2020/2021 have, in principle, been awarded year two or three funding, where this was applied for in their original application, subject to satisfactory reporting:

**Urban Circle Productions - £50,000**

**Cwmbran Centre for Young People - £40,314.72**

**The Gap Wales - £16,931**

**Community House - £48,351**

Further details on these four projects can be found on Decision Logs PCCG-2019-051, PCCG-2019-073 and PCCG-2019-074.

4. 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 and Crime 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.

**Jeff Cuthbert B.SC., MCIPD, 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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