

Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision	
PCCG-2021-031	Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision
Subject	2022/2023 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 2022/2023 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 2022 PCC Police Community Fund Panel, four projects have been successful in receiving funding, totalling £81,109.90. Additionally, six projects funded in previous years (2020/2021 and 2021/2022), were in principle awarded year two or three funding, subject to satisfactory reporting and continuing compliance with terms and conditions of grant. These six projects total £189,383.63

This brings the allocation of 2022/2023 funding to a total of £270,493.53. As such, due to the near full allocation of the £300,000 Fund, no further funding round will be required for the 2022/2023 financial year, however internal discussions will take place between Gwent Police and the Office of the Police

and Crime Commissioner, to establish an avenue to award the remainder of the £300,000 funding to appropriate projects within Gwent that will benefit local communities.

3. The successful projects reviewed at the February 2022 Panel that will be receiving year one funding are listed below:

2022/23 Grant Awards (April 2022 – March 2023):

Cefn Golau Together (Blaenau Gwent)- £11,574 towards the Nip it in the Bud Project. The project will run activities for the whole community but with specific projects for families, children and young adults to improve physical and mental health and wellbeing whilst promoting a sense of community belonging, mutual respect and responsibility. Activities include sport, environmental conservation, horticulture and local food initiatives. This approach will give the young people a sense of pride and ownership and reduce the risk of anti-social behaviour once the project is complete.

Newport Yemeni Community Association (NYCA) (Newport) - £43,070 towards a NYCA Youth Empowerment Programme which will provide a preventative programme providing options for the young people to get involved, engaged and empowered to make positive life choices. This will be provided via various aspects: sports activities, tuition/one to one support, provision of positive role models, providing the opportunity for young people to develop a voice in the community whilst also strengthening relationships between the young people and the local policing team.

County in the Community (Newport) - £11,307.50 to deliver the Premier League Kicks Project in Ringland. Weekly sessions will be provided on a Friday outside of school hours and in school holidays. Learning opportunities will also be provided to improve young people's development and wellbeing.

Empire Fighting Chance (Torfaen) - £15,158.40 to provide the Fighting Crime in Torfaen Project. The project will combine non-contact boxing and intensive personal support, for young people from Torfaen who are at risk of entering the criminal justice system. Young people will be recruited via referral partners, including schools, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) and Gwent Police and be referred to one of two programmes, that will be delivered in schools and other community settings: Training with Champions for young people who will participate in a 20-week programme combining boxing, psychological support and mentoring; or Boxing Therapy for young people experiencing more acute issues where they will participate in a 12-week programme combining therapy with boxing training.

Where the above organisations applied for year two and / or year three funding, where agreed 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 2020/2021 or 2021/2022 have, in principle, been awarded year two or three funding, where this was applied for in their original application, subject to satisfactory reporting:

Community House - £48,351

Cymru Creations - £25,000

Cyfannol Women's Aid - £33,600

Duffryn Community Link - £28,805

Kid Care 4 U – £22,000

Senghenydd Youth Drop in Centre - £31,627.63

Further details on these six projects can be found on Decision Logs PCCG-2019-074 and PCCG-2020-058.

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

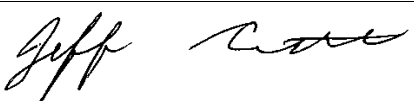
signing and returning the relevant documentation. Payment of grants is subject to ongoing compliance with the terms and conditions of the grant and satisfactory monitoring and reporting.

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 	Date 21.03.2022
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