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| **Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision**  |
| PCCG-2023-032 | Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision |
| Subject | 2024/2025 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 2024/2025 financial year. |

**DECISION**

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| 1. | 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).  |
| 2. | Following a robust application process at the February 2024 PCC Police Community Fund Panel, six projects have been successful in receiving funding, totalling £215,822.57. Additionally, six projects funded in previous years (2022/2023 and 2023/2024), were in principle awarded year two or three funding, subject to satisfactory reporting and continuing compliance with terms and conditions of grant. These additional six total £207,352.23. This brings the allocation of 2024/2025 funding to a total of £423,174.80, the additional funding over and above the annual £300,000 has been agreed to be paid out of reserves on this occasion.  |
| 3. | Due to the PCC Election in May 2024, the 2024-2025 PCC Police Community Fund only permitted applicants the opportunity to apply for one year’s worth of funding, as opposed to up to three years as in previous years. This is outlined in my Decision Log – PCCG-2023-010. The successful projects reviewed at the February 2024 Panel that will be receiving year one funding are listed below:**2024/25 Grant Awards (April 2024 – March 2025):****Cyfannol Women’s Aid** (Pan Gwent)- £32,531 towards a Children & Young People’s Intake and Assessment Worker, who will conduct a 6-step referral pathway process as the first point of contact on supporting children and young people who have been victims of crime (domestic abuse and sexual violence).**Senghenydd Youth Drop in Centre** (Caerphilly) - £39,929.76 towards the Drop in Centre, where youth and community workers will offer outreach and youth centre based activities. Youth Workers will also work with NEETs (young people not in education, employment or training), during daytime hours and provide evening sessions to children and young people on subjects such as substance misuse and online safety, as well as raise awareness on issues such as grooming, trafficking, modern slavery and risk taking behaviour.**Urban Circle** (Blaenau Gwent) - £49,230 towards the provision of a Youth Worker based in Ebbw Vale for the Urban Circle Club which will provide youth club sessions and conduct person centred assessments with children and young people to identify areas that may lead them into a future of offending or anti-social behaviour. In liaison with partner agencies the project will provide opportunities for making better informed life choices and creating more positive relationships by working closely with various agencies including the Youth Offending Service, Gwent Police and Blaenau Gwent Youth Service. The project will also deliver community outreach as well as receive multi agency referrals. **Brynmawr Interact** (Blaenau Gwent) - £10,000 towards the provision of activities, life skills, workshops and leadership opportunities for children and young people living in an area of deprivation and as a means of ensuring there are diversionary activities and opportunities in place to reduce the amount of children and young people at risk of entering the criminal justice system. **Media Academy Wales** (Pan Gwent) - £42,945 towards the provision of a Case Manager to dismantle the violent narratives of misogyny and focus on the often termed ‘manosphere’. The initiative will broaden and raise awareness of these issues to safeguard and prevent the risk of radicalised extreme masculinity ideologies. The aim is to encourage and support children and young people to adopt pro-social values and attitudes irrespective of gender.**Newport Mind** (Newport) - £41,186.81 towards the provision of a Project Worker who will deliver one to one, trauma and restorative informed mental health support sessions to children and young people aged 11 to 25. Referrals received will need to meet one of three criteria: experienced trauma and/or multiple adverse childhood experiences; had a history of antisocial, aggressive or defiant behaviours; and/or has been involved in the Criminal Justice System process either as a victim or a perpetrator. The following projects funded in 2022/2023 or 2023/2024 have, in principle, been awarded year two or three funding, where this was applied for in their original application, subject to satisfactory reporting:**Newport Yemeni Community Association -** £39,390**County in the Community -** £11,355.39**Empire Fighting Chance -** £15,158.40**Community House** - £49,886**Cwmbran Centre for Young People** - £42,631.48**Ethnic Youth Support Team** - £48,930.96Further details on these six projects can be found on Decision Logs PCCG-2021-031 and PCCG-2022-044 |
| 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. |

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| **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 | Date07.03.2024 |

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