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Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision	
PCCG-2019 - 031	Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision
Subject	Serious Organised Crime – Interventions Funding 2019/20 for Crimestoppers Trust and St Giles Trust
	To record the decision to provide grant funding (awarded by the Home Office to the Police and Crime Commissioner) to organisations working together with Gwent Police to deliver Serious Organised Crime Interventions during the 2019/20 financial year.

DECISION

1. The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 provides under sections 9 and 10 that the Police and Crime Commissioner for a police area makes crime and disorder grants and acts in co-operation with responsible authorities and makes arrangements with criminal justice agencies for the exercise of functions so as to provide an efficient and effective criminal justice system for the area. This provision was further supplemented by virtue of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 which provided specific arrangements for the provision of funding for victims.
2. In 2018 / 19 a Home Office Grant of £245,000 was provided to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent to enable the reduction of crime, reduce the impact of Serious Organised Crime (SOC) on communities and protect the most vulnerable members of society from criminal exploitation. The Home Office have confirmed that continuation funding of £245,000 is to be provided for the 2019/20 financial year to continue to pilot the project. The project is piloting a whole system approach to tackling SOC that involves targeted prevent interventions, resilience building work and strategic communications, to develop capability on the ground. The Project is supported, co-ordinated and targeted through a SOC Community Co-ordinator within Gwent Police. The responsibility of the SOC Community Co-ordinator extends across the entire force area but activity will be prioritised within the pilot area (Newport), working closely with key partners in local government, the third sector and private sector. The SOC Community Co-ordinator is responsible for delivering targeted interventions aimed at those most at risk of being drawn into SOC and strategic communications in 'at risk' communities to increase resilience to SOC, reduce demand for illicit items and reduce tolerance of SOC in the community.

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3. £75,000 of the Home Office grant will contribute to the gross costs of the SOC Community Co-ordinator and additional costs required to deliver the programme of work.

The remaining Home Office grant allocation, £170,000, is available to deliver interventions. In 2018/19 four partnership organisations (decision log PCCG-2018-042), were selected to deliver interventions, after entering a competitive grant application process.

Based on progress and performance of the interventions delivered in 2018/19 a process was instigated to allow proposals to be submitted for further funding to continue delivery of pilot interventions in 2019/20. The proposals were reviewed and funding recommendations made by a Panel made up of representatives of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, Gwent Police and Newport City Council.

4. I have considered the requirements under both Acts of legislation, the recommendations made by the Panel, the requirements of the grant agreement and assessed the impact on my Police and Crime Priorities for Gwent and have decided that I will provide non-recurrent funding, awarded from the Home Office SOC grant, to the following organisations:

Crimestoppers Trust £42,376

- To employ an outreach worker to deliver the Fearless Programme in educational establishments; and
- To deliver awareness raising campaigns.

St Giles Trust £59,599

- To employ a caseworker to deliver crisis intervention with young people and their families; and
- To deliver training to professionals.

The work of the above organisations will be overseen and monitored by the SOC Community Coordinator, who will report into the SOC Project Board every six weeks.

An amount of £68,025 remains in the process of being allocated.

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.

At a minimum, and in addition to the oversight provided by the SOC

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Community Coordinator, 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, and the requirements of the HO SOC grant, the 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
- Risk
- Learning

Where the 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. Where appropriate and proportional these have been linked to the release of funding.

Successful applicants 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 prior to any funding being released.

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Jeff Cuthbert B.SC., MDIPD, 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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8/7/19

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Background papers

Proposal Form 19/20

Original Guidance Document 18/19