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| **Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision** | |
| PCCG-2023- 010 | Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision |
| Subject | 2024/2025 Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent (PCC) Police Community Fund |
| Summary | To record the decision of the PCC to announce the 2024/2025 PCC Police Community Fund application process, as amended, in light of the 2024 PCC Election.. |

**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. | On an annual basis the PCC Police Community Fund has been being launched in the summer of the preceding financial year in order to allow for the application process to run through the necessary checks. This time frame enables all due diligence and enquiries to be made and appropriately recorded. It also allows for a Panel to convene to make recommendations to the PCC in order for him to make award decisions in February, prior to the start of the new financial year.  The decision on any funding opportunities for 2024/25 needs to be made now, in order for applicants to have an opportunity to apply for funding and for any subsequent grant awards to be made in a timely manner, allowing grant recipients to have a full year’s funding allowance to deliver their project.  The Fund currently allows for applicants to apply for three years’ worth of funding. It is however recommended that due to the election in May 2024, the Fund rules be amended to allow applications for only one year’s worth of funding so that the elected PCC can review the Fund and consider any changes they may want to implement once in post.  Due to the nature of the existing three year grant awards, for 2024/25, out of the £300,000 available, £207,352 has already been ringfenced for the delivery of year two and year three projects. This means that the funding available for the 2024/25 period amounts to £92,648. |
| 3. | The arrangements for any 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 |

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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.  **This report has been signed by the Chief Executive on behalf of the PCC as per Part 3c, Scheme of Consent and Delegation, Paragraph 9 of the Manual of Corporate Governance** | |
| Signed | Date  28/07/2023 |

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