



**OFFICE OF THE POLICE & CRIME
COMMISSIONER FOR THAMES VALLEY**

Report for Decision

Title: Community Safety Fund Grant Allocations 2013/14

Executive Summary:

Nine previous Home Office funding streams for drugs, crime and community safety initiatives ceased on 31st March 2013 and have been replaced, with effect from 1st April, by a new, single, Community Safety Fund (CSF) allocated to the PCC to support the commissioning of relevant services across the Thames Valley area.

The CSF is un-ringfenced and can be used to commission services that help tackle drugs and crime, reduce re-offending and improve community safety in the force area.

During 2012/13 the Home Office allocated grants to local authorities and voluntary organisations in the TVP area totalling just over £3.9m, but the amount allocated by the Home Office to the PCC in 2013/14 is a significantly lower sum of £3.083m to commission essentially the same range of services. To offset, in part, this reduction in Government funding of £0.8m, the PCC's approved revenue budget for 2013/14 contains a one-off growth provision of £0.4m. This means that the PCC's approved commissioning budget in 2013/14 is £3.483m, a net reduction of approximately £0.4m compared to the 2012/13 aggregate level of funding.

This report explains how the bids for funding from the PCC's Community Safety Fund have been scaled back to an affordable level in line with the PCC's approved commissioning budget for 2013/14.

Recommendation:

1. To approve the process for reducing bids from the CSF to an affordable level.
2. To approve the allocation of grants as set out in Appendix X

Police and Crime Commissioner

I hereby approve the recommendation above.

Signature

Date

PART 1 – NON-CONFIDENTIAL

1 Introduction and background

- 1.1 With effect from 1st April the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) is responsible for commissioning services to help tackle drugs and crime, reduce re-offending and improve community safety in the Force area. The Home Office will provide an un-ringfenced Community Safety Fund (CSF) grant to aid this process in 2013/14. For Thames Valley this amounts to £3.083m.
- 1.2 Although the Home Office provided information on which funding streams will cease on 31st March 2013 it did not provide a force-by-force breakdown of the grants allocated under each of the nine previous funding streams. Table 1 below provides an estimate of the grants allocated to organisations in the Thames Valley Police area during 2012/13. A more detailed analysis is provided in Appendix 1.

Funding stream	£m
Drug Interventions Programme (DIP)	1.154
DIP Drug Testing Grant	0.615
Community Safety Partnership (CSP) Funding	1.206
Youth crime and substance misuse prevention activities	0.438
Positive Futures	0.099
Communities Against Guns, Gangs and Knives Programme	0
Community Action Against Crime: Innovation Fund	0.389
Safer Future Communities	0.006
Ending gang and youth violence funding	0
Total	3.907

- 1.3 The PCC's approved revenue budget for 2013/14 contains a one-off growth provision of £0.4m. The PCC's CSF commissioning budget is therefore £3.483m.
- 1.4 The PCC wrote to all known recipients of 2012/13 Home Office funding on 15th February asking them whether they required funding in 2013/14 and, if so, to submit a detailed business case explaining what services they would provide, how these will contribute to the delivery of the key objectives in the PCC's Police and Crime Plan, and what local performance measurement and reporting regimes are currently in place.
- 1.5 All upper tier local authorities in the TVP area, Thames Valley Police (Custody Intervention programme) and five local voluntary sector bodies submitted bids for funding which totalled £3.740m. This sum exceeded the annual budget by £0.257m. In order to reduce the 'bids' to a more manageable and affordable level the following principles were adopted:
- 1) Remove new Innovation Fund bids
 - 2) Remove excessive CSP bids (i.e. where the 2013/14 bid is higher than the 2012/13 grant allocation)
 - 3) Remove excessive DIP bids
 - 4) Remove excessive Youth Offending Team (YOT) bids
 - 5) Reduce ongoing Innovation Fund bids by 50%
 - 6) Reduce the bid from Safer Future Communities by 20%

- 1.6 This exercise resulted in the total value bids being reduced from £3.740m to £3.505m, i.e. £0.022m higher than the approved commissioning budget of £3.483m. Rather than reduce the bids for CSP grants, etc. still further it is recommended that additional one-off savings of £0.022m be identified from elsewhere in the PCC budget and applied to help fund CSF grants in 2013/14. Appendix 2 provides information on the proposed grant allocation to each local authority and those voluntary sector bodies that will continue to receive funding for Innovation Projects in 2013/14.
- 1.7 Letters informing the recipients of their provisional grant allocations were sent on 19th March. Work is in-hand to produce individual grant agreement letters which contain the 'Conditions of Grant'.
- 1.8 Staff from the Office of the PCC will work closely with partner bodies over the next few months to agree appropriate outcome measures and performance monitoring arrangements.
- 1.9 During 2013/14 OPCC staff will work with partner bodies to identify specific areas whether cash efficiencies can be made through a corporate approach to commissioning. For the longer term, staff will also consider options for a funding model that will help secure a fairer and more equitable allocation of resources across services and partners through, for example, the application of an appropriate 'formula' to apply resources according to the 'relative need' for expenditure in each service and geographical area.

2 Issues for consideration

- 2.1 Does the PCC agree with the Principles-based approach to reduce funding bids (per para. 1.5)?
- 2.2 Does the PCC support the proposal that future year allocations be based on 'relative need' rather than requesting individual business cases from all existing partner bodies (per para. 1.9)?

3 Financial comments

- 3.1 The financial implications are set out in Section 1 above. The proposed award of grants to individual grants bodies in 2013/14, amounting to £3.505m, is set out in Appendix 2. Although this exceeds the PCC's commissioning budget by £0.022m, savings can be found elsewhere in the PCC controlled budget to ensure that, overall, the PCC does not exceed his annual approved budget.

4 Legal comments

- 4.1 Section 9 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 states that an elected local policing body (i.e. the PCC) for an area may make a crime and disorder reduction grant to any person. This is a grant which, in the opinion of the PCC, will secure, or contribute to securing, crime and disorder reduction in his/her area. The grant is subject to any conditions which the PCC thinks appropriate

5 Equality comments

- 5.1 No specific issues arising from this report. Grants will be made to local authorities who will use the funding to commission services which are deemed essential by the local community safety partnership (CSP), and consistent with the priorities and strategic objectives set out in the PCC's Police and Crime Plan. Each CSP has to produce a strategic needs assessment to identify those specific sections of the community (victims, witnesses, perpetrators) where targeted action is required in order to deliver a positive outcome for the local community.

6 Background papers

Correspondence with local authorities and voluntary sector organisations

Public access to information

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Is the publication of this form to be deferred? No

Is there a Part 2 form? No

Name & Role	Officer
Head of Unit Detailed bids have been received from all 9 upper tier local authorities in the TVP area as well as from the Police and other appropriate voluntary sector bodies. A fair and equitable process has been adopted to reduce the bids to an affordable level.	PCC Chief Finance Officer
Legal Advice Section 9 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 enables the PCC to award crime and disorder reduction grants	PCC Chief Executive
Financial Advice The proposed grant allocation of £3.505m can be accommodated within the PCC's approved budget for 2013/14	PCC Chief Finance Officer
Equalities and Diversity No specific issues arising from this report	PCC Chief Executive

OFFICER'S APPROVAL

We have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that financial and legal advice have been taken into account in the preparation of this report.

We are satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Chief Executive

Date 27 March 2013

Chief Finance Officer

Date 26 March 2013

	CSPs	DIP	DIP Drug Testing	Youth Crime Substance Misuse YOT (HO)	Youth Crime Substance Misuse YJB	Positive Futures	Community Action Against Crime	Safer Future Communities	Total
Bracknell	69,617	32,553		10,105	13,750				126,025
Bucks CC	241,236	95,910		32,253	43,888				413,287
Milton Keynes	114,322	53,297		21,426	32,406				221,451
Oxon CC	286,794	361,077		47,809	65,057	19,500			780,237
Reading	144,037	301,120		21,337	29,034	79,364			574,892
Slough	107,827	215,165		20,598	28,029				371,619
West Berkshire	74,345	30,873		12,760	17,363				135,341
Windsor & Maidenhead	91,752	33,562		9,188	12,503				147,005
Wokingham	75,609	29,973		8,702	11,841				126,125
TVP			615,000						615,000
Art beyond belief							31,501		31,501
Banbury Crime Partnership							10,896		10,896
Berks East & S.Bucks Womens aid							47,197		47,197
Brook East							14,991		14,991
Crime Reduction Initiative							81,515		81,515
Hivings Free Church							19,991		19,991
MK Christian Foundation							50,555		50,555
New Leaf Project							35,154		35,154
New Leaf Project							46,311		46,311
Sunrise Multi Cultural Project							51,132		51,132
Escaping victimhood								6,000	6,000
OCVA									0
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