

**WEST MIDLANDS POLICE
AND CRIME
COMMISSIONER**

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NOTICE OF DECISION

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Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 – Successful Grant Applications

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (POCA) allows the recovered assets of criminality to be used to fund community based activity. POCA funding is secured in a number of ways including cash seizures and the confiscation of assets through the courts following convictions. The Home Office collect the assets and these are shared between the Treasury, Courts, Crown Prosecution Service and Police using a prescribed formula.

DECISION

That grants be made from the community allocation of POCA funding to the organisations set out in Appendix 1.

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I confirm that I do not have any disclosable pecuniary interests in this decision and take the decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct for the West Midlands Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. Any interests are indicated below.

Signature.....David Jamieson.....

Date.....14 October 2014.....

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INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

The Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA) funding is secured in a number of ways including cash seizures and the confiscation of assets through the courts following convictions. The Home Office collect the assets and these are shared between the Treasury, Courts, Crown Prosecution Service and Police using a prescribed formula dependent on the origin of the assets. The Home Office sends each Force an allocation each financial quarter. It is not possible to predict what this amount might be due to the nature of the court system, timing of trials and outcome of the trials. The amount received by West Midlands Police (WMP) can vary from approximately £200,000 to £800,000 and each year WMP agree how much POCA funding will be used for communities and infrastructure reinvestment.

POCA funding can be used for :

1. Funding community activity
2. Funding resources and/or activity that is intended to increase POCA recoveries.

West Midlands Police (WMP) has recently invested in a team of staff dedicated to the recovery of POCA funds. As this is a fixed cost, the amount of funding for communities can vary from year to year depending of Home Office allocations. During this financial year WMP and the Police and Crime Commissioner agreed that £800,000 would be allocated equally between community funding and infrastructure funding, which is intended to increase asset recovery. It has also been agreed that the infrastructure bids will be considered and approved by WMP, and that Assistant Chief Constable Carl Foulkes chairs a POCA Panel to consider bids for Community funding. On the Panel are a range of representatives from the Force and also representation from the PCCs office. The recommendations of the Panel have been submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner for final approval and are attached at Appendix 1.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

POCA Allocation £800,000	£
Already allocated to Priority Areas - April 2014	149,975
Already allocated to Kickz programme	75,000
Recommended Community Bids which the PCC is approving through this decision paper	274,644
Allocated to Infrastructure bids	246,939.80
Sub Total	746,558.80
Underspend from the Community Bids – to be allocated	53,441.20

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 Schedule 1, Section 1 14 (1) provides that a Police and Crime Commissioner may do anything which is calculated to facilitate, or is conducive or incidental to, the exercise of the functions of Commissioner.

EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

The fund is intended to assist in promoting equalities by targeting disadvantaged or hard to reach groups that may face inequality. It is also intended to support groups involved in community projects responding to crime locally

Schedule of Background Papers

The applications are available.

Public Access to Information

Information contained in this decision is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and other legislation. This decision will be made available on the Commissioner's website.

Appendix 1

Bid Number	Bid Supporting	Funding For	Trying to Achieve	LPU	Amount Requested	Recommended Allocation
2	North Birmingham Community Safety Partnership	2 x Pro Laser Three hand held speed devices	To support speed reduction initiatives across the LPU	BN	8,642	8,642
6	Malcolm Locker Youth Centre, Erdington – provides youth and community activities for local families	Repair and modernisation of the building & fencing to the front and rear. Re-development of the outdoor football pitch	Providing partnership working to enhance services to the local community in a deprived area	BN	4,000	4,000
9	Bournbrook Community Safety Partnership, Selly Oak.	Repairs to gating at student accommodation surrounding Birmingham University	To target harden vulnerable sites reducing opportunity for burglary dwelling	BS	30,000	5,000
14	Bromford Safe Haven, Firs & Bromford Community Centre - provides engagement with local youth	Mirrors & matting for the boxing gym, 2 x Samsung TV's 7 various games equipment for youth centre.	A police run haven for young people, funding will secure future engagement with local youth	BE	11,260	10,000
26	Birmingham Child Contact Centre – provides support for domestic violence	Volunteer training, mentoring materials, toys, sports equipment, and activity	Provide a safe and secure venue for contact sessions, in order to assist with safeguarding and	BW	4,825	2,000

	related separated families in inner city Birmingham	materials.	engagement with children from troubled families, diverting them away from risk of harm and crime.			
27	Fireside Community Project :Digbeth based tackling homelessness and offending	Equipment and supervision time for community projects	Provide training to enable previous offenders and homeless to gain employment through new learnt skills whilst improving the area for the local community	BW	8,097	8,097
30	Swanswell Drugs and Health Service Schools Project	Delivery of twenty drugs awareness sessions across eight schools in Kings Norton, Small Heath, Erdington, Edgbaston, Moseley, Aston, Yardley, and Highgate	A preventative measure to raise the awareness of young people to the dangers of drug use, targeted at safeguarding those most at risk in deprived areas	BW /BE / BN	6,398	6,398
32	Young Leaders Blue Light Project – a joint emergency services youth programme in Aston & Newtown	Uniform, 2 x mobile phones, 2 x computer tablets	Provide young local people with the opportunity to develop new skills, and increase confidence and self-esteem allowing them to make a positive contribution within their community.	BW	5,340	5,340
34	Coventry PPU - High Risk Domestic Abuse offenders	Funding of a six month programme to mentor 14 high risk domestic	To reduce reoffending amongst the most prolific and high risk offenders thus	CV	26,000	10,000

		abuse offenders, provided by an outside agency Mentoring West Midlands (reduced from 12 months and 22 offenders)	safeguarding those put at risk by them			
35	Bell Green Project, Coventry - A range of providers will use this funding as part of a consortium	To provide a range of activities along with other partners at three primary schools identified as being within a priority area in Coventry.	Preventative activity with younger people specifically those aged 5-10 years, providing education and mentoring with parental inclusion, to divert them away from the potential lure of future crime, disorder and Anti-Social Behaviour.	CV	12,500	12,500
37	Phase Trust Youth Support charity and 'The Hub Youth Club' at Zion Christian Centre, Halesowen	Clear, fence, and resurface derelict land next to the Centre and create a designated outside space for use by young people accessing the youth facilities	PHASE Trust deliver alternative education resources to around 100 young people per week, these young people are classed as disaffected and referred to PHASE by their school with the intention of delivering support work aimed at re-engaging them with education and health provision.	DY	23,500	10,000
38	Just Straight Talk - Community Interest Company targeting	Assist with administration and tutoring costs for	Assist 16-25 year olds within deprived areas to gain relevant skills and	DY	35,000	17,500

	young adults in Sedgley	twelve months	abilities to attain employment, diverting them from crime			
40	Netherton Cricket Club – provides sport and social activities to the local community	Upgrade to Security system at club	To target harden the club which has been subject of repeat burglaries.	DY	3,000	3,000
44	Box Clever, St. Andrews Centre, Solihull	Refurbish upstairs classrooms, acquisition of high tech dance and music equipment, alternative multi sports equipment, multi-media electronic equipment, and soft furnishings.	Working with local partners, this well established youth centre is attempting to increase its range of activities to attract a wider range of youth, providing engagement to help divert them from crime and anti-social behaviour	SH	10,000	10,000
45	Priority Area community engagement pilot in Tipton Green and Soho and Victoria wards	Part funding in partnership with Sandwell MBC for mentoring and training of police staff, housing officers, and community members delivered by a private company Mutual Gain	To help co-ordinate the running of a six month project aimed at developing deeper engagement with the local community to find businesses, community groups and individuals who will take ownership for some of the issues in the priority areas	SW	Contribution to 130,000	10,000
49	Walsall LPU	Portable display boards and trestle table	To assist in holding crime prevention initiatives in various locations	WS	254	254

			throughout Walsall LPU.			
54	Recre8now - a psychology based drama company providing active programmes and mentoring to ex-offenders	Provide a three month programme aimed at training ten ex-offenders to become Community Change Agents	To give ten ex-offenders the skills and self-confidence to move away from a life of crime and empower them to help others follow the same path	FCID	12,183	9,903.17
60	Funding Precious Lives 2015 (Unique provider parent in double murder)	Fund Marcia Shakespeare along with West Midlands Police to make 200 presentations to schools, pupil referral units, young adult (YOTs and Princes Trust) and educational providers.	To deliver a hard hitting view of the impact of violent crime on those involved. This to a target audience aimed at diverting them from violent crime/gang culture	FCID	12,000	12,000
61	Pandora's Box (unique provider parent in double murder)	To fund a 6 month continued commission with phase 2 of Pandora's Box - A unique blend of how choices and consequence was borne out of real life experiences, tragedies, imprisonment, servitude that has lead on to the development	To deliver a hard hitting view of the impact of violent crime to key stage 4 & 5 children aimed at diverting them from violent crime/gang culture	FCID	12,500	12,500

		of a series of work base learning programmes aimed at key stage 4 & 5 children				
67	Match funded CSE Coordinator for 6 months (voluntary sector)	To support initial start-up costs of CSE coordinator to support multi agency activity addressing CSE	To deliver improved coordination of partner data sharing and management of risk and Screening of referrals for CSE	DY/SW	17,500	17,500
70	Small Heath Boxing Club, Digbeth – provides volunteer led amateur boxing and general fitness to youths aged 10 to 19 from disadvantaged local communities who are at risk of becoming involved in gun, gang and knife culture	Provide a forty week project delivering educational based workshops around the effects of drugs and alcohol, with specialist talks on motivation, self-discipline and goal setting. This will be combined with exercise activities within the club.	The boxing club will target young people who are not involved in a gang but may be under pressure to join one. The scheme aims to divert young people from gang membership by giving them a safe place to go which is free from gang affiliation, and building self-confidence and belief in their ability to achieve.	FCID	7,110	7,110
72	A joint partnership between Air Waves Media, The Muslim Women's Network UK, and West Midlands Police	Production and supporting material costs in relation to 2 x educational films focusing on Child Sexual Exploitation and Female Genital Mutilation which will be circulated through	Helping to safeguard those at risk of CSE and FGM by raising awareness to potential signs, and encouraging the reporting of these offences.	PPU	13,000	13,000

		Local Safeguarding Children Boards, Schools, and police initiatives				
74	14sports4life teens programme, Ladywood and Washwood Heath	Fund a six month programme offering crime and gangs, drugs, and sexual health workshops, accredited training courses, and sports coaching sessions to disadvantaged young local people aged 12-16yrs	To provide the opportunities for young people from two deprived areas to realise their true potential through educational and life skill inputs, diverting them from disruptive behaviour and crime	BE/BW	5,500	5,500
80	FCID - A broad selection of crime prevention equipment/materials	Memocams, Portable Spay Devices, SelectaDNA kits, Personal Attack Alarms, and various Crime Prevention equipment	Assist with the identification of offenders at repeat robbery/distraction offences, to educate victims in methods of target hardening properties and reduce personal risks to themselves	FCID	10,000+	21,000
89	Wolverhampton PPU	Six month funding for a role of Child Sexual Exploitation Officer	Act as a point of contact for WMP and partner agencies, create a co-ordinated approach to CSE, and work with children and parents to raise awareness.	WV	15,000	15,000
90	Chadwick End Football	Provision for repair to	A small self-funded	SH	2,000	2,000

	Club near Solihull	damage caused at the clubhouse and theft of equipment	community club which is likely to close without assistance having an adverse effect on the local village community			
99	Lionheart 4 Schools Project	Administration costs linked to providing education around youth violence to four schools on each of the four LPU's	To reduce youth violence across the four LPU's through education	SH/SW DY/WV	26,400	26,400 (procurements agreed)
100	Balsall Heath Forum is a resident led social enterprise – funding for a community safety warden	Funding for twelve months of a Community Safety Warden	Carry out joint patrols with police officers and community support officers, and develop a business watch and neighbourhood watch schemes in order to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour	BE	10,000	10,000
Sub Total						274,644

