

**WEST MIDLANDS POLICE
AND CRIME
COMMISSIONER**

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NOTICE OF DECISION

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Title - Community Initiatives Fund

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To approve 16 applications from community based organisations based in the West Midlands seeking financial support from the Community Initiatives Fund.

DECISION

That grants be made from the Community Initiatives Fund (22 November 2012 to 31 March 2013) to those community based organisations set out in Appendix 1 towards the projects indicated.

West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner

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 for Policing and Crime. Any interests are indicated below.

Signature.....

Date.....

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INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

The purpose of the Community Initiatives Fund is to provide financial assistance to community based initiatives in the West Midlands. These initiatives should contribute towards the objectives in the Police and Crime Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan or local policing plans by addressing issues such as anti-social behaviour through the provision of diversionary activities. The principal aim of the Fund is to provide small grants to help projects succeed, and encourage community contact with local neighbourhood officers to increase trust and confidence and reduce crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Community Initiatives Fund allocation for November 22 - March 2013 is £12,500.

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 small community and voluntary groups that normally would not access funding through mainstream channels.

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

Name and Address of Project	Project Objectives	Amount of Grant Funded
Karate for All	To support an on-going project that provides courses and seminars for young people in Wolverhampton by addressing the issues of knife crime, self-defence and physical awareness. Funding would be used for the hire of venues and expenses of instructors. There is an opportunity for neighbourhood policing teams to attend sessions to build links with young people and this would support diversionary activities for young people in Wolverhampton.	£750
Wolverhampton Sea Cadets	To contribute towards the cost of installing security measures at the organisation's premises to prevent break ins and vandalism	£700
Lanesfield Boys Brigade/Girls Brigade Marching Band	To contribute towards the purchase of new musical instruments for band members to enable entry into competitions against other bands	£400
Aston Manor Community Cricket Coaching	To contribute towards the purchase of cricket equipment to be used for indoor and outdoor cricket coaching sessions. There is an opportunity for neighbourhood policing teams to attend sessions to build links with young people and this would support diversionary activities for young people.	£400
Farm Street Community Learning Centre	To support on-going teaching and learning to enable students to participate in educational activities to assist students to develop individual levels of confidence, skills and natural abilities. There is an opportunity for neighbourhood policing teams to attend sessions to build links with young people and	£400

	this would support diversionary activities for young people.	
Life Education Centres, West Midlands	To contribute towards costs associated with transporting a mobile classroom to various school sites. There is an opportunity for neighbourhood policing teams to attend sessions to build links with young people and this would support diversionary activities for young people.	£500
Hamstead Safewayz	To support the funding of the continuation of the outreach programme aimed at improving the life chances and community cohesion for young people. There is an opportunity for neighbourhood policing teams to attend sessions to build links with young people and this would support diversionary activities for young people.	£500
Be Sure, Be Safe Project	To support eight local events to promote services and positive outcomes of BCDS so that referrals increase. There is an opportunity for neighbourhood policing teams to attend sessions to build links with young people and this would support diversionary activities for young people.	£500
Navy Training Corps Uniforms	To support the funding of cadet uniforms for Wednesbury Unit. There is an opportunity for neighbourhood policing teams to attend sessions to build links with young people and this would support diversionary activities for young people.	£500
Wednesbury Amateur Boxing Club	To provide replacement equipment to enable the club to continue to provide a youth diversion activity. There is an opportunity for neighbourhood policing teams to attend sessions to build links with	£400

	young people and this would support diversionary activities for young people.	
Empowering Birmingham's YouthToday for Tomorrows Society	To contribute to the rent for the club which provides youth diversion activity. Any further funding above £750 would go towards equipment and uniforms for students. There is an opportunity for neighbourhood policing teams to attend sessions to build links with young people and this would support diversionary activities for young people.	£500
Blokes on Board The Phoenix Collegiate	To support a father/child bonding project. Funding in particular will be for refreshments/materials and an end of term project. There is an opportunity for neighbourhood policing teams to attend sessions to build links with attendees.	£500
PECO Power Walsall Sea Cadets	To contribute towards the purchase of a new project boat for the Unit. There is an opportunity for neighbourhood policing teams to attend sessions to build links with young people and this would support diversionary activities for young people.	£500
Security Enhancement Project Newhall Allotments Assn	To provide security equipment for a community allotment project. There is an opportunity for neighbourhood policing teams to attend sessions to build links with local community.	£732.30
Warstock Lane Allotments Security Project	To provide security equipment for a community allotment project. There is an opportunity for neighbourhood policing teams to attend sessions to build links with local community	£224.29
Urban Stars in Moseley & Kings Heath	To support Dance and Self Defence youth diversion activity project with instructor costs and publicity costs. There is an opportunity for neighbourhood policing teams to	£500

	attend sessions to build links with young people and this would support diversionary activities for young people.	
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