

**WEST MIDLANDS POLICE
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COMMISSIONER**

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NOTICE OF DECISION

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Title: Community Initiative Fund – June assessment process

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To consider applications from community based organisations based in the West Midlands seeking financial support from the Community Initiatives Fund in 2013-14.

DECISION

That grants be made from the Community Initiatives Fund in 2013-14 to the 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 Commissioners 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 Initiative Fund allocation for 2013-14 is £25,000.

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

Each year, the Police and Crime Commissioner will allocate a theme to the Community Initiative Fund. 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: Community Initiative Fund Applications 2013 -14

<i>No</i>	<i>Project</i>	<i>Project Objectives</i>	<i>Amount Approved £</i>
1	Sticky Radio 49 Vyse Street Birmingham B18 6HF	On-line radio project that has worked with hard to reach young community groups. Aimed to reduce ASB from such groups. Also to provide a safe environment to showcase their skills rather than in a pirate radio environment. Funding for internet and phone line usage for 12 months.	500
2	The Back Yard Nu Century Arts 160 Hamstead Road Handsworth Birmingham B20 2QR	Launch event for community project. Funding will provide marketing and expenses for performers.	250
3	Household Local Activities Newsletter Summerfield Residents Association 45 Summerfield Crescent Birmingham B16 0EN	To increase social interaction within the community. Funding will provide a monthly activities/newssheet for all residents for a year.	500
4	I Love Alum Rock Nechells Police station	Funding will provide resources for a litter picking project which will also be a recruitment tool for Street Champions	375

5	Hall Green Child Contact Centre 93b School Road Hall Green Birmingham	Provision of a sign for the Contact Centre which hosts family contact sessions in a safe impartial venue for children to meet their parents.	750
6	Get Hooked on Fishing 50 Alder Lane Bournville Birmingham B30 1QQ	Young people's mentoring scheme to tackle ASB which requires funding for equipment. This is a part funded project.	500
7	Ladywood Youth Club 40 Irving Street Birmingham B1 1DH	Funding will provide a programme of activities to give young people positive activities outside of school in safe environment	400
8	Be Safe Be Secure Somali Women and Community Services 145 Stratford Road Birmingham	The grant would provide funding to facilitate community meetings	375
9	Michelle Birch Jerk cookery Course Bings Caribbean Cuisine/WMP Lighthouse Project	6 week cookery course for young people at risk of offending behaviour and those who have come to the attention of the police for ASB. Culmination of the course will be the group cooking for the community.	600
10	Stourbridge Street Pastors 20 Wollescote Road Stourbridge	Reduction of alcohol related violence, disorder and crime during the night time economy	400
11	Party in the Park Hillfields Celebrating Newcomers	Community event in Refugee Week organised by the Coventry Refugee and Migrant Centre – held in one of	500

	15 Bishop Street Coventry CV1 1HU	the priority areas, working with agencies	
12	Elkia Summer of Fun Flat 31, Paradise House, Eden Street, Foleshill, Coventry	Volunteer based project that will engage disadvantaged children from the priority neighbourhood in Foleshill	400
13	Coventry City Mission PO Box 40 Coventry CV1 9DQ	ROC Jnr - youth group working with 8-11 yr olds in an area with no after school facilities.	748
14	Big Lunch Place of Refuge Community Church c/o 84 Delves Crescent Walsall WSS 4LT	Community Cohesion Event – third annual big lunch bringing together communities to celebrate diversity	500
15	Heath Town Big Lunch 137 Harper Avenue Wednesfield Wolverhampton	The grant application will part fund a multi-agency community day organised by NBW improving community cohesion.	500
16	Wolverhampton and Black Country LGBT Pride Old Bank Chambers 4 Salop Street Wolverhampton	Funding will go towards a community event to raise awareness of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans community improving community cohesion.	700
17	Rosehill Raiders Football Club 23 Parkes Street Rosehill Estate Willenhall	2 teams – under 14s and 15s	200

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18	A Frame West Midlands Police Oldbury Police Station Oldbury Ring Road	School project to raise the awareness of knife crime amongst young people	300
19	Safe Places Changing Our Lives The Public, New Street West Bromwich	Provision of resource which will allow vulnerable persons to stay safe as well as the knowledge and ability to report crime and disorder.	375
20	Open Talk Open Minds Project Rights and Equality Sandwell 28 Birmingham Street Oldbury B69 4DS	Hard to reach community engagement project between local neighbourhood teams and targeted communities new to Sandwell	380