Please ask for: Andrea Gabbitas Telephone Number: 0121 626 6060

Our Reference: 2023-00769 wmpcc@westmidlands.police.uk



Date: Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Dear FOI Applicant,

Thank you for your freedom of information request received in this office on 11th May 2023 in which you asked:

With reference to the allocation of monies by the West Midlands PCC (Police and Crime Commissioner) as part of The Helping Communities Fund

- (1) Could you please tell me which projects, events and items have been allocated money from this fund to date:
- (2) The amounts that have spent on each project, event or item as applicable; and
- (3) Which stakeholders were involved in each of the successful funding applications for which information has been requested above.

It would appear as the Active Citizens Fund/The Helping Communities Fund has been running for some time, I am particularly interested in knowing what projects and events have benefited from either of these funds in the past few years; in that case, if it's not too much to ask then the timescale I would be looking at would be from 2021 to date.

In response to your request, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner can confirm as follows:

## **Question 1 and 2:**

Please see the attachment titled "FOI -036-23 – CIF/ACF Projects Attachment 1" and "FOI – 036-23 – HCF Projects Attachment 2" from 2021 to date.

## Question 3:

The decision making for successful funding applications is joint between Local Partnership Teams, Community Panels and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

## Freedom of Information Right of Appeal

Any person who has requested information from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) and is unhappy with the way their request for information has been handled can request a review of their case.

A request for review must be made in writing by letter or email. You should include the reference number of your request if you have it, and outline why you are requesting the review to:

Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner Lloyd House Birmingham B4 6NQ Telephone: 0121 626 6060

Email: wmpcc@westmidlands.police.uk

All requests for review will be recorded. Receipt of a request for internal review will be acknowledged and the appellant informed of an estimated date for determining the outcome. The OPCC will attempt to respond to internal reviews as soon as practicable and in any case within two months.

All investigations will be undertaken by someone not involved in the original response.

The result of any internal review will be communicated to the appellant outlining the decisions taken.

If you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF

Telephone: 08456 30 60 60 or 01625 54 57 45

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Website: www.ico.gov.uk

There is no charge for making a request for internal review or appeal to the Information Commissioner.

Yours sincerely,

**Andrea Gabbitas** 

**Head of Business Services**