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Report on the Police and Crime Commissioner's Action Fund for Hertfordshire

Grant making



2018-2019

“The aim of Police and Crime Commissioner's Action Fund is to assist communities in coming together to generate ideas and implement projects that contribute to delivering the Commissioner's Community Safety and Criminal Justice Plan (2017-2022) for Hertfordshire.”

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Summary of the Year - PCC Action Fund Grants 2018-2019

- **Total applications** 59 total value of which £256,498. This was up on the previous year by 20%
- Just over half of applicants were successful 31 (52%) which is a similar percentage to the previous year.
- **Total grants** made 31 total value of which £135,000 – average grant size is £4,354
- **Types of applicant:** Of the total applicants, 49 were from the voluntary sector and 10 from statutory sector including Community Safety Partnerships and district councils. Nearly two thirds (37) of the applications were from registered charities or CIOs and eight (just under a fifth) were from Community Interest Companies. The rest were a mix of unconstituted and statutory. 45% of the charity/CIO applications were funded and 37% (3 out of 8) of the CICs.
- **New Applicants:** The number of new applicants is growing - of the 49 applications from the voluntary sector 18 were new to HCF (just over a third - 36%) which is nearly double the percentage of the previous year. Of these 13 were rejected.
- And 22 (nearly half - 45%) appeared not to have been previously funded by PCC – according to records on PCC website – the community fund from 2013-15. Of these 8 were funded and 14 rejected.

Some of the reasons for rejections for the 'new' groups included:

- Not eligible – failed due diligence or asking solely for running costs
- Poorly thought out project – or duplicating current services
- Did not meet the PCC's plan priorities
- National organisations without enough local connections

See **Appendix 1** for a list of the 31 grants awarded totalling £135,000.

Appendix 2 for a list of the 28 applications rejected and the reasons.

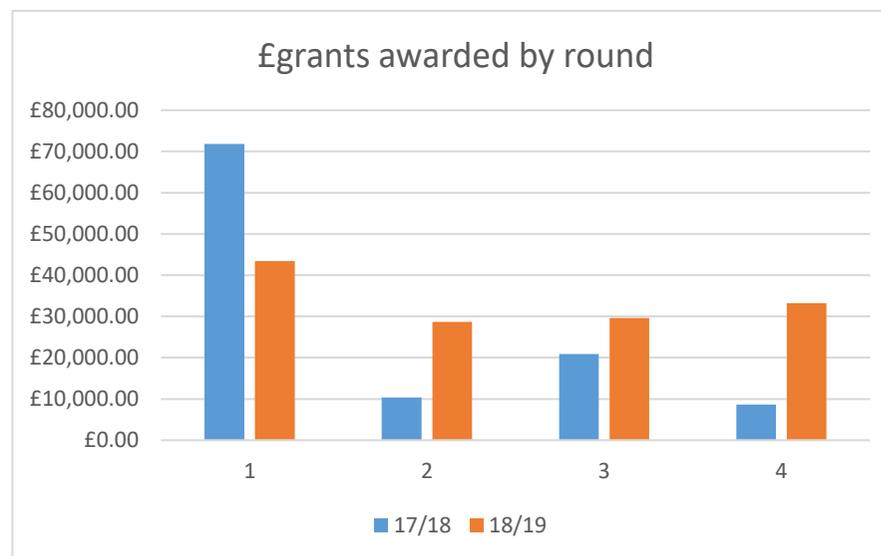
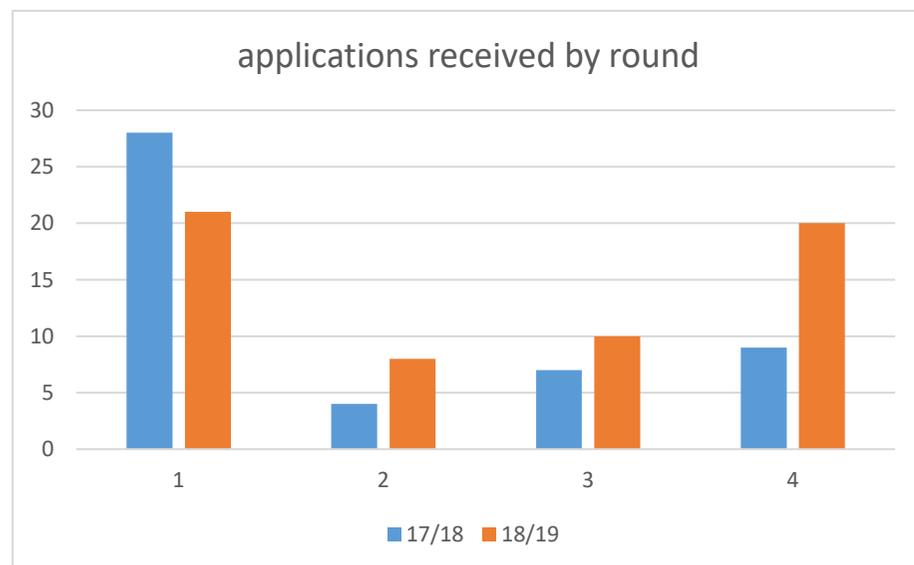
PCC Fund Monitoring

Monitoring returned for 23 projects, a further 7 are not yet due and one has been granted an extension and is due shortly.

Comparison of First Two Years by Quarter

Round & Date	Applications Received		Grants awarded		Value applied for		Value awarded		Average grant	
	17/18	18/19	17/18	18/19	17/18	18/19	17/18	18/19	17/18	18/19
1. May17/May18	28	21	16	12	£123,346	£86,179	£71,851	£43,445	£4,490	£3,620
2. Jul17/Jul18	4	8	3	6	£38,695	£31,945	£10,398	£28,695	£3,466	£4,782
3. Sept17/Oct18	7	10	5	6	£29,740	£48,220	£20,887	£29,620	£4,177	£4,936
4. Nov17/Feb19	9	20	2	7	£34,791	£90,154	£8,666	£33,240	£4,333	£4,748
Totals	48	59	26	31	£226,572	£256,498	£111,802	£135,000	£4,300	£4,354

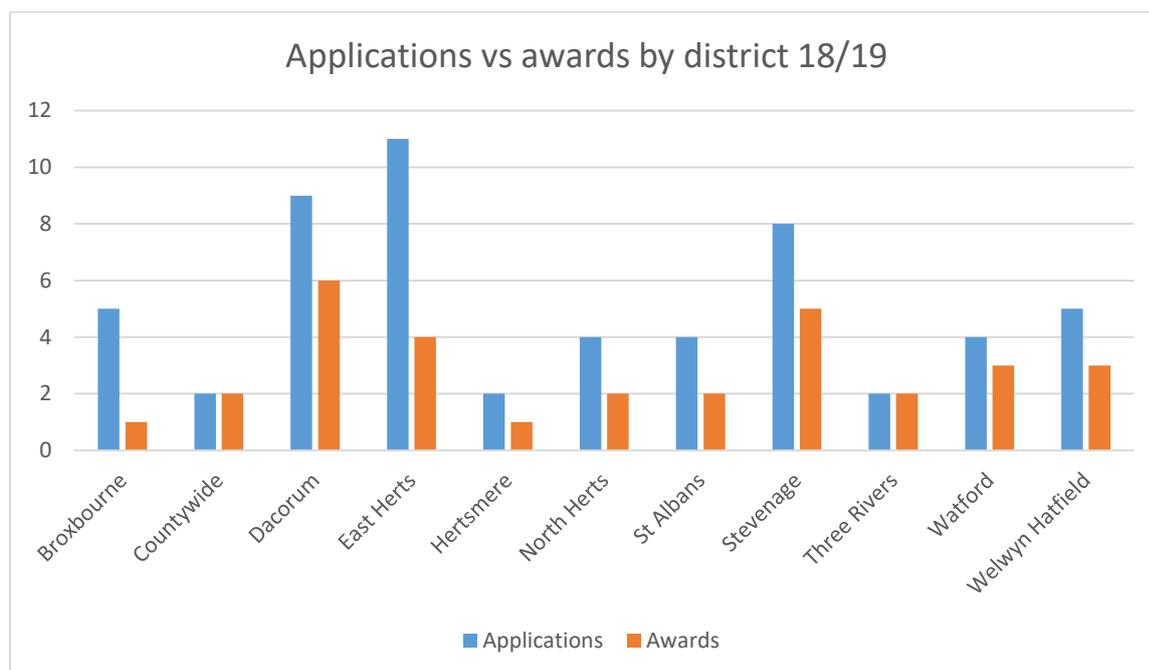
% applications awarded: 54% in 17/18 52% in 18/19



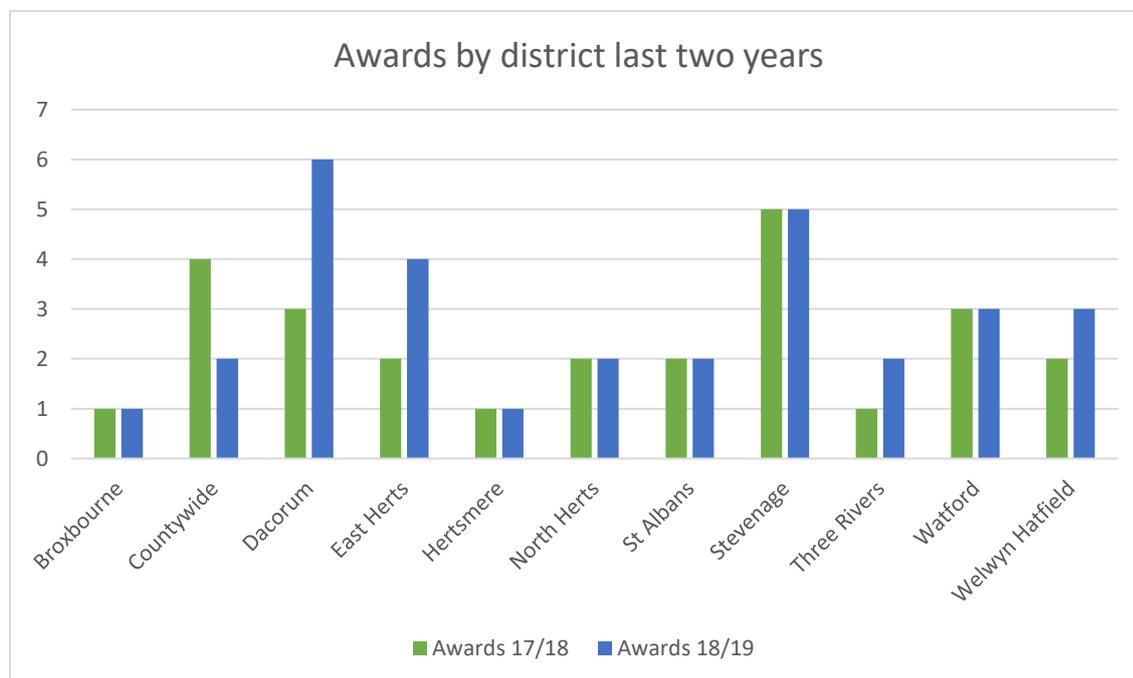
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- The first round of 2017/18 included a high number of Community Safety Partnership (CSP) applications forwarded from the PCC's Community Safety grants round. The first round of 2018/19 also included a relatively high number of CSPs
- The low application rate of round 2 – in July mirrors the Foundation trend for fewer applications in the summer. The Foundation had five rounds up until 2017 – the PCC fund was only offered in the first four.
- In 2018/19 there were four Foundation rounds so round 4 was in February 19 rather than November.
- For 2019/20 we have left out the July round and have rounds one and two in early June and mid-September.
- OPCC has requested three rounds for 2019/20 and these are scheduled for early June, mid-September and early December

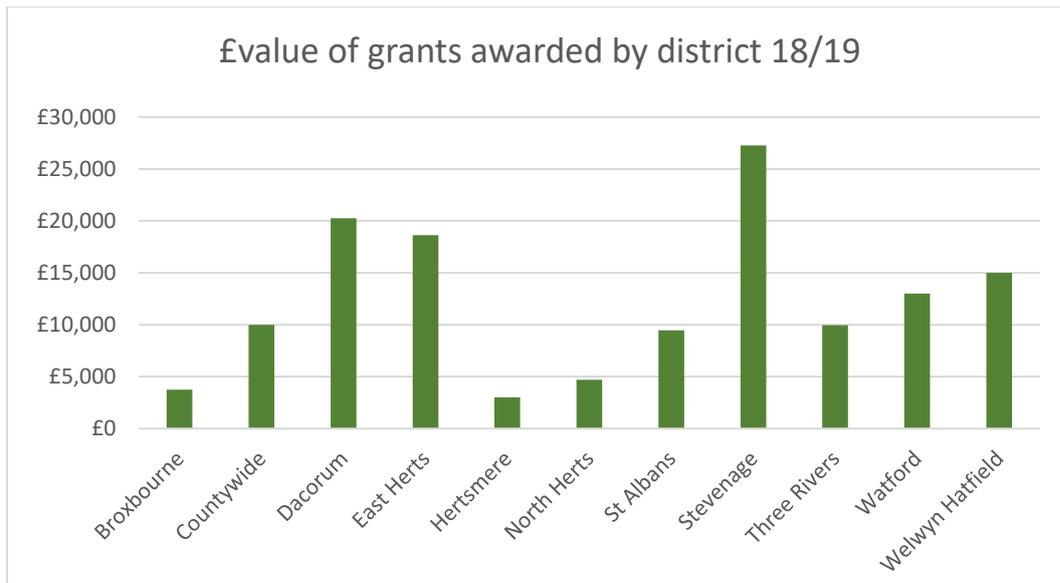
Distribution of PCC's Action Fund Grants 2018/19:



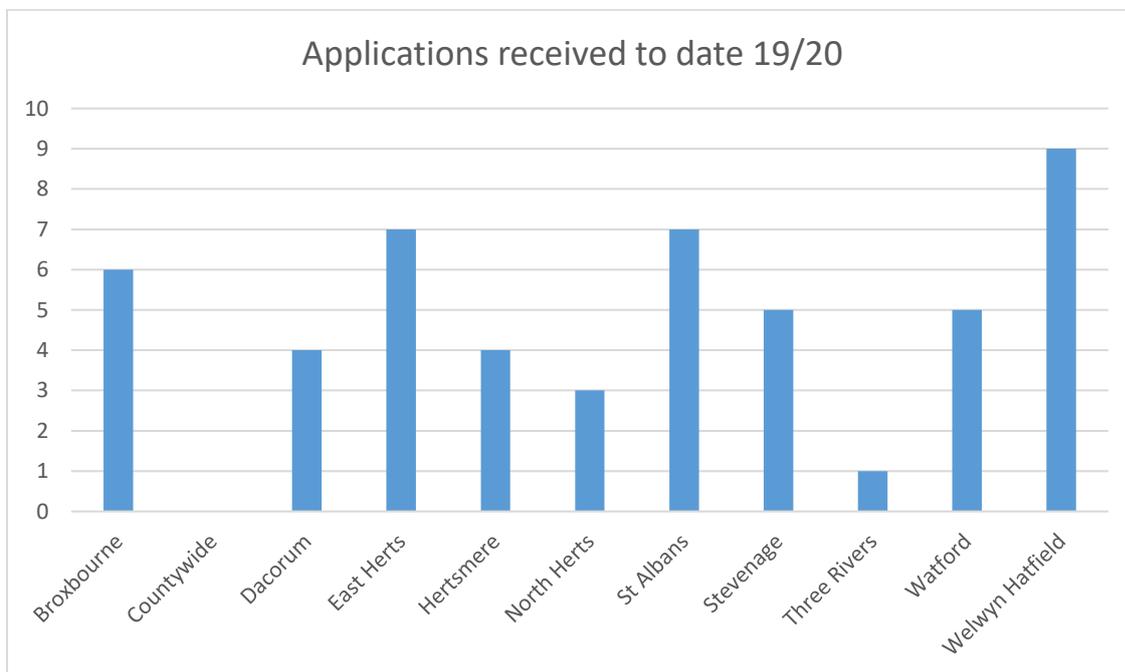
Awards are broadly proportionate to applications except in the case of Broxbourne – but two of those rejected were deferred from the oversubscribed Round 4 and have been subsequently funded in the 19/20 financial year.



Dacorum, Stevenage and East Herts are the most funded districts in this year. Hertsmere is poorly represented. In terms of grant spend Stevenage has the highest value which correlates reasonably in relation to general overall crime rates – although note the grant numbers are too low to be statistically significant.



The current 2019/20 year to date shows a more even spread of applications with Hertsmere and Broxbourne better represented, but Three Rivers less so.



Meeting the Priorities of the PCC's Community Safety and Criminal Justice Plan for Hertfordshire (2017-2022)

Total beneficiaries reported 32,550 *

2907	Children and Young People
343	Ex-offenders/offenders/At risk of offending
40	Families/Parents/Lone Parents
40	Homeless/at risk of homelessness
26100	Local residents
1200	Older People
1100	People with mental health issues
30	People with learning difficulties
150	People with multiple disabilities
640	Victims of crime/violence/abuse

*amended to eliminate duplications – particularly in the local residents section

We acknowledge that the plan has been refreshed and published during 2019. Many of the key priorities for focus remain. Applicants during 2018/19 had to demonstrate that their projects aimed to meet one or more of the priorities in the PCC's plan.

Building on Success- which included crime prevention, tackling fraud and scams, addressing modern day slavery and human trafficking, serious and organised crime, preventing reoffending and the misuse of drugs and alcohol.

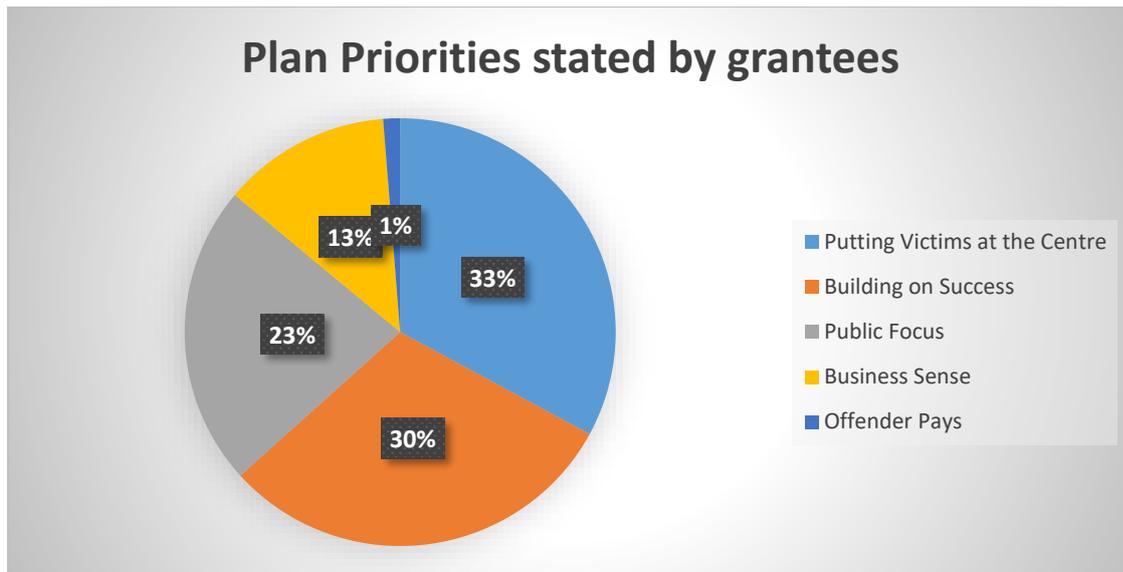
Putting Victims at the Centre – including the prevention and protection of victims, addressing hate crime, domestic abuse and restorative justice

Public Focus – including focus on local initiatives, rural crime and volunteering opportunities

Offender Pays – focusing on offender payback and rehabilitation

Business Sense – including partnership working and working with responsible businesses.

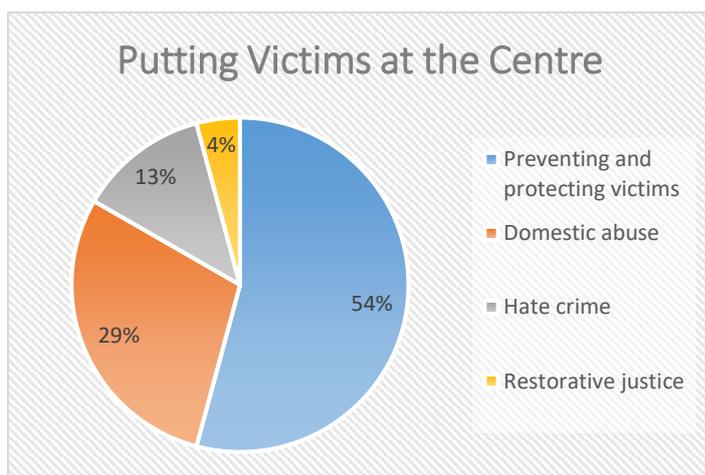
Most of the applicants said they would meet at least one of the themes:



Last year the main theme quoted was Building on Success and this year it is Putting Victims at the Centre although they are close. Many community projects funded by these small grants are preventative which aligns well with ‘Putting Victims at the Centre preventing and protecting victims.

Most applicants quoted more than one priority and many included Public Focus and Business Sense particularly because their projects involved local initiatives, volunteering and partnership working which was a strength of many bids.

Below is a breakdown of what was addressed under each priority:



Preventing and protecting victims was the focus of 13 of the applications

Domestic abuse was the focus in 7 cases

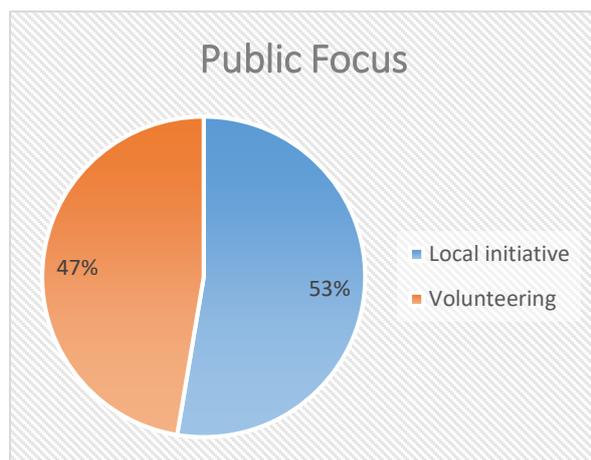
Three targeted **hate crime**

One grant referred to **restorative justice**

Crime prevention was one of the themes for 14 grants

Misuse of drugs and alcohol the focus for 4 grantees

Fraud and scams and **the prevention of reoffending** 3 each



Ten projects were quoted as **local initiatives** and nine focused on **involving volunteers**. This was slightly up on last year.

694 Volunteers have been reported as being involved in funded projects

Business Sense

All of those who quoted Business Sense as an important priority quoted **Partnership working** as the focus. One project quoted **working with responsible businesses** and this was the Welwyn Hatfield CSP project working in Hatfield town centre with shops and businesses training them how to use the new Business Watch radio system effectively.

Offender Pays

Only 1 grantee directly referred to **offender pays** – The Groundwork ‘Pathways to Recovery’ project working with HACRO gave meaningful volunteering opportunities leading to rehabilitation to those ex-offenders in recovery from drugs and alcohol abuse. Thus it also meets the Building on Success ‘tackling misuse of Drugs and Alcohol priority. 80% reported an increase in confidence and skills.

Highlights from the themes

Putting Victims at the Centre

Watford Sheltered Workshop – preventing and protecting victims



The workshop provides work experience and supported employment for disabled and disadvantaged people. The grant funded safety training which included abuse, hate crime, safety at home, how to recognise fraud and scams, keeping safe on-line contin and what to do in an emergency. The members requested the training which was delivered through role play and other one-to-one tailored means.

Sessions included visits from uniformed services which the participants particularly enjoyed. 27 participants completed

the training. All have shown greater confidence and courage in dealing with the situations they have had the opportunity to practice.



The group says the training was very successful and they would like to find further funding in future to run a repeat course for new members.

“We cannot thank you enough for the support you have given us to enable us to equip our vulnerable adults with the knowledge and skills to recognise a situation and to understand what to do”

Putting Victims at the Centre – domestic abuse

The Living Room: Breaking the Cycle of Domestic Abuse: The funding was to provide rapid individual and group therapy to women with complex co-existing domestic abuse and addiction issues, some at the Womens Refuge. 42 women benefited and the group found they needed to provide extra support and training to staff and volunteers to cope with the trauma being revealed. However, from this project they learned the value of single sex groups and have now planned for them in their current strategy. An important element of the project was working in partnership with other organisations both receiving referrals and signposting the women on for further support – eg Family Centres, Relate, Family Lives, the Women Refuge and social services, thus meeting the ‘Business Sense’ priority.

“Before I came (to the Living Room) I had already lost myself and my life and I was days away from losing my two beautiful children to social services. When I realised it was time to get honest and clean and maintain my sobriety, I knew I couldn’t do it alone, as I had tried and failed so many times before. TLR has given me what I could not accomplish alone. My daughter who is two used to run away from me and not want to play with me. Now when I go into the crèche at lunch she comes running with arms open. She never did before TLR.”
(beneficiary of the programme)”

Sign Health - Deaf Hope – specialist domestic abuse service

Healthy relationship workshops for 48 deaf children and adults delivered in British Sign Language in schools and in the community at Deaf Clubs in Watford and Welwyn and St Albans. Only 13% of those attending said they had not suffered domestic abuse. (and 30% said they had – others did not answer the question on the survey). At the end of the workshops 80% of adults and children said they had learned how to stay safe, and that they appreciated the accessibility of the BSL. Their case study involved a deaf couple attending one of the workshops where one member disclosed and subsequently the abuser also disclosed. The abused was supported and received SignHope counselling and the case was referred to MARAC as the abused was assessed at high risk.

Building on Success – crime prevention highlights:



Kingswood Residents Association

has taken a direct approach to crime reduction in their community and presented clear evidence that the use of 'Smart Water' traceable liquid on their property would deter thieves. They were in an area with high rates of burglary because of their proximity to main routes out of the county. All 600 members of the Association benefited and at the time of the monitoring report the numbers of domestic burglary had dropped from 12 in the quarter before the initiative to zero in the first quarter of deployment. This is also a strong

example of 'Putting Victims at the Centre' – Preventing and protecting victims and also 'Public Focus' being very much a local initiative greatly supported by the local neighbourhood.

Pupil Equine Training Scheme

This partnership project including the North Herts Community Safety Partnership enabled young people from Brandles School for boys with emotional, behavioural and mental health needs to work with horses at a Stevenage stable in order to help them learn to self-regulate their behaviour. Over six weeks they learned horse health and safety and lifestyles, grooming, tacking and handling and had riding lessons.



The project was a success and 80% of the boys who took part have improved their teamworking, listening and communication skills, and have raised self-esteem and confidence. The school has noted that the boys have been managing their behaviour better since the course and in addition have achieving better outcomes at school.

This has been a worthwhile project and the team is looking for funding to continue similar alternative programmes, possibly including dogs. The young beneficiaries have a better chance of a

positive future and reduced risk of entering the criminal justice system. All students have identified that these opportunities are very important to them and they would like to continue.

Stevenage FC – reducing anti-social behaviour

The Friday Night Kicks project has successfully contributed to the 18% reduction in Anti-Social Behaviour SB behaviour in the district compared to last year's figures.

In addition to meeting the 'Building on Success' crime prevention priority this is an example of a strong partnership project under Business Sense including youth collaboration as a youth survey informed the content of the project which is focused on a two hour football session linked up with workshops addressing gangs and anti-social behaviour. The grant funded these sessions together with level one coaching training for four PCSOs. Partners in this programme include Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council, YMCA, Greenwich Leisure Limited, Ridgeway Academy Sport Centre, YC Herts, Herts FA and local police. They identified that a good time to get these young people out of the trouble they were causing was Friday nights 8pm-10pm. During the project they demonstrated agility as they needed to change venue but have adapted and still have the young people engaged. 134 young people are taking part and they have secured some funding to continue for a while from WHBC and Herts Sports Partnership, but they would like to find more funding to grow the project.

Business Sense – working with responsible businesses

Welwyn Hatfield Community Safety Partnership



The partnership and volunteers carried out a Business Watch campaign in Welwyn Garden City and Hatfield and delivered crime prevention training to businesses in the town centre. teaching businesses how to stay safe from shoplifting, ASB and other crimes. In total they visited approximately 200 town centre businesses asking them to sign up to Business Watch/Shop Watch. Out of the 200 approximately 150 signed up (across both Welwyn Garden City and Hatfield) which was a huge success. Then over 70 small independent businesses received bespoke crime prevention training. This has already led to a reduction in calls to the police in the area relating to shoplifting and anti-social behaviour

Businesses are now more confident in keeping their business safe in the local community. They are equipped with the tools and knowledge to prevent crimes such as shoplifting and ASB. They are now more confident in using the new Shop Watch radio system which has resulted in an increase in intelligence for the local policing team and better partnership working between the CSP and businesses.

The project also meets the Putting Victims at the Centre priority protecting and preventing victims in the town centres. They have demonstrated joined up working to target shop lifters/purse dippers to make the community a safer place to live and shop for residents.

The project is a result of Hatfield town centre businesses being very unhappy about the level of ASB they were experiencing in relation to street drinking early in 2018, together with shoplifting. In August last year a PSPO was launched to target and enforce against street drinkers and related problems. Nearly a year on the town centre is in a much better position in terms of shop lifting and business owners are much happier experiencing little to no ASB.

Outreach and Promotion during 2018-19

We send funding alerts including details of the PCC Action Fund every two months to over 1,700 organisations and work closely with the six CVSs covering the county who share our funding news with their own extensive local membership lists. They are often the first point of contact for new groups. In addition, through HCF Training and Development we have access to new groups attracted to development funding. We have continued to present around the County at Meet the Funder events and this year have delivered an increased number of one-to-one advice surgeries, including at the Countywide annual voluntary sector Funding Fair in September. This year we extended our advice sessions by introducing open advice sessions at the Foundation a few weeks before each deadline.

In May we promoted our grant funds at the County Show. In addition to Welwyn Hatfield we have delivered outreach in Broxbourne, Watford & Three Rivers, St Albans, North Herts and Dacorum. Hertsmere is scheduled. Following commissioned research we have approached groups who have not yet applied to us for funding, some of whom have taken part in a focus group. The research included focus group work to assess the effectiveness of our application and grants process. We were pleased to receive a very positive report.

In addition to newsletters and personal outreach, the fund has been promoted in social media and press releases including Herts Independent Living Service, Watford Sheltered Workshop and others. The fund has been promoted at various events including the High Sheriff's Award evening, the HCF Garden party and the High Sheriff's Community Choir concert.

Financial Statements and Summary

PCC P/T Fund for Hertfordshire (147)							
No	Type	Date	Ref	Details	Debit	Credit	Summary
Opening Balance 01/04/2018						0.00	0.00
Income							
55212	BR	04/05/2018		Hertfordshire PCC		75,000.00	
59317	BR	08/02/2019		Hertfordshire PCC		75,000.00	
							150,000.00
Grants							
55638	BP	22/06/2018		HCC Income	1200.00		
55639	BP	22/06/2018		Hertfordshire CC - Income	5000.00		
55640	BP	22/06/2018		Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council	5000.00		
55641	BP	22/06/2018		Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council	5000.00		
55642	BP	22/06/2018		East Herts District Council	4990.00		
55648	BP	22/06/2018		Kingswood Residents Association	3000.00		
55649	BP	22/06/2018		Midshires Search & Rescue Organisation	3500.00		
55650	BP	22/06/2018		CHEXS	3740.00		
55651	BP	22/06/2018		Herts Young Homeless Group	3375.00		
55652	BP	22/06/2018		SignHealth	4840.00		
55653	BP	22/06/2018		Hemel Hempstead Street Pastors	800.00		
55654	BP	22/06/2018		The London Horsepaly Centre	3000.00		
56520	BP	08/08/2018		Transitions UK	5000.00		
56521	BP	08/08/2018		Herts People First	4977.50		
56522	BP	08/08/2018		Swan Youth Project Ltd	4468.00		
56696	BP	29/08/2018		Stevenage Crucial Crew	4250.00		
56851	BP	26/09/2018		Druglink	5000.00		
57692	BP	01/11/2018		The Living Room	5000.00		
58007	BP	28/11/2018		Stevenage FC Foundation	5000.00		
58008	BP	28/11/2018		St Albans Educational Partnership	4620.00		
58106	BP	06/12/2018		Mediation Hertfordshire	5000.00		
58107	BP	06/12/2018		Watford Sheltered Workshop	5000.00		
58235	BP	07/12/2018		Three Rivers District Council	5000.00		
58344	BP	21/12/2018		Groundwork East	5000.00		
59982	BP	29/03/2019		Home-Start Hertforshire	4642.00		
60046	BP	29/03/2019		Tring Youth Project	5000.00		
60047	BP	29/03/2019		Excite-ed	4600.00		
60052	BP	29/03/2019		Bishop's Stortford Youth Project	4712.00		
60053	BP	29/03/2019		ASCEND	4956.00		
60054	BP	29/03/2019		Stevenage Citizens Advice Bureau	5000.00		
60055	BP	29/03/2019		Active in the Community CIC	4330.00		
							-135,000.50
Levies / Mgt Fee							
55213	JD	04/05/2018		Levy on £75k donation - see Inv1774	7,500.00		
59319	JD	21/02/2019		Levy - PCC P/T Fund	7,500.00		
							-15,000.00
					150,000.50	150,000.00	
Closing Balance 31/03/2019						-0.50	-0.50

2019-20 Year to date summary

After the second of three rounds to 30th Sept 2019 we have made grants to the value of £84,743 which represents 62% of the total grant funding available for the year.

