

<b>MEETING</b>	<b>Decision Making Meeting</b>																							
<b>DATE</b>	09 March 2021																							
<b>TITLE OF REPORT</b>	PCC Action Fund – 2020/21 Round 2																							
<b>SUBMITTED BY</b>	Karl STONEBANK - Grants & Funds Officer																							
<b>PURPOSE OF REPORT</b>	To consider recommendations in relation to bids received																							
<b>DECISION(S) REQUIRED</b>	To agree allocation of the funds.																							
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<b>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS</b>	n/a																							
<b>EQUALITIES IMPACTS</b>	n/a																							
<b>FREEDOM OF INFORMATION EXEMPTION SECTION IF APPLICABLE</b>	The Grants & Funds Officer requests that Appendix A list of recommended/rejected bids not be published because it may prejudice organisations and/or their projects. Details of ratified bids will be published on the PCC website.																							

## 1 INTRODUCTION

- i. Action Fund bids are initially assessed by Hertfordshire Community Foundation's (HCF) expert Panel.
- ii. The PCC Grants & Funds Officer (GFO) has also requested feedback from community safety partners in relation to some bids as well as cross checking with other grant schemes (including PCC).

## 2 BACKGROUND

- iii. The Action Fund allows the PCC to engage with, and provide a presence to, the wider community. It ensures that non-statutory organisations are able to bid for funds to support crime

prevention/reduction initiatives as well as encouraging them to work with CSPs when crossover work has been identified by HCF/OPCC.

- iv. To date the fund has proved very popular with CSP's who have utilised funding awarded to deal with emerging issues, or to support neighbourhood engagement projects; and with the charity/voluntary sector to provide community support and a range of crime prevention/reduction initiatives.
- v. The fund links with the PCC's priorities around 'investing in community safety projects' and 'utilising proceeds of crime.' It allows for a wide overview of community safety initiatives across the county both by statutory and non-statutory partners; and utilises POCA funds to invest back into the community.
- vi. The Action Fund for 2020/21 totals £135,000 and provides grants of up to £5,000 to support initiatives which reduce crime and make Hertfordshire a safer place to live by helping to deliver aims of the Hertfordshire Community Safety & Criminal Justice Plan 2019-2024.
- vii. A table of HCF and GFO recommended and not recommended bids for round 2 can be found in Appendix A.
- viii. HCF noted that 6 out of 8 applications received were from organisations new to the fund. This is in-line with the commissioner's ambition of the majority of bids to be from new organisations.
- ix. There is a significant reduction in the number of bids submitted within the first 2 rounds this year than in the previous year: 20 in 2021/21 vs 36 in 2019/20.
- x. HCF believe the reduction in the number of bids may be a result of organisations delivering Covid-19 support projects since March 2020.
- xi. There has also been a number of one-off Covid-19 funding schemes set up which potential Action Fund bidders may have applied to instead.

### **3 PROPOSED RECOMMENDATION(S) AND RATIONALE**

- xii. That the Commissioner approves up to £15,950 for the bids recommended in table 1 of Appendix A due to the following reasons:
  - They meet the aims of the Hertfordshire Community Safety and Criminal Justice Plan 2019- 2024.
  - HCF have carried out due diligence of all applications including checking applicants accounts and governance arrangements as well as whether the applicant has been funded previously from HCF or OPCC Action Fund.
  - The GFO has also received feedback from community safety partners in relation to the bids as well as cross checking with other grant schemes (including PCC).