

## DECISION MAKING MEETING

**19th August 2020, 15.30 - TEAMS**

### **Attendees**

David Lloyd (Commissioner)  
Amie Birkhamshaw (Director of Strategy)  
Ian Rooney (CFO)  
Nigel Atkins (Senior Communications Officer)  
Bethan McPhee (Executive Assistant)

### **Apologies**

Chris Brace (Chief Executive)  
David Gibson (Deputy Commissioner)  
Gavin Miles (Deputy Chief Executive)

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## **AGENDA**

1. Minutes of meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> August 2020
2. Action Fund 2020/21

## DECISION MAKING MEETING

**6 August 2020, 10:00 - TEAMS**

### **Attendees**

David Gibson (Deputy Commissioner)  
Chris Brace (Chief Executive)  
Amie Birkhamshaw (Director of Strategy)  
Ian Rooney (CFO)  
Karl Stonebank (Grants and Funds Officer)  
Sandra Freeston (Executive Assistant - minutes)

### **Apologies**

David Lloyd (Commissioner)  
Gavin Miles (Deputy Chief Executive)  
Nigel Atkins (Senior Communications Officer)

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## MINUTES

1. Minutes of meeting of 30 July 2020 **Approved**
2. PCC Community Safety Grant (CSG) - 2020/21

Karl Stonebank introduced the paper as circulated with the agenda. Of the 22 bids submitted to the Community Safety Grant, three were transferred to the Criminal Justice Innovation Fund and two were withdrawn. Of the 17 remaining, three had been fast track approved.

### **Bids to the Community Safety Fund**

- Domestic Abuse Prevention Service / Three Rivers District victims - Three Rivers DC (Herts MIND Network). Approved bid of £9,047. Governance arrangements discussed.

- Family Safeguarding Team - Domestic Abuse Officers / Hertswide – Hertfordshire County Council. Approved bid of £90,000 for services until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021. Feedback to be provided to the organisation in regard to bids being commissioned on an annual basis. Consider alternate arrangements for funding going forward.
- MARAC Researcher / Hertswide – Hertfordshire County Council. Clarity required around who funds current role and why the change has happened. Longer term funding issues. As there are 1,300 cases a year, this would suggest that this would be a permanent post. Query if this is a pilot to support HCC whilst they evaluate and decide whether to support the role in the long term. To be brought back to a future DMM. Funding of £25,000 would be ringfenced in the interim.
- Herts Youth Justice Development / Hertswide – Herts Youth Justice Service. Approved bid of £95,000. Organisation needs to be advised of the new commissioning process.
- Fraud and Cybercrime Strategy / Hertswide – Hertfordshire County Council. Approved bid of £77,583. HCC need to consider alternative longer fund funding.

#### **Bids not recommended**

Agreed with the recommendation not to approve the bids.

#### **Bids to the CSG Prevention and Innovation Fund**

- Watford General Early Intervention Project / Dacorum, Hertsmere, St Albans, Watford, Three Rivers – YC Hertfordshire. Approved bid of £35,032 with funding released in two parts.

#### **Bids not recommended**

Career Mode / Herts-wide – Herts Sports Partnership. Bid submitted for £36,020.

### 3. Any Other Business

No items to discuss.

<b>MEETING</b>	<b>Decision Making Meeting</b>								
<b>DATE</b>	20 August 2020								
<b>TITLE OF REPORT</b>	PCC Action Fund – 2020/21 Round 1								
<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.								
<b>FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS</b>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td colspan="2"><b>2020/21</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Action Fund Annual Budget</b></td> <td><b>£150,000</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Funds already allocated (HCF admin fee)</td> <td>£15,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Remaining funding</b></td> <td><b>£135,000</b></td> </tr> </table>	<b>2020/21</b>		<b>Action Fund Annual Budget</b>	<b>£150,000</b>	Funds already allocated (HCF admin fee)	£15,000	<b>Remaining funding</b>	<b>£135,000</b>
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<b>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS</b>	<i>n/a</i>								
<b>EQUALITIES IMPACTS</b>	If all bids recommended for funding are approved there should be a positive impact on all protected characteristic groups.								
<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. All Action Fund bids for round 1 have been assessed by Hertfordshire Community Foundation's (HCF) expert Panel.
- ii. The OPCC Grants & Funds Officer 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 expert panel recommended and not recommended bids for round 1 can be found in Appendix A.
- viii. HCF noted that 5 out of 13 applications received were from organisations new to the fund. This is below the commissioner's ambition of the majority of bids to be from new organisations.
- ix. The Grants & Funds Officer has noted that there is a significant reduction in the number of bids received (13) vs 1<sup>st</sup> round in previous 2 years (19 in each of 2018/19 and 2019/20).
- x. The reduction could be a result of statutory and non-statutory organisations having to deliver emergency Covid-19 support projects since March 2020.

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

- xii. It is recommended that the Commissioner approves up to £19,979 for the recommended bids in 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 OPCC Grants & Funds Officer has also requested feedback from community safety partners in relation to some bids as well as cross checking with other grant schemes (including PCC).
  - Applicants were asked to consider the impact of Covid-19 on their ability to deliver the projects in the coming year.
- xiii. It is recommended that the Commissioner defers a decision on 2 bids highlighted within Appendix A because more information is required.