

**OFFICE OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER  
FOR HUMBERSIDE  
DECISION RECORD**

Decision Record Number **DR29/2023**

Title (This will be published): **Community Safety Fund Expansion**

**Executive Summary**

This report seeks approval to increase the overall budget of the Community Safety Fund (CSF) by £400,000, taking this from £1,100,000 to £1,500,000.

To date there have been CSF three bidding rounds which has now allocated all of the original budget allocation. There is still a high level of need and demand for funding, as evidenced by the high level of applications for Round 3 and further enquiries received to date.

In order to service this demand and enable a greater impact, it is proposed that a further £400,000 is allocated to the fund within the current timescale to March 2025.

**Decision of the PCC: Approved**

**Background Report: Open – with FOI exemption(s) stated**

**Police and Crime Commissioner for Humberside**

I confirm I have considered whether or not I have any personal or prejudicial interest in this matter and take the proposed decision in compliance with my code of conduct.

Any such interests are recorded below.

The above decision has my approval.

**Signature**



**Date 27/09/2023**

**POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER  
FOR HUMBERSIDE**

**SUBMISSION FOR: DECISION**

**OPEN**

**Title: Community Safety Fund Expansion**

**Date: 05.09.2023**

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**1. Executive Summary**

The Community Safety Fund was launched in May 2022 offering grants towards the costs of community safety and crime reduction projects across the Humber area. To date there have been three bidding rounds which have resulted in the commitment of the original programme budget (£1,100,000).

In order to satisfy local need and demand, an increase to the existing budget is proposed which would enable the fund to have a greater impact on the outcomes of the Police and Crime Plan.

- 2. Recommendation(s)** It is proposed that an additional £400,000 is allocated to the Community Safety Fund to increase the overall programme budget from £1,100,000 to £1,500,000 to satisfy local need and demand and ensure that the CSF can have a greater impact Police and Crime Plan outcomes.

**3. Background**

The Community Safety Fund was launched in May 2022 offering grants towards the costs of community safety and crime reduction projects across the Humber area. It is designed to support community organisations to kick-start local projects that will cut crime and antisocial behaviour and improve feelings of safety.

The Fund provides grants of between £500 and £35,000 towards projects that meet the scheme criteria. A total of £1.1m was originally allocated to the Fund between 2022/23 and 2024/25. Funding is distributed via bidding Rounds until the full allocation has been committed to projects.

To date there have been three bidding rounds which has now allocated all of the original budget allocation. A wide range of projects have been approved from the installation of enhanced security measures, diversionary activities for young people through to fraud prevention and victim support. There is still a

high level of demand for funding, as evidenced by the high level of applications for Round 3 which returned to the same level as the first round with further interested parties getting in touch after the deadline enquiring about future bidding rounds.

In order to service this demand and enable a greater impact, it is proposed that a further £400,000 is allocated to the fund within the current timescale to March 2025.

#### **4. Options**

##### Option 1 - Do nothing

This option is not recommended. The increase in the CSF budget is proposed to ensure that local need and demand is satisfied and to enable the CSF to have an even greater impact on Police and Crime Plan outcomes.

##### Option 2 – Support a partial increase of £200k

Whilst this option would enable a greater impact on the delivery of the Police and Crime plan, it would not be sufficient to satisfy the local need and demand for grant funding from the CSF. As a result, this option is not recommended.

##### Option 3 – Increase the budget by £400k (**Recommended Option**)

This is the preferred option as it represents a realistic increase which would both satisfy local need and demand and be deliverable within the CSF's original timescales.

#### **5. Financial Implications**

The increase to the Community Safety Fund will be funded through the redistribution of existing un-committed resources from the partnership reserve and / or the underspend on capital financing costs expected in 2022/23.

#### **6. Legal Implications**

The PCC has the power to issue grants under Section 143 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.

Existing processes will be utilised to allocate any additional budget to projects and will be subject to existing Grant Agreements.

#### **7. Driver for Change/Contribution to Delivery of the Police and Crime Plan**

The Police and Crime Plan set out the PCC's commitment to develop a Delivery Fund "to support innovation, community resilience and reduce local crime". The Community Safety Fund is part of this Delivery Fund and this proposal seeks to increase the fund to enable a greater impact on the outcomes of the Police and Crime Plan.

## **8. Equalities Implications**

The scheme application form includes a question to capture any equalities implications for individual projects. These are considered as part of the appraisal and decision-making process. At the scheme level, application and appraisal processes are designed to be fair to all. The use of the funds is monitored to establish if any additional action is required, e.g. to increase applications from under-represented communities etc.

The scheme requires applications to be submitted online through an applications portal that has been purchased from an external provider. This has been designed to meet current accessibility requirements, but the guidance advises any individuals unable to use the portal to contact the OPCC for assistance.

## **9. Consultation**

Consultation has taken place with:

- Chief Executive
- Head of Policy and Partnerships

CSP Partners are also aware of the plans to expand the existing CSF programme to enable additional projects.

## **10. Media information**

Any increase to the overall scheme budget and associated additional bidding rounds will require publicising to source a broad range of applications. This will be achieved by working in conjunction with the OPCC's Communications Manager. Partner organisations will be briefed on the additional funding opportunity and encouraged to cascade the information to their networks, partners and other interested parties.

There will continue to be regular opportunities to announce successful projects and publicise their impact.

## **11. Background documents**

None

**12. Publication**

Open

**13. DPIA considered**

Yes – a DPIA has been carried out for the Community Safety Fund and this proposal will not impact on the existing DPIA, it is simply increasing the budget and number of potential projects funded.