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REQUEST FOR DECISION – PCCML/ 000391/2017

Title of decision: Allocations under the Supporting Communities Grant Fund – Headway Portsmouth & South East Hampshire for brain injury awareness programmes

Executive Summary: To provide details of the Headway Portsmouth & South East Hampshire application that is being recommended for funding under the Supporting Communities Grant Fund.

Recommendation: That the Commissioner approves the award of £422.45 for a grant for Headway Portsmouth & South East Hampshire under the Supporting Communities Grant Fund.

Police and Crime Commissioner

I hereby approve/~~reject~~ the recommendation above.

Signature


(Michael Lane)

Date 19/3/2018

Comments on the decision taken:

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Report of : Alan Hagger, Head of Strategic Commissioning and Partnerships

Date : 13/12/17

Subject: Allocations under the Supporting Communities Grant Fund – Headway Portsmouth & South East Hampshire for brain injury awareness programmes

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1. Summary:

To provide details of the Headway Portsmouth & South East Hampshire application that is being recommended for funding under the Supporting Communities Grant Fund.

2. Recommendation:

That the Commissioner approves the award of £422.45 for a grant for Headway Portsmouth & South East Hampshire under the Supporting Communities Grant Fund.

3. Strategic context:

In July 2017, the Commissioner set up the Supporting Communities Small Grants Fund to provide the opportunity for local community groups and local police officers to apply for small amounts of funding of £500 and under. The process would be easy and accessible and fund one-off projects or expenses that support the Commissioner's priorities. Applications are accepted throughout the year and assessed on a monthly basis.

One application, for Headway Portsmouth & South-East for brain injury awareness programmes, is recommended for funding at this time:

SCSG003 - Brain Injury Awareness - community programme
Headway Portsmouth & South-East Hampshire is applying for funding for brain injury awareness programmes. Headway would like to provide brain injury awareness training sessions within South East Hampshire, with an emphasis on raising awareness of the new brain injury identity card. The target audience are public facing businesses, families affected by a loved one with new diagnosis of brain injury and professional community partners. They have

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applied for £422.45 to run five training sessions and it is recommended that the Commissioner supports an allocation of £422.45.

4. Options Appraisal:

There are two ways in which the Commissioner supports services: grants and grant agreements, and procurement and contracts.

Grants are, generally, more flexible, short term, and for less money than contracts. They are broader and less detailed in terms of specification and are therefore more appropriate for smaller voluntary organisations providing local services.

Regular requests for small amounts of funding have been received by the Commissioning Team and the option proposed in this paper allows for an open and transparent process in allocating funding to small, worthwhile projects.

5. Financial and Resourcing Implications:

This proposal has financial implications of £422.45 for 2017/18 only. This can be contained within the current budget allocation for Commissioning grants, under the Supporting Communities Fund. It fits within the overall Police & Crime Plan Priorities.

The funding will be provided to the successful applicants for 12 months only and there will be no expectation of future funding. At the end of the 12 months any funding that has not been spent will be requested to be returned to the Commissioner.

6. Communications and Engagement Implications:

The Communications and Engagement Team will be advised of the successful applications being funded and the information will be included within the Funding pages of the website. It will also be requested that, where appropriate, the Police and Crime Commissioner's branding is used in connection to the projects that have been funded. This may require an instruction pack as to how the applicant can use the branding.

7. Legal Implications:

Under S.143 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, the Commissioner may provide or arrange for the provision of services to secure or contribute to securing crime and disorder reduction, or which help victims or witnesses of, or other persons affected by, offences and antisocial behaviour. These arrangements may include the making of grants subject to such conditions as the Commissioner thinks appropriate.

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Funding awarding under the Supporting Communities grant fund will be subject to a short written agreement setting out the terms and conditions on which payment is made.

8. Risks and Mitigation:

The process used to assess the applications will be transparent and fully in accordance with guidance from Internal Audit. Due to the lower level of funding being awarded the scrutiny of each application is lower than that of the larger Safer Communities Fund. However funding will only be made to an organisation and will not be provided to an individual's private bank account.

9. Strategic Policing Requirement:

None.

10. Equalities:

Each application contained a section for assurances that the project / initiative will contribute towards the elimination of unlawful discrimination, the advancement of equality of opportunity for everyone, including those having a protected characteristic and the fostering of good relations between all including those having a protected characteristic.

11. Publication status:

This report is suitable for publication.

Persons consulted:

| Name | Tick as appropriate |
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| Chief Executive | |
| Chief Finance Officer | |
| Estate Strategy and Delivery Director | |
| Head of Communications and Engagement | |
| Head of Commissioning and Partnerships | Y |
| Head of Performance and Information | |
| Head of Governance and Policy | |
| Legal Advisor | |
| <i>[insert others as appropriate]</i> | |

Annexes: *None*

Background Papers: Supporting Communities Fund Application Forms

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