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REQUEST FOR DECISION – PCCML/ 000395/2018

**Title of decision:** Allocations under the Supporting Communities Grant Fund – The Bridge's Support Project, Support to Children Experiencing Domestic Abuse


**Executive Summary:** To provide details of the Bridge's Support Project application that is being recommended for funding under the Supporting Communities Grant Fund.

**Recommendation:** That the Commissioner approves the award of £500.00 for a grant for The Bridge's Support Project 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 : 10/01/18**

**Subject: Allocations under the Supporting Communities Grant Fund – The Bridge's Support Project, Support to Children Experiencing Domestic Abuse**

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**1. Summary:**

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**2. Recommendation:**

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**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 The Bridge's Support Project Support to Children Experiencing Domestic Abuse, is recommended for funding at this time at a total of £500:

**SCSG010 – Support to Children Experiencing Domestic Abuse**

The Bridge's Support Project have applied for funding to provide art resources for 1:1 sessions with children, who have witnessed or experienced Domestic Abuse, to help them deal with their anger, hurt & frustration. Using a variety of art mediums, the children are given the opportunity to explore their feelings and how the impact of the abuse has affected them. It is recommended that the Commissioner supports this project by allocating £500.00 towards buying art supplies and resources.

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#### **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 £500.00 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:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Tick as appropriate</b>
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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