



Decision Reference: 2022/23-0034

THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

DECISION RECORD FORM

REQUEST: For Police & Crime Commissioner approval

Title: CURV Serious Violence Fund – Intervention Uplift

SUMMARY:

Cleveland received notification of 3 years Violence Reduction Unit funding by the Home Office in April 2022. In Cleveland this will be called C.U.R.V. The Funding will enable the PCC to establish a team to develop a long-term joined-up, preventative approach to tackling serious violence, with the Commissioner's office taking a leading role in bringing together organisations and agencies.

A statutory requirement of CURV funding is to support activity through prevention, early intervention, and tertiary interventions. In August 2022, the OPCC announced that applications for CURV funding were open to charities and community groups (including LA's) and sole traders. The OPCC launched a £500,000 funding opportunity for interventions to support the reduction of violent crime ([PCC launches £500,000 fund for interventions to reduce violent crime - Cleveland Police and Crime Commissioner](#)).

This Serious Violence Fund aims to prevent young people from becoming involved in serious and violent crime. It aims to help by funding activities to fuel young people's interests and ambitions across Cleveland and support in delivering:

- Reductions in serious violence offences
- Reductions in hospital admissions for assaults with a sharp object
- Reductions in homicides

The activities to be funded were linked with the Youth Endowment fund toolkit of interventions and especially those deemed 'high impact' in reduction of serious violence and should:

- Effectively engage with the Under-25s but not excluding adults
- Steer young people away from serious violence, crime, or potential harm.

These activities could include sports, arts, crafts, and other activities, and the performance against any funding agreements would be monitored by CURV. There were forty-seven final applications for funding, and the decision-making group, comprising of the PCC and North East Probation Service, OPCC and Voluntary sector representatives, met in September 2022, approving more than 20 of the applications – [DRF 2022-0018 refers](#).

CURV have ensured that delivery of these interventions has commenced in line with grant agreements and will continue to monitor future delivery. First performance reports have been submitted and relayed to the Home Office.

With the need to performance evaluate interventions a central requirement, CURV identified a number of the successful applicants where the agreed interventions could be upscaled to assist in providing additional /supplementary interventions. Costings were forwarded to CURV and after a process of questioning and analysis these were agreed after ensuring they align to the required outcomes in the original application for funding. In line with national initiatives CURV has made available increased funding which is expected to work towards and evidence the reductions in serious violence as a result of the specified interventions. Upscaled applications will continue to be required to engage with CURV evaluation processes.

Get Connected	£10,000.00
Billingham Boxing Club	£5,000.00
Barnardo's Beyond the Blade	£8,000.00
Youth Focus NE	£19,942.64
TOTAL	£42,942.64

These supportive uplifts to agreed initial funding will include the below:

- Additional community development to deliver community panels and community leads for focussed deterrence.
- Agreed supplementary sports classes at different agreed times to increase delivery numbers.
- Extra school bystander delivery group classes at schools linked to the CURV Serious Violence Strategic Needs analysis.

Additional 'reachable moment' work within hotspot schools situated within the SV hotspot areas.

Decision: For the PCC to approve the allocation of funding from the CURV budget to the total value of up to £42,942.64.

OPCC Lead Officer: Simon Smart, CURV Project Manager

Contractor Details (if applicable): Get Connected, Billingham Boxing Club, Barnardo's and Youth Focus NE

Implications:

Has consideration been taken of the following:	Yes	No
Financial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Legal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Equality & Diversity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Human Rights	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sustainability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Risk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

(If yes please provide further details below)

Decision Required – Supporting Information

Financial Implications: (Must include comments of the PCC's Chief Finance Officer where the decision has financial implications)

Sufficient funding is available within the CURV budget to support this additional work.

Legal Implications: (Must include comments of the Monitoring Officer where the decision has legal implications)

There are no legal implications arising.

Equality and Diversity Implications:

The funding will support CURV current interventions to reduce serious violence and improve safety for all citizens within the Cleveland area.

Human Rights Implications:

None arising.

Sustainability Implications:

Successful projects will be monitored and reviewed by CURV to inform future commissioning/grant funding opportunities.

Risk Management Implications:

Any risk minimised and mitigated by performance framework requirements in grant agreements.

OFFICER APPROVAL

Monitoring Officer:

Signed



Date 29.03.2023

Police and Crime Commissioner:

Signed

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Date 29.03.2023