



THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

DECISION RECORD FORM

REQUEST: For Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) approval.

Title: Autumn Activity Fund – October 2023

Executive Summary:

The PCC has funding available through the Police Property Act Fund (PPAF) and the Community Safety Initiatives Fund to support organisations in support of crime and community safety initiatives. Organisations were invited to apply under the 'Autumn Activities Fund' Campaign during late September / early October 2023.

The Autumn Activities Fund invited organisations to run projects or events during antisocial behaviour flashpoints this autumn (during the period 23 October 2023 – 5 November 2023). The one-off grant was required to support one of the below points:

- Reducing anti-social behaviour
- Diverting people away from anti-social behaviour
- Encouraging positive solutions that overcome the issues that communities face as a result of anti-social behaviour
- Building resilience in communities to respond to anti-social behaviour
- Support early intervention approaches to anti-social behaviour

Following an application review meeting on 17 October 2023 attended by the Police and Crime Commissioner, Head of Policy, Partnerships and Delivery, Head of Communications and Engagement, Policy, Partnership and Delivery Officer and Business Support Officer the Police and Crime Commissioner has agreed to support the below organisations.

Please note a number of bids submitted to this funding opportunity have been requested to provide further information before a decision is made on their application, as a result a further decision record may follow.

Decision:

To approve funding from the PPAF / Community Safety initiatives Fund as set out below:

Iron Guidance - £2,500.00

Iron Guidance is a local charity that provides support to children and their families in Teesside. The funded project will engage up to 15 young people from Thornaby Academy in 10 creative arts based, social awareness sessions with an antisocial behaviour focus. The project will concentrate on all aspects of antisocial behaviour and its effects and also aims to change any negative perceptions young people may have in relation to Police Officers and the Police

Service in the local community. During the project, through a series of technology, music and art workshops all participants will have the opportunity to script their own anti-social behaviour advert and create all the essential materials needed for an entire marketing campaign including posters, comic strips, photographs and even podcasts.

Youth Focus North East - £2,131.68

Youth Focus North East is an independent charity with the overall vision to improve the lives of young people through high quality youth work. Funding will be used to provide a range of pop-up youth sessions in Pallister Park, Park End, Thorntree and North Ormesby on the evening of 30th October. The focus of the sessions will be on engaging with young people positively and in a safe pop-up youth space. Sessions will focus on sports, food, Halloween activities with interventions threaded through the delivery to speak with young people around the impact negative behaviour can have on the local community and what we can do to steer away from this.

Billingham Boxing Academy - £2,350.00

Billingham Boxing Academy CIC is community amateur boxing club who provide sessions for young people and adults from the ages of 8 upwards. Funding will be used to hold an amateur boxing event on the 5th November in Billingham. The event will target young people in Billingham and surrounding areas and the young people that use the club currently aged 11-25, who can be at risk of being associated with antisocial behaviour and crime. Young people will be given free access to the event and also be involved with duties during the event and on the day before during setup. There will be continuation in the work with the young people that are engaged being offered spaces in future sessions to encourage continued involvement in the positive activities provided through the club.

Kids Kabin - £1,900

Kids Kabin contributes to the regeneration of areas of economic disadvantage by providing facilities and fun, creative educational activities for young people to discover their talents and enhance their skills and sense of self. Funding will be used to deliver evening activities with young people in five target areas of Grove Hill, Easterside, Saltersgill, Pallister Park and Thorntree from 23rd to 27th October, together with daytime sessions in Grove Hill from 30th October to 3rd November. Alongside fun engaging activities the project will speak to young people about what antisocial behaviour is and their experiences either causing antisocial behaviour or the way it impacts on them, their family and friends and the wider community. Activities will raise awareness of antisocial behaviour and what changes young people can make in their own behaviour. There will also be a focus on creating posters and leaflets for the community about keeping safe during the Halloween and bonfire season.

Peoples Meeples - £1,520.00

People's Meeples is a community organisation based in Hartlepool which exists to promote the social and educational benefits of tabletop gaming. Funding will be used to run Halloween themed miniature painting workshops for 11 to 16 year olds with a professional painter and role playing games every evening during half-term week (30th October to 3rd November). Food will be provided alongside the activities to encourage attendance and engagement. Through offering engaging and meaningful activities on evenings for young people who may be at risk of perpetrating or being victims of antisocial behaviour and by increasing a sense of attachment to the community in the centre of Hartlepool it is hoped to reduce antisocial behaviour within the local area. Young people who take part on the workshops will be provided with the miniature painting and playing equipment so they can continue engagement with the club through regular games nights.

MFC Foundation - £1,145.00

Premier League Kicks, delivered by MFC Foundation, engages young people in high need areas aged 8-18 in diversionary activities on evenings. The programme uses the power of football to help tackle antisocial behaviour and crime in communities whilst inspiring and motivating young people to engage in positive activities. Funding will be used to provide positive diversionary activities within hot spot areas identified as high need including Park End, Hemlington and Ayresome within the 23rd October to the 5th of November period. Six sessions will be delivered from 5pm - 8pm during the period. Using the power of the MFC brand and the Premier League Kicks project, MFC Foundation staff will be deployed within these locations to engage the young people in meaningful intervention. Participants will be signposted into regular Premier League Kicks sessions following the delivery period. To further help with engagement all participants who actively engage with the service provided through the funding will be placed in a draw for the chance to win MFC incentives such as home and/or away shirts and both mens and womens first team match tickets.

Corner House Youth Project - £2,500.00

Corner House Youth Project is a VCSE organisation delivering a wide range of services to suit the needs of individual children and young people in Stockton. Corner House are currently operational in six key areas across Stockton, all of which have concerns around antisocial behaviour – Stockton town centre, Ropner, Mandale and Victoria, Ingleby Barwick, Yarm and Newtown. Funding will be used to engage a group of young people from each of these locations, in a range of 'off site' and 'on site' activities diverting them from being involved in antisocial behaviour in the targeted areas. There will be capacity for 100 young people to be engaged in the various activities. Young people will be selected for participation through existing contacts established through Corner House outreach services in each of the areas.

St Ann's Partnership - £1,000.08

St Ann's Partnership was founded by members of the local community in Portrack and Tilery to promote and facilitate works of regeneration, renewal and well-being for the local community. The area has been identified as a hotspot for antisocial behaviour. Funding will be used to provide a free of charge Halloween Party on Tuesday 31st October from 4pm-6pm at The Willows Community Centre with availability for 50 children to attend along with their parents/carers. It is anticipated this will divert children and young people from antisocial behaviour by providing positive activities to engage in.

Teesside Vineyard Church - £1,000.00

Teesside Vineyard Church is based in Thornaby, which is ranked amongst the top 10% of most deprived areas within UK neighbourhoods. Although church based, their outreach work is community wide and accessible to all. Funding will be used to deliver a free of charge Light Party on Sunday 29th October 2023 between 4pm – 6pm for children aged 2 to 10 years, together with free breakfast and craft activities for the local primary school aged children on Wednesday 1st November between 10:00 – 12:00. Through the events it is hoped that the project will be able to form ongoing relationships with the families and children and divert them into ongoing engagement going forwards to encourage participation in positive activities.

Wharton Trust - £2,500.00

Wharton Trust are a community centre based within the Dyke House area of Hartlepool which is within the top 2% of deprived wards in the UK. The centre is committed to the local children and young people, in particular providing access to a safe and fun environment and engaging children and young people of all ages in positive activities. Funding will be used to deliver a range of sporting and outdoor activities which will divert young people away from antisocial behaviour by keeping them engaged and challenged, conquering their fears in a safe and controlled environment. 14 young people will be supported. Young people will be selected through outreach work in the community. In addition, there will be centre based educational

sessions delivered by the Cleveland Police Cyber Protect & Prepare Officer to enhance young people's safety.

Jack of Hearts CIC - £2,070.00

Jack of Hearts CIC use a multi-disciplinary arts approach to develop narrative and design skills to tell stories and engage communities. Funding will be used to deliver a spooky seaside fun day in the Headland area of Hartlepool linked to the existing Wintertide Festival. Funding will cover a day of fun activities led by artists in Regent Square gardens followed by an evening Halloween party for children and their families. By bringing the community together to participate in positive activities it is hoped to divert children and young people from antisocial behaviour and also improve community cohesion in the area.

OPCC Lead Officer: Sarah Wilson, Policy, Partnerships and Delivery Officer

Contractor Details (if applicable): As listed above

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)

There is sufficient funding with the Police Property Act Fund and/or the Community Safety Fund to support the cost of the proposals set out within this decision.

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

None arising.

Equality and Diversity Implications:

None arising.

Human Rights Implications:

None arising.

Sustainability Implications:

Autumn Activity Fund allocations are one off funding allocations with bidders required to outline their sustainability plans as part of their application.

Risk Management Implications:

None arising.

OFFICER APPROVAL

Monitoring Officer:

Signed



Date 19.10.23

Police and Crime Commissioner:



Signed

Date 20.10.2023