



Response from the
Police and Crime Commissioner for Dyfed-Powys
to the
Dyfed-Powys Police and Crime Panel

Grant funding arrangements

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Overview

The Commissioning Framework (available below and on the PCC’s website - <https://www.dyfedpowys-pcc.org.uk/en/>) outlines the priorities and key principles of commissioning activity. This includes reference to the award of grants as one of the routes to delivery.

The Commissioner has established a Commissioning Advisory Board, whose role is to act as the reviewing body in relation to the awarding of grant funding and the tendering of services. Their role includes ensuring that there is a return on investment and evaluation of service/project impact. The Board focuses on scrutinising activity and holding providers to account.

In 2020, the Board recently scrutinised and approved a process for assessing and awarding grant funding from the PCC, including the use of a scoring matrix.

The PCC has a number of income streams which can be utilised to fund additional projects and resources in support of the Police and Crime Plan priorities. Some of these have specified purposes which are outlined below, along with examples of how this funding has been committed:

Income source	Purpose	Examples of expenditure
<i>Sale of Found Property</i>	Contributions to charities /community groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donations to community venues used for OPCC events • Local small charity donations
<i>Asset Recovery Incentivisation Scheme / Proceeds Of Crime Act</i>	Contributions to improve and support financial investigation and contributions towards charities / community groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Investigator post • Fraud Safeguarding officer post
<i>Forfeiture</i>	Support projects that improve drug enforcement and trafficking	Covid drug operational activity
<i>Driver Retraining</i>	No direct criteria for contributions but a percentage of the reserves should contribute towards road safety projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road Safety campaigns and operations • Participatory Budgeting • Community Safety Partnership projects • Youth Offending projects
<i>DIP Reserves</i>	Contributions towards projects related to drug prevention and support	Awaiting project proposals

A report outlining the current budget balance, expenditure and commitments against each of the above income streams is provided to the Commissioner’s Executive Team on a fortnightly basis. A monthly meeting is also held between the PCC, Chief Finance Officer, Director of Commissioning and External Funding Manager to discuss the funding and any relationships with the Commissioning budget.

Investment

Via the approved process, the PCC was able to invest a significant amount into the communities of Dyfed-Powys in the financial year 2020/21 and into the current financial year of 2021/22. Below is a breakdown of the totals invested from each budget that the PCC is responsible for –

Budget	Amount invested 20/21	Amount invested 21/22 (to date)
Sale of Found Property	£ 8,598.00	£3150.00
ARIS / POCA	£100,666.50	£59,389.50
Forfeiture	£20,064.20	-
Driver Retraining Reserves	£386,120.21	£151,309.00
Drug Intervention reserves	£40,000.00	£40,000.00
	£ 555,449.41	£ 253,848.90

The inserted documents below highlight the detail in regards to the investment, breaking down the applicant and purpose of the investment per project -



When considering the bids, there are several factors taken into account, which leads to the scoring of the bids. Appendix A is an example of the scoring template used when submitted funding requests are considered over £500.

In regards to measuring the impact of the investment from the PCC, each project sponsor is requested to provide a brief report in regards to the investment and how the funding has benefitted the community and the organisation. The PCC regularly holds engagement days and bespoke visits to funded organisations to see the difference his investment has made on the ground.

Below is an example of an evaluation report from Swansea City Football Club Foundation who received funding to develop a youth sports project in Seaside Llanelli and Pembroke Dock. Following the

success of both these projects and the evaluation report, a further investment was made from the PCC to the Foundation allowing them to roll out the Kicks project across a further 5 areas across Dyfed-Powys.



Swans-Community-Trust-PL-Kicks-Repo

Summary

With over half a million pounds worth of investment being made into the communities of Dyfed-Powys in 2020/21, the positive investment continues into this financial year. An investment of over quarter of a million pounds has already been approved via the diligent scoring process, allowing the PCC to invest effectively and transparently across Dyfed-Powys. On a further positive note, the PCC has also been successful in bringing investment into the communities of Dyfed-Powys with several external grants approved, with investment from organisations such as the Home Office and Salix. Below is a brief overview of the inward investment and successes that the PCC has been responsible for –

- Home Office Safer Streets round 1, 2 and 3. The development of projects that tackle acquisitive crime in areas disproportionately affected and to invest in the safety of women and girls in specific areas affected by VAWG crimes. Some of the listed VAWG crimes we are concentrating on are Rape, Sexual Assault, Street Harassment, Stalking and Indecent exposure. The projects include the purchase of target hardening equipment for households to deter theft and robbery, increased environmental enhancement such as increased street cleaning, additional street lighting in areas identified by community members and Police Officers as potential hot spots, bike theft marking and property marking equipment. The areas that were targeted all met the Home Office benchmark for disproportionate crimes were Elli 2, Tyisha 2, Glanymor 4, Aberystwyth Central, Carmarthen Town South, Haverfordwest Castle and Priory and Newtown East – £155k, £87k, £155k = **total £397k**
- Home Office Perpetrator Project Fund. The development of a project to deliver specific activities targeting perpetrators of domestic abuse and violence. The project will involve the development of a stalking intervention, a dedicated Vulnerability Officer, Family support and prevention work – **£417k**
- Salix Decarbonisation Fund. The development of a project to decarbonise DPP estates for the future leading to environmental sustainability - **£879k**

Not only has the PCC been responsible for investing approximately £850,000 into the communities of Dyfed-Powys over the past 2 financial years, he has also been successful in obtaining grant investment to the sum of approx. £1.6 million from external sources. All sources of external income received is aligned to the objectives of the Police and Crime Plan, helping to reduce crime and asb, whilst also protecting victims and helping communities to build their own resilience.

Next steps

In terms of successfully moving forward with future investment, we are linking in more effectively with the Force's new Partnership Officer and Change and Transformation Lead, to take a two-pronged approach in successfully aligning priorities of both the OPCC and the Force, and to ensure that the evidence base and requirements for grant funding is identified within business processes. This will allow us to have a clear forward plan of need so that we can identify appropriate funding routes.

We understand the short term nature of a lot of the grants that are received and need to put in place a plan for more sustainable investment going forward to ensure the good work that these projects achieve is continued and sustained. We are working closely with the Chief Finance Officer to ensure appropriate financial due diligence of the grants budgets and link closely with Finance counterparts in the Force on a monthly basis.

APPENDIX A

Priority assessment for award of grants

The Police and Crime Commissioner and External Funding Advisor will score the submitted applications initially, with final recommendations being overseen by our Commissioning Board, who will take into account the quality and value for money of the project, whilst scoring against a set criteria.

Each submitted project will be evaluated and scored against the following criteria -

ASSESSMENT OPTIONS TO BE SELECTED						
No.	Project Assessment Criteria	Minimal 1-2	Low 3-5	Medium 6-8	High 9-10	
1	Contributes towards Police and Crime Plan / Policing Plan / Youth Strategy – extent to which the project delivers against the relevant plan and priorities / outcomes.	The projects contribution towards the plan is unclear & there is no evidence of a link to priorities / outcomes.	The projects contribution to the plan is mostly clear and there is some link to the priorities / outcomes.	The projects contribution to the plan is significant and there is significant evidence of links to the priorities / outcomes.	The project is a major contributory factor to the success of the plan and is there is evidence of links to most / all of the priorities / outcomes.	
2	Partnership Engagement and comprehensive buy in / involvement from key stakeholders – extent to which the project has comprehensive stakeholder involvement.	There is no evidence that the key stakeholders have been involved or support the project.	There is some limited evidence that key stakeholders have been involved and support the project.	There is sound and adequate evidence that key stakeholders have been involved and support the project.	There is strong evidence that all key stakeholders have been involved and support the project.	
3	Project need – responds to evidence of specific gap in provision and / or meets recognised community need	The project has presented no evidence of project need or gap in provision.	The project has presented limited evidence of project need or gap in provision.	The project has presented significant evidence of project need and a gap in provision.	The project has presented strong evidence of project need and has comprehensively identified a gap in provision.	

4	Achievement against proposed outcomes – degree of certainty that the project’s outcomes and results are deliverable, measurable and achievable.	There is no convincing evidence presented that outcomes are deliverable, measurable and achievable.	There is limited evidence presented that outcomes are deliverable, measurable and achievable.	The proposed outcomes are well founded and are deemed deliverable, measurable and achievable.	The project demonstrates clearly and convincingly that the outcomes are deliverable, measurable and achievable.	
5	Project delivery plans in place – extent to which the deliverables, timescales and milestones can be relied upon.	There are no clear project plans proposed or in place and the delivery mechanism is not established.	The project’s plans are partially in place but significant delivery issues have been identified.	The project’s plans are mostly in place and any identified delivery issues are believed to be manageable.	The project has robust plans in place and there are sound reasons to expect that delivery performance will be good.	
6	Organisational competency and ability to deliver – extent to which the right level of resources with the necessary skills and organisational capability are in place.	The organisation has no proven track record and cannot provide convincing evidence of capability to deliver.	The organisation has presented some evidence of experience and capability to deliver in this field.	The organisation has a known track record of project delivery in this area and has presented some evidence of capability to deliver.	The organisation has a well-established track record of project delivery in this area and has evidenced its capability to deliver.	
7	Consequential impacts – e.g. on IT department, revenue costs, support requirements.	The proposal is likely to incur significant additional costs and impact which have not been identified or addressed	The proposal is likely to incur additional costs and impact but the proposal has attempted to identify and address these to some extent	The proposal is likely to incur minimal additional costs and impact OR the proposal identified and addressed any additional cost and impact	The proposal is standalone and will not incur any additional costs or impact	
8	Exit strategy consideration – extent to which there is a clear and sustainable exit strategy in place and no risk of grant dependency.	The proposal and outcomes for this project indicate a material risk of dependency.	The exit strategy for this project is unclear and there is a possible risk of dependency.	There is a clear exit strategy and organisational dependency is unlikely.	There is a robust and convincing exit strategy with no risk of dependency.	

9	Confirmation that project is not double funded via other sources, including internally within the Force	Risk that project may be receiving duplicate funding from other sources	N/A	N/A	Funding received from other sources does not duplicate proposed use of PCC funding
10	Confirmation that project does not conflict with existing commissioned services or projects	Risk that project may be in conflict with existing provision via PCC commissioned services or projects	N/A	N/A	Project outcome has been compared against existing PCC funded activities and will not produce any conflict of interest or outcome
11	Consideration of Welsh Language implications	Project will have an adverse impact on opportunities for persons to use the Welsh Language and will treat the Welsh language less favourably than English	Conditions of grant could be imposed to ensure decreased adverse effects on opportunities for persons to use the Welsh Language and will treat the Welsh language less favourably than English	Conditions of grant could be imposed to ensure positive effects on opportunities for persons to use the Welsh Language and will treat the Welsh language less favourably than English	Project will positively impact the opportunities for persons to use the Welsh Language and will treat the Welsh language less favourably than English