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PCC Funding Initiatives

Telford & Wrekin

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The Commissioner's Grant Scheme (CGS)

This budget focuses on projects committed to delivering outcomes in the Safer West Mercia Plan.

£35,000

To Telford & Wrekin Council for a Child Exploitation Service. This is a continued development of existing exploitation service to offer a responsive service to all exploited children recognising the complexities involved. Including those who go missing from home or care, those with disabilities and those who've experienced significant childhood trauma (ACEs) in recognition that their disability or presenting behaviours may mask their exploitation.

£20,000 (from 01/01/21 – 31/12/21)

To the Children's Society for a TCS Steer Clear Link Worker. Providing a single link worker for Telford's serious violence strategic and operational groups. The post will be working with children and young people in, or at risk of criminal exploitation.

Preventing/Reducing Burglary

Upper Tier Local Authority Councillors have access to financial support for reducing acquisitive crime. The PCC is offering a 25% contribution to the We Don't Buy Crime (WDBC) scheme increasing the reach across West Mercia. Up to £225,000 has been made available from the PCC to invest in this initiative. WDBC towns and villages are where 70% of

residential properties have marked their possessions with smartwater (a water based solution with a unique forensic code that shows up under UV light) WDBC signs are installed through the village/town warning potential offenders to prevent burglary. Traces of smartwater found on offender, provides the evidence required for a successful prosecution. Registered smartwater identified on stolen property increases the likelihood of it being returned to the owner. In Telford & Wrekin the following areas are implementing the WDBC scheme: Leegomery, Sutton Hill, Elmley Lovett.

Community Safety Partnership (CSP) Grants

Each CSP is provided with a ring-fenced budget from the PCC. This budget is spent on pro-active community safety initiatives, addressing local needs and creating a safer and more secure West Mercia.

Core funding

£20,000

For CSP analytical support. This will be provided by the Research & Intelligence Team of Telford & Wrekin Council. This team support the Council and other partnerships with analytical support and have a wide range of skills and knowledge.

£35,000

As a contribution towards the IDVA provision contracted to West Mercia Women's Aid.

£31,875

Exploitation & Vulnerability Trainer Project. This project aims to develop and co-ordinate a prevention package around Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE), Missing Children and online safety. The aim is to take a proactive stance rather than a reactive one. This initiative will enable a suitably qualified practitioner to develop and deliver a consistent message to a variety of audiences.

£10,000

Sanctuary Funding. This project supports the MARAC process by providing additional security in victims' properties, this allows victim to remain in their own homes and prevents victims having to seek alternative / interim accommodation.

£16,812

CCTV Watch Co-ordinator. The project aims to achieve a more cohesive community approach to tackling crime and disorder by empowering our community members to actively participate in a neighbourhood watch and CCTV project.

£9,000

To Loudmouth Education & Training who will create and distribute filmed lessons on mental wellbeing and safety in relationships. These will be run with the majority of year 7 pupils (aged 11-12 years) and be offered to all the 13 secondary schools in the Telford and Wrekin area. The films will be simple to use and adaptable 'press and play' lessons.

£5,234

For Telford Street Pastors who continue to go from strength to strength working Friday and Saturday evenings between 10pm and 4am across the borough with a particular emphasis on the Telford Town centre and the Wellington night time economy setting. The Street Pastors are highly motivated and very experienced trained volunteers who are able to identify and deal with potentially deal difficult anti-social behaviour situations.

£5,000

For Taxi Marshalls who are an essential part of keeping people safe within the night time economy, especially when leaving the area and looking for taxi's. The Taxi Marshalls play a vital role in supporting the Street pastors in the early intervention of potential incidents. The Taxi Marshalls also support our local approach in managing 'plying for hire'.

£2,500

For The white ribbon campaign which is a global campaign aiming to end male violence against women and girls. It was founded in 2007, Telford and Wrekin have been accredited as a White Ribbon town since 2014 and over the years have held an annual event to mark this, raise awareness and provide information. Event to be held on 25 Nov 2020.

£10,000

For Neighbourhood Delivery Groups who are now embedded as part of our Integrated Community model (ICM), this model now looks to addressing issues of crime, anti-social behaviour and wider community safety issues across the borough, Newport,

Wellington, Oakengates, Dawley and Madeley, through a co-ordinated partnership approach, focussing on risk, harm and threat our overall intention is to improve the quality of life for residents across the borough.

£7,000

For Operation Barrier to work in partnership with Police and Town councils with a view to installing a number of barriers / kissing gates to prevent and deter the anti-social use of motor bikes in already identified. As part of the project brief, a number of covert wildlife cameras would be purchased to compliment the installations and support the evidence gathering process for both the Police and the Council alike.

CCTV

£65,000

This project will concentrate on the Southwater/ Town Park area of Telford for 5 standalone systems will be replaced, this includes hard drives, cameras along with additional cameras being installed to areas of high footfall or where there are currently gaps in CCTV.

Local Policing and Community Ambassador's Fund (LPCAF)

The PCC provides the safer neighbourhood teams and his community ambassadors with the autonomy to support local initiatives. A branch of this fund is for 'safer roads', whereby SNT's can apply for funding to prevent the harm caused by a road traffic collision in the areas they serve.

Local Policing and Community Ambassador Fund (LPCAF)

Some examples include:

£3,600

To provide funding for equipment for the Next Gen Youth Club which commenced approximately 6 months ago and is funded by a local charity. It is situated in a disadvantaged area of Telford and many of the children who attend would be classed as 'in-need'. The club opens twice a week and provides a space for children over the age of 8 to "meet new friends and take part in activities", such as bike riding, cooking and crafts.

£442

For a Rainbow Banner. Rainbow Banner made by local children and Madeley Police SNT to be displayed at both Madeley and Malinsgate Police stations.

£500

For 'Kindle Kindness' to purchase Kindles to help ease isolation and loneliness at the Princess Royal Hospital's Women's and Children's Centre and care homes across the borough.

£104

Payable to West Mercia Women's Aid to translate leaflets for victims of domestic abuse into other languages.

£1,000

The funding sought will provide for 200) Smartwater cycle kits to be provided free of charge to cycle owners.

£2,500

For a Knife Crime, Serious Violence and Exploitation Parents/Carers Awareness Event to take place later in the year. Funding to organise a three hour awareness event in a local hotel in Telford and Wrekin 10am till 1pm and have real lived experience speakers present their stories regarding knife crime, serious violence and exploitation that took place in the Telford and Wrekin and surrounding areas.

£1,000

For a Retirement living scheme communal garden. For Telford Police Cadets to help their community and by bridging the gap between young and old by creating at Heybridge Hall retirement home.

£600

For Women's Multicultural International Day to celebrate honouring nurses from the Windrush generation

£731

For Crime Prevention & Community/Domestic Reassurance. To reduce the number of retail business premises being targeted, damaged and burgled. Reduce the number of repeat DV, domestic burglaries, ASB, threat, harm and risk.

£4,000

For Black History Month (BHM) Workshop in Schools and Online Event The delivery of BHM workshops to potentially 37 Primary Schools and 12 Secondary Schools would equate to over 10k children, young people and teachers being educated and supported.

Local Policing and Community Ambassador Fund (LPCAF) - Safer Roads

Some examples include:

£6,211

For Wellington Town Council - Speed reduction initiative. Purchase of 2 x speed indicator devices (SID). The SIDs would be moved around the parish about every 4 weeks.

£5,300

For Stirchley & Brookside PC - speed reduction initiative.
Purchase of 1 x speed indicator device & 6 x posts

£3,000

For Little Wenlock PC - speed reduction initiative.
Purchase of 1 x speed indicator device

£4,275

For Installation of sockets at various locations to allow for
speed sign to be moved around the parish.

The above list of PCC funding initiatives is in addition to the West Mercia wide funded projects which are also available to the communities of Telford and Wrekin.