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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.

£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.

£43,225

To Telford & Wrekin Council. This proposal is for the Police and Crime Commissioner to provide up to a maximum of £200,000 in funding to Telford and Wrekin Council in support of the transition and establishment of civil enforcement in the Borough. This funding would be available for up to four years, at a maximum level that reduces each year, to cover any deficit incurred by the Council in establishing civil enforcement.

£432,000

For Safer Streets – Sutton Hill.

The funding was provided on the back of a detailed plan of deliverables, submitted to the Home Office, to improve communities and reduce the fear of crime and anti-social behaviour. The funding is to be invested in significant improvement to CCTV coverage and street lighting. In addition, flats and houses will receive improved security, door entry systems and BS

Standard UVPC doors/ locks.. The project seeks to reduce the opportunities for criminal enterprise, improve criminal detection, but most importantly to promote community cohesion.

£500,000

For Safe, Stronger Communities. This Project is a partnership initiative between Telford & Wrekin Borough Council and the Police & Crime Commissioner for West Mercia. It will seek to address the root causes of crime within targeted areas, improving life for communities within Telford & Wrekin. The total £1.5m investment will be split equally across the two years of the project. £750,000 will be committed in year one (2021/22), and the remaining £750,000 in year two (2022/23). The PCC contribution is £500K over 2 years.

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 £231,000 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, Brookside, Chetwynd Aston and Woodcote, Church Aston, Donnington & Muxton, Newport, Rodington, Tibberton & Cherrington, Waters Upton.

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 £158,934 allocated as follows:

£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.

£5,000

IOM and reducing reoffending is a long established issue linked to expanding preventative measures, community safety would be greatly improved. The funding will be utilised to take up schemes such as the "Buddi-tag system" and the charitable Probation Care Trust who offer immediate, tailored support to offenders across West Mercia, to assist them in integrating back into the community and breaking the cycle of reoffending.

£5,000

To Sanctuary who 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.

CCTV

£65,000

TBA

Commissioner's Community Fund (CCF)

The PCC provides the safer neighbourhood teams 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.

Commissioner's Community Fund (CCF)

Some examples include:

£1,000

For Windrush Day. To educate the younger generation to have a greater appreciation of the Windrush generation and their influence, as well as awareness of recent controversies surrounding their deportation.

£1,500

For the Steer Clear Programme. To provide specialist support to children and young people who have experiences of or at risk of experiencing exploitation – involving weapons/knives in order to reduce harm and develop resilience.

£1,000

To Create a daytime community hub where all people can mix, including those people from disadvantaged backgrounds.

£619

For International Women's Day. To highlight Telford's value of gender equality and commitment to tackle gender inequality.

£400

For the Good Custody Project. Bulk buying of reading books, paper & puzzles, pens ,any other materials identified by staff that might help in improving custody experience or having a positive impact on detainee.

£990

For the Princes Trust Achieve Programme. This is aimed at 11-16 year olds who are from disadvantaged backgrounds. South Telford SNT aim to target those who are on the cusp of criminality, ASB or involved in child/domestic incidents and reduce the likelihood of them being victims/perpetrators of crime. The Achieve Programme helps those involved by boosting their confidence, letting them learn new skills whilst working with their friends on a group project

£5,000

Telford Meeting Point House Youth Project. The Youth Project at the Meeting Point House is a fantastic project that will allow youths from all over the Telford area to meet in a safe and neutral environment. This will help us diffuse the growing issues of Street Gang culture with local youths meeting in a friendly environment to take part in sport, dance and mindfulness.

Commissioner's Community Fund (CCF) – Road Safety

Some examples include:

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.