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PCC Funding Initiatives

Shropshire

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The Commissioner's Grant Scheme (CGS)

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

£548,178 – Safer Streets 4

The PCC was successful in being awarded this funding from the Government's fourth round of Safer Streets. The funding will be used to improve safety of women and girls across West Mercia. Furthermore, the funding will be invested to increase the number of street watch schemes, provide a digital platform for volunteers to support victims, run an education programme for partners working in the night time economy and schools and colleges focused on healthy relationships.

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. £87,710 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 an 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. Since 2015 there have been 20,255 Smartwater kits registered in Shropshire.

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 £98,441 allocated as follows:

£10,000 – Domestic Abuse

Funding to West Mercia Women's Aid as part of the IDVA contract.

£20,000 – CSP Analysts

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

£5,000 - IOM

IOM and reducing reoffending are 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.

£56,000 – Hate Crime

To provide funding for a 12-month project which will deliver an engagement and awareness programme to increase public awareness of and confidence in reporting hate-related crimes and incidents. We will achieve this by targeting organisations that are closely related to those at higher risk of vulnerability or are community based to broaden our reach to those who might otherwise feel apprehension in reporting.

£9,197 - Crimestoppers

Funding contributes towards the salary of a Regional Manager who will deliver 3 anti-crime campaigns a year.

£2,500 – Crucial Crew

For Crucial Crew. To provide up to 50 schools in the Shrewsbury & Oswestry area with the opportunity to attend a Police and Crime Commissioner sponsored safety education event with 13 live safety scenarios delivered over ten working days to 1500 eleven-year-olds (150 per working day).

CCTV

£20,000

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 SNTs can apply for funding to prevent the harm caused by a road traffic collision in the areas they serve.

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£7,500 - youth offending in football.

The initiative stems from concerns about the recent upturn in violence and young "risk groups" presenting themselves at matches linked to the Shrewsbury Town Football club (STFC) at home and away matches. This pilot project seeks to introduce a diversionary process with the Police and STFC working in partnership. It will deliver targeted interventions with these young people to prevent them being criminalised and developing into a life of crime.

£2,000 - Cleobury Youth Offer

Following on from the detached youth consultation (meeting young people where they are at, in schools and in places where they choose to congregate) which finished in February 2021 the Youth Forum has secured funding for the delivery of a pilot scheme in the form of outreach/football sessions. We'd like this pilot to continue and to add an additional activity in the form of an informal

drop-in youth cafe.

£1,000 - Shrewsbury Multi Cultural Community Fun Day

To celebrate the different cultures and faiths represented in Shrewsbury, and Shropshire generally, and thereby to facilitate community understanding and cohesion.

£3,000 – Project Heart

To help and teenagers who are exhibiting a need for special support. The behaviour of these young people is often identified at school and the project will run with a close cooperation with the local secondary school.

The Grove School Market Drayton. Part of the Marches Academy Trust

Commissioner's Community Fund (Safer Roads)

Some examples include:

£3,000 - Traffic calming in Brockton Much Wenlock

Purchase of Vehicle Activated Sign and pole to fix it onto.

£1,000 - To reduce speeding traffic in the town of Market Drayton

Funding towards the purchase of two VAS, one for each entrance of the town

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 Shropshire.