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PCC Funding Initiatives

South Worcestershire

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Victims

All PCCs receive an annual grant from the Ministry of Justice to commission free practical and emotional support helping victims cope and recover, whether they have reported it to the police or not. John Campion provides a 'top up' to this funding stream from his own budget, ensuring specialist providers are accessible to victims of domestic abuse, sexual violence and child sexual exploitation

The Commissioner's Grant Scheme (CGS)

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

£15,000 – Fly-tipping

To South Worcestershire CSP for fly-tipping initiatives to work with private landowners to reduce the risk of illegal dumping through prevention and enforcement methods.

Preventing 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 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 10,848 Smartwater kits registered in South Worcestershire.

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 £139,250 allocated as follows:

£20,000 – CSP Analysts

This will be provided by the Research & Intelligence Team of Worcestershire 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.

£38,889 – Dawn Project

Who deliver tailor-made crisis intervention, face to face support around domestic abuse including controlling, coercive, threatening, degrading and violent behaviour.

£5,200 – Worcester Street Pastors

An inter-denominational church response to urban problems within the night-time economy, street pastor teams operating on Worcester’s city centre streets overnight Saturday into Sunday (generally 10pm until up to 4am).

£10,000 – Acquisitive Crime

Local Authority and LA Partner officers will have access to a range of home security/acquisitive crime prevention tools enabling victims of crime/vulnerable persons to protect their property following site/home visits.

£10,000 – Adult Exploitation

To safeguarding adults who are being exploited or at risk of exploitation in Worcestershire. Funding will go towards employing a temporary Exploitation Development Officer (employed by West Mercia Police) to:

- Gather a better understanding of current responses to dealing with exploitation
- Develop a clear governance and operational pathway for agencies to respond to concerns around adults being exploited
- To work with partners to raise awareness with professionals and communities.

CCTV £20,000

TBA

Commissioner's Community Fund (CCF)

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 SNTs 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:

£3,550 – Tag Ruby

To South Worcestershire Primary Schools Tag Rugby Programme. The aim of this project is to strengthen relationships between local policing teams and children within the community and widened that to a further relationship with other elements of the community.

£2,500 - Rural Crime Prevention and Community Reassurance

For a thermal imaging camera to reduce the number of rural crimes in vulnerable communities and increase public protection, reducing threat, harm and risk. In addition to detecting criminality within these areas of the community.

£2,000 – Worcestershire Pride

To fund LGBT+ community arts and cultural events.

£2,336 - Crime Prevention & Victim Reassurance

To provide additional support for safe-guarding victims following a Crime risk Survey to their domestic homes. These crime prevention items provide additional reassurance and help to reduce anxiety while in their homes.

£600 – Steer Clear

Education and diversion to reduce knife related crime in young people 10 to 17 years old.

£5,000 - Lords Taverners (Shared with North Worcestershire)

Wicketz Worcestershire is a community cohesion programme targeted at 8–19year-olds, using cricket to engage difficult-to reach young people.

Commissioner's Community Fund (CCF) – Road Safety

Some examples include:

£2,410 – Upton upon Severn

For the installation of VAS in the village.

£1,550 - Ripple

For the purchase of VAS in the village.

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 South Worcestershire.