

KEY DECISION

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR BEDFORDSHIRE

Title and Reference – PCC/D/035

Subject: Roads Fund – Part Two

Report of: Police and Crime Commissioner

Date: 02/02/2022

Summary

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) announced that on the 18th of October 2021 they were opening the Road Safety Funds for community groups and partners to bid into, to try and reduce the number of people harmed on roads.

This was the second round of bids available for this fund in this financial year.

The OPCC encouraged applications from projects and organisations that are more about an intelligence-driven approach. This will help give the public education around not driving whilst under the influence, not using mobile phones whilst driving, wearing seat belts as well as speeding.

Road safety is an integral part of community safety to the people who live in, work in and visit Bedfordshire. Road casualties devastate families and communities. Collisions also cost the national economy an estimated £16.3 billion a year and add pressure on the NHS and emergency services.

The period for receiving bids closed on the 10th of December 2021.

The OPCC and a specialist within the Tri- Force Cameras, Tickets and Collisions Department have reviewed all bids received, completed an analysis of the areas that had bid into the process, to determine the levels of road traffic accidents, severity, and any causes, to help determine the outcome of the bids.

The OPCC and Force have also looked into where bids have been received that fall within the remit of the Local Highways Authority – S39 Road Traffic Act.

Most bids received were for Speed Indicator Devices (SID) and Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS).

The OPCC has awarded the following organisations:

Pertenhall & Swineshead Parish Council	Bedford Borough	£10,000.00
Stanbridge Parish council	Central Bedfordshire	£5,000.00
Tilsworth Parish council	Central Bedfordshire	£5,000.00
Barton-le-Clay Parish council	Central Bedfordshire	£5,000.00
Wymington Parish council	Bedford Borough	£15,000.00
Maulden Parish council	Central Bedfordshire	£17,000.00
Dunton Parish Council	Central Bedfordshire	£5,000.00
Steppingley Parish Council	Central Bedfordshire	£10,000.00
Tottenham Parish Council	Central Bedfordshire	£5,000.00
Staploe Parish Council	Bedford Borough	£5,000.00
Silsoe Parish Council	Central Bedfordshire	£5,000.00
Colmworth Parish Council	Bedford Borough	£5,000.00
Wilstead Parish Council	Bedford Borough	£5,000.00
Great Barford Parish Council	Bedford Borough	£5,000.00
Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service	BFRS	£34,090.00
Bike safe (Tri-Force Road Traffic Department)	Police	£5,000.00
Road Victim Trust	RVT	£60,000.00

The PCC has awarded £201,090.00 over this round of Road Funding.

The Roads fund process directly links with the Police and Crime Plan:

Priority Three - Tackling the causes of crime and breaking the cycle of re-offending:

3.5 Road Safety

We will take a public health approach to crime on our roads. I will utilise the Cameras Tickets and Collisions fund available to me to treat the causes of road related crimes not just the outcomes.

Recommendation

To note decision

Bedfordshire Police and Crime Commissioner

I hereby approve the recommendations above.

Signature:

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Date: 11/02/2022