

KEY DECISION

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR BEDFORDSHIRE

Title and Reference – PCC.D.136

Subject: Pre Application Approval Process

Report of: Police and Crime Commissioner

Date: 28.11.18

Summary

We have received 20 applications from Bedfordshire police requesting funding which totals £ 540,500 - £580,700. 2 of the applications did not indicate costs.

GF 01 - iBase solution £50,000

To fund Technical support to enable the creation of an Athena linked iBase solution. This will enable analytical services to conduct automated social network analysis on gangs and cohorts of serious youth violence nominal, provide data sets to partners, identify emerging organised crime groups, and detect young people of on the periphery these networks that may be targeted for intervention work. This would be at the approximate cost of £50,000 for IBM and/or internal IT support.

Decision

Panel felt that IT don't have the skills, could we do the bid but with IBM or another solution so we can be sure we have the skill to run it beyond the year. The idea is supported in principle for application. Panel stated that application needs to be further explored and following questions to be asked:

How will this role be resourced moving forward? How does this fit with the other PBB work going on?

GF02- Bike Safe £5,000

Bike safe is a Police lead initiative that looks to support and improve rider standards in an effort to reduce casualties in the most vulnerable road user group. Bike Safe is run across the country with great success and Bedfordshire is now entering its second year of operation. During 2018 three courses were run within Bedfordshire and we are looking to increase the availability to the public. The application is to support officers and assist them to run courses outside of them normal operational duties and also provide refreshments and suitable venues for the candidates who are paying to attend the course. The candidate feedback for the 2018 courses will be available in January 2019 and I will ensure that this is disseminated to yourselves.

Decision

Panel has approved this application and could be funded via CTC fund

GF03- Pit stops days £2,000

Following on from the successful day we ran in 2018 I am now looking to run 2 days during 2019. One at the start of the year and another during the motorcycle calendar. The event we ran in August 2018 was extremely well received with 45 motorcyclists spoken to in one day. This event went a long way to promoting Bike Safe but also Biker Down! (The Fire and Rescue course). By co-promoting the courses we are reaching an audience that we perhaps would not have available to us. This is again the plan for 2019. The media interest that this project garnered was also excellent.

Decision

Panel has approved this application and could be funded via CTC fund

GF04 - Bike Light Data Capture £26,000-66,200

See.Sense. They have a product that is geared towards data capture to improve the road environment for the cycling community. The lights themselves are the data capture tool but also provide security for the user by varying the flashing speed with the proximity of vehicles. The data they capture records road surface damage, junction flow and close passes, there is also an app that can take free text from users to highlight areas of concern to themselves. The project would look to roll out the lights across the county in order to obtain a maximum spread of users and data of journeys. See.Sense secure store the data and then interpret that by overlaying maps and journeys to highlight areas of concern this can then be acted on through the police or our partner agencies by engineering, engagement or enforcement activity. The project has three potential duration and expose to the public which can be debated if approved.

Decision

Panel felt that the costs were high and required ongoing further costs year after year. Not good value for money.

GF05- Community Safeguarding Event £10,000

Hold a community-facing event around safeguarding. My proposal is to put together a day's event with a focus on raising awareness of grooming, and in conjunction with CSE, OCG's/gangs and Prevent to demonstrate to the community how vulnerable people can be groomed into any of these areas and the impact of such activity. The idea behind this being a joint safeguarding event is so that the community hears the message that this is about grooming and vulnerability as opposed to criminality, with the intention of increasing referrals into Police and partner agencies from within the community, which has historically been low. I would like to structure the event with guest speakers in the morning, and ideally workshops in the afternoon to encourage engagement.

Decision

Panel made the decision not to take forward this application, but invite the officer to join Partnerships and OPCC events to raise awareness.

GF06- Autism Champions £3,000

Nicky Burns is the National Police Autism Association lead and Sheila Forder is the deputy lead for Bedfordshire Police. We have implemented Autism Champions within the force and currently have 35 members who are volunteering their time to promote autism awareness. We are asking the PCC to help fund this group and their various initiatives for an estimated cost of £3000. This money will be used to provide support and signposting for officers and staff within Bedfordshire Police. We are looking to coincide the introduction of Autism Champions with an event on World Autism day on the 2nd of April 2019. We are also piloting a project with custody to introduce fidget toys to be made available to anyone with Autism.

Decision

Panel requested further information around what training has officers being receiving to date and what costs does the £3,000 cover.

GF07- Missing Persons Co-Ordinator £30,000

This role was first introduced last year to build better links between Police, professionals and young people you are continually reported missing with a view to deflecting them from the risk behaviours that they engage in and safeguard them from those that will seek to exploit their vulnerabilities. Also to work with care home to try to reduce the demand on police call outs.

Decision

Panel approved the application to go to next stage.

GF08- Serious and Organised Crime Coordinator & Tactical Advisor; Serious and Organised Crime Prevent Officer £82,000

Bedfordshire Police, alongside partners, has recently transformed how it identifies and tackles serious and organised crime. This project outlines a bid for two funded posts to enhance deliver to disrupt the perpetrators of this serious criminality, identify and safeguard the vulnerable victims targeted by these offenders, and deliver multi-agency preventive strategy to reduce the risk and opportunities around SOC which encompasses Slavery, CSE, Class A drug supply, and the criminal use of firearms.

Decision

This application was not approved last year, panel had a lengthy discussion. Commissioning Officer agreed to take this application to be discussed further with BPHA, Early Intervention Team and Community Safety Bedford as it could be a joint funding for a pilot project which is currently being discussed.

Commissioning Officer met with Matthew Thompson to establish how his model can be piloted with support from other partners and PCC.

GF09- Mental Health £200,000

To develop and implement a 'Pan-Beds Mental Health Hub'. The Mental Health Hub would be a joint venture and would see the co-location of dedicated partners that are able to focus on early intervention for people (all ages) experiencing mental health issues and are victims of crime or are putting themselves or others at risk of harm. This team would provide accessible and professional advice and support for police to reduce the risk and reduce the demand presented by people with mental health issues and it would also bring the Liaison and Diversion Mental Health Team into the hub to enable a more holistic focus on reducing the reoffending of people with mental health issues. requested funding would be used to provide these additional teams;

- SIM Project (dedicated police officer and MH professional working together focusing on high intensity frequent presenters where MH is key factor. SIM is part of an ever-developing national network which Herts have already introduced and Cambs are about to launch)
- Dedicated police investigator for offences within MH settings – and wider NHS settings
- MH nurses in FCC
- MH nurses in Signposts Hub (Victims hub)
- Dementia Co-ordinator lead (Herbert Protocol)

Decision

Clare Kelly to take to MH Board but welcomes a rebid for the signpost / FCC posts. Dementia co-ordinator

GF10- Cohesion Thank you Event £10,000

To host a Thank You Event to recognise the positive contributions made by local community members to Bedfordshire Police's policing objectives and the wider work regarding cohesion within Bedfordshire. This event will host up to 400 people from Bedfordshire's many diverse communities and provide a fantastic opportunity for networking whilst also building resilience within local communities and further enhancing the reputation of Bedfordshire Police.

Decision

Has been funded few years in a roll. Panel made the decision not to fund this year considering the value of applications received and the need for services

GF11- VARAC Co ordinator post £40,000

The VARAC partnership is evolving and we have many examples of successful interventions that have led to long-term improvements for people with very complex needs and issues and it is vital that we continue to build upon this.

Decision

Panel requested that partnership funding needs to be explored. Further information was provided following a request sent.

ACC Sebire has asked partners to consider how we will look to jointly fund VARAC for the next financial year. In January the Strategic Board will reconvene and will be presented with the findings from the independent evaluation (see timeline attached). At this meeting, partners will be asked if they will contribute to joint funding of the VARAC coordinators post.

GF12- Refurbishment £7,000

Requested funding for refurbishment of CAAVA North offices, in the correspondence received it stated that the building had several Health and Safety issues.

Decision

It was decided that this needs further exploring and Clare Kelly will be discussing this request with the Change Board. PCC will not be able to fund but will support with approaching relevant department within the force

GF13 Get Safe Online Renewal £9,000

Renewal of GSO

Decision

No

GF14 Counselling Services within Signpost £Unknown

To employ Counsellor at the Signpost to provide 1:1 support to adult victims

Decision

OPCC understands the vital need of counselling services being needed within Signpost as current waiting times is 8 months. Agreed to proceed to full bid

GF15 Hate Crime Conference £1,000

Seeking funding for their Conference in October 2019

Decision

Need more details of what the costs for the conference are. Agreed to proceed to full bid

GF16 Hate Crime Trip £500

Trip to Amsterdam for (matched funded by Vauxhall) to take trained Anne Frank Ambassadors on a trip to the Anne Frank House to represent Bedfordshire and present their local to learning to staff.

Decision

Agreed to proceed to full bid but will need more information on the costing

GF17 Cyber Crime Conference £2000

Event for February/March 2019. The plan was facilitate local businesses around South Bedfordshire and attract up to 250 delegates

Decision

We required further information on the funding model and whether local businesses will contribute to the cost.

Sean O'Neil explained that the conference cant be held jointly with other partners a dedicated solely on Cyber Crime. The cost are for venue and refreshments. Local businesses that are members of the Regional cyber trust group will be providing assistance in reception/registration and providing some of the speakers and workshops at the event. They will not however be contributing financially. To proceed with full bid

GF18 Mobile App. £ Unknown

I am seeking funding for the development of a mobile app (on phones) to roll out to front line officers to assist them in the quality of their work around case files predominantly. This in turn will deliver a better service to victims of crime

Decision

To proceed to full bid

GF19 Corruption Prevention Officer £24,000

Creating a 12 month position for a second 'Corruption Prevention Officer', to work in Professional Standards Dept (PSD) Anti-Corruption Unit (ACU) and lead on delivering a key piece of work across BCH force areas, including the wider partners/community engagement

Decision

To proceed to full bid to gather further information on the costs and outcomes

GF20 ASB £3,900

ASB & Crime Prevention team are proposing to hold 4 days of professional training to educate and inform 320 frontline police officers and partner organisation staff in the use of the powers granted under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act to provide them with the necessary knowledge and skills to improve the quality of life of our communities by reducing and dealing positively with Anti – Social Behaviour across the Rural and Urban Bedfordshire.

The intention is to bring a professional speaker, David Armstrong (Barrister at Law) from the Mallard

Consultancy to deliver advice and case based scenarios to our front line staff and then to hold professional workshops for Senior Officers and potentially Council and Police Legal Officers as part of the education program.

Bedfordshire Police have secured a venue and are providing the training support for this initiative, We are seeking funding to pay for the professional speaker / trainer.

Decision

Proceed to full bid

Recommendation

To note decision

Bedfordshire Police and Crime Commissioner

I hereby approve the recommendations above.

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Signature
Date 04.03.2018