

PFCC Decision Report

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Title of report: Local Safer Streets Fund - Round 2 Tranche 3
Area of county / stakeholders affected: Castle Point, Epping Forest, Colchester, Basildon, Braintree, Southend, Thurrock, Chelmsford, Tendring, Rochford and Brentwood
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1. Executive Summary

1. To approve the proposal to allocate £1,574,342 from the PFCC's Local Safer Streets Fund (round 2, tranche 3). The funding will support 19 projects across Essex, summarised in section 4 below.

2. Recommendations

2. The PFCC approves the allocation of £1,574,342 from the Local Safer Streets Fund to the organisations listed in section 4 below.

3. Background to the proposal

3. The PFCC approved the process for allocating Round 2 of the Local Safer Streets Fund (SSF) via decision report 101-23 on 9th June 2023. Allocations for Tranches 1 and 2 of Round 2 of the Local SSF were approved via decision reports 182-23 and 019-24.
3. The PFCC's Safer Streets Fund targets funding into hyper-local areas to impact positively upon the issues of crime, anti-social behaviour (ASB) and feelings of safety, usually by focusing on physical and environmental protective factors. This might include CCTV, designing out crime initiatives, street lighting and engagement activities.

4. Proposal and Associated Benefits

4. The PFCC would invest £1,574,342 in local projects that meet the criteria of the Local Safer Streets Fund. The value of these projects, and a brief description, is provided in the table below:

Project Name / CSP	Bid Value	Match Funding	Description
Castle Point CSP (supported by Southend CC)	£1,041,534	£183,207 (19%)	64 new CCTV cameras and improved CCTV infrastructure (replacing analogue with digital cameras and installing new permanent cameras across the district). Sites include Roscommon Way, Woodside underpass on Rush Bottom Lane and Woodside Park. Match funding applies to monitoring and ongoing maintenance
Epping Forest CSP	£167,500	£141,000	Oakwood Hill housing estate (Debden) - CCTV installation and lighting improvements, diversionary activities and community projects to address child exploitation and social isolation. Community Safety days of action (crime prevention advice). Healthy relationship sessions for local schools. Area enhancements (litter pick, general maintenance).
Colchester CSP	£38,925	£20,035	2 CSAS accredited security officers to work in conjunction with the Community Safety team and Essex Police to patrol Colchester City Centre as defined by the PSPO, including High St, Queen St & Head St. Obtaining sufficient evidence for enforcement, supporting vulnerable people and public engagement. Friday and Saturday 2000 – 0400 for 12 months.
Basildon CSP	£65,000	£20,000	Building lease for 1-Up Collective to take on new premises within Basildon to increase delivery and expand the number of young people they can engage.

Braintree CSP	£2,598	£3,000	Five additional CCTV cameras around the Halstead Community Fridge at The Causeway and two CCTV cameras at the Kings Road toilet block which is next to Halstead Public Gardens. (Expansion of Home Office Safer Streets CCTV work)
University of Essex	£20,000	£3,500	Southend, Colchester, Epping Forest On-site drop in-for women, ISVA support (sexual abuse)
First Corringham Scout Group	£20,000	£25,000	Thurrock Improvements and works to local Scout Hall, utilised by community groups, older persons group, dancing school, community fetes and Scout group. CCTV / fencing / lighting / gates / drainage and level tarmac path.
Southend Combat Academy	£20,000	£25,000	Southend Martial arts and boxing, development of life skills. In addition, free training sessions for young people referred through local services.
Sanctus	£20,000	£114,00	Chelmsford Core funding for homeless charity - staffing and activities
Team Kinetix	£19,972	£0	Colchester Sports for 10 - 16-year-olds (parkour, free running, acrobatics) plus social time including a hot, healthy meal. 2 x per week
CAB (Citizens Advice) Tendring	£19,594	£92,000	Tendring Mental health hub, employing mental health recovery workers. Equipment for new shop in Harwich.
The Change Project	£19,499	£4,000	Southend, Basildon, Rochford, Castlepoint Healthy relationships and consent programme. 150 people, 18x 2-hour sessions.
U Turn 4 Support	£19,200	£0	Tendring / Clacton Drop-in facility for youths in the night-time economy. Community hub, safe space for young people utilising the NTE as a central hub (5 days per week) to provide mentoring and community education sessions.

Open Road	£19,000	£0	Chelmsford Funding towards the SOS Bus to operate on Friday nights. Costs include staffing and volunteer costs, fuel, insurance, and the wages of the on-board medic.
Department for Work & Pensions (DWP)	£17,660	£3,997	Colchester DWP - Essex Support for Schools Team providing high-quality and impartial careers advice, specifically to help schools engage young people (aged 12-18) identified as being at risk of becoming Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET)
Wellbeing at Garon Park (Charity)	£14,320	£0	Southend Youth club expansion to increase capacity for approx. 80 children and young people, aged 8 - 15. Will include ad hoc holiday sessions and community events for young people.
Building Minds	£10,240	£6,650	Basildon Youth club - equipment and staffing. Working with McDonalds franchise to support young people into full and part time work opportunities.
Upshire School	£7,700	£0	Epping Forest (Waltham Abbey) The Upshire Community Train project will facilitate a community hub (in a donated train carriage at Upshire School) for all ages and will host Ninefields Youth Club.
Ingatestone Parish Council and Fryerning Civil Parish	£31,600	£0	Brentwood Additional lighting, utilising solar power technology to improve safety in the recreation ground footpath known as Fairfield in Ingatestone. Ingatestone Street Warden 1-year pilot
SSF R2 T3 Total	£1,574,342		

4. 14 of the projects identified in the table above were originally received as Community Safety Development Fund (CSDF) bids. The CSDF was significantly over-subscribed in 2023-24, with bids totalling £1.15m received for a fund valued at £250k. It was therefore recommended that those CSDF projects which met the criteria of the Safer Streets Fund and have received CSP endorsement would be progressed via this route. This provides an alternative funding source for more CSDF bids and ensures the Safer Streets Fund is used to its full potential.

4. All the proposals in this paper have received full endorsement from the local Community Safety Partnership, as is required as part of the CSDF and Safer Streets Fund submission process.

5. Options Analysis

5. The PFCC could opt not to allocate this funding, or to retain the funding for use in future rounds of the Local Safer Streets Fund. These projects were invited from local areas and include investment in one area (Castle Point) that is yet to receive any Home Office or Local Safer Streets Funding to date. By allocating this funding now, the PFCC ensures that it is available to support communities immediately.

6. Consultation and Engagement

6. These proposals have either been developed by or endorsed by the relevant local Community Safety Partnership.

6. The PFCC discussed this decision report at their Senior Management Team meeting on 7th May 2024.

7. Strategic Plans

7. This work supports the PFCC’s Safer Streets project and the ambitions within the Police & Crime Plan.

8. Police operational implications

8. No direct operational implications on Essex Police.

9. Financial implications

9. The PFCC will allocate £1,574,342 from the PFCC’s Safer Streets Fund to the groups detailed in the table in section 4 above.

9. There was £3,502,245 in the SSF at the end of the 2023-4 financial year. Since then, £1,080,688 has been added to the budget for FY '24-25, making the balance £4,582,933. In 2024-5 £3,044,207 of round 2 has been allocated via DRs 182-23, 19-24 and 93-24, which will leave £1,538,726 remaining in the Local SSF for round 3. This is shown in the table below;

	Income	Expenditure	Balance
2023-4 carry forward	£ 3,502,245		
2024-5 SSF budget	£ 1,080,688		
DR182-23 Local SSF round 2 tranche 1		£ 1,093,867	
DR19-24 Local SSF round 2 tranche 2		£ 628,775	
DR93-24 Local SSF round 2 tranche 3		£ 1,574,342	
Round 2 tranche 1 spend already included in 2023-4		-£ 252,777	
	£ 4,582,933	£ 3,044,207	£ 1,538,726

10. Legal implications

10. This funding is subject to the terms of the PFCC's standard grant agreement.

11. Staffing implications

11. The PFCC's Safer Streets Officer would be expected to manage the allocation of this funding and to monitor the effectiveness of project delivery. This role is still in its recruitment phase. In the absence of this role, the work will likely be picked up by the PFCC's Commissioning Lead.

12. Equality, Diversity and Inclusion implications

12. An Equality Impact Assessment (EQiA) has been undertaken in relation to this decision and is available here:

[SSF Round 2 Tranche 3 EQiA](#)

13. Risks and Mitigations

13. There is a risk that funding is not utilised in the way it is intended, or projects confront unanticipated issues or delays. This will be mitigated by robust evaluation and engagement with project leads.

14. Governance Boards

14. This proposal was discussed and agreed in principle at the PFCC's Senior Management Team meeting on May 7th, 2024.

15. Links to Future Plans

15. This funding will support the PFCC to deliver against the priorities in the 2021-2024 Police and Crime Plan.

16. Background Papers and Appendices

n/a

Report Approval

The report will be signed off by the OPFCC Chief Executive and Treasurer prior to review and sign off by the PFCC / DPFCC.



Chief Executive / M.O.

Sign:

Print: P. Brent-Isherwood

Date: 31 May 2024

Chief Finance Officer / Treasurer

Sign:



Print: Janet Perry

Date: 25 June 2024

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I agree the recommendations to this report:

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Print: .. Roger Hirst

PFCC

Date signed: 25/06/2024

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