

**WEST MIDLANDS POLICE  
AND CRIME  
COMMISSIONER**

NON-CONFIDENTIAL

**NOTICE OF DECISION**

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**Title - Community Initiative Fund - Grant Applications**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

To consider applications from six community based organisations based in the West Midlands seeking financial support from the Community Initiatives Fund in 2014/15.

**DECISION**

That grants be made from the Community Initiatives Fund in 2014/15 to those community based organisations set out in Appendix 1 towards the projects indicated.

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**West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner**

I confirm that I do not have any disclosable pecuniary interests in this decision and take the decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct for the West Midlands Office for Policing and Crime. Any interests are indicated below.

Signature...Bob Jones....

Date...26 June 2014.....

## **NON - CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE TO THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER**

### **INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND**

The purpose of the Community Initiatives Fund is to provide financial assistance to community based initiatives in the West Midlands. These initiatives should contribute towards the objectives in the Police and Crime Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan or local policing plans by addressing issues such as anti-social behaviour through the provision of diversionary activities. The principal aim of the Fund is to provide small grants to help projects succeed, and encourage community contact with local neighbourhood officers to increase trust and confidence and reduce crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The Community Initiative Fund allocation for March 2014 - April 2015 is £25,000.

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 Schedule 1, Section 1 14 (1) provides that a Police and Crime Commissioner may do anything which is calculated to facilitate, or is conducive or incidental to, the exercise of the functions of commissioner.

### **EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

Each year, the Police and Crime Commissioner will allocate a theme to the Community Initiative Fund. The Fund is intended to assist in promoting equalities by targeting disadvantaged or hard to reach groups that may face inequality. It is also intended to support small community and voluntary groups that normally would not access funding through mainstream channels.

### **Schedule of Background Papers**

The applications are available.

### **Public Access to Information**

Information contained in this decision is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and other legislation. This decision will be made available on the Commissioner's website.

## Appendix 1

|    | Name and Address of Project   | Project Objectives   | Amount of Grant Requested | Amount of Grant Approved |
|----|---|--|---------------------------|--------------------------|
|    | <b>Birmingham</b>   |  |                           |                          |
| B1 | Time Out After School Club<br>Nechells Methodist Church<br>Nechells Park Road | Established community organisation. The grant will part fund a youth diversion leadership camp.                                | £703.35                   | £703.35                  |
| B2 | Stop FGM<br>Allies Network Ltd.<br>Birmingham                                 | Female Genital Mutilation awareness project.<br><br>Provision of printed material for dissemination at workshops, seminars.    | £750                      | £750                     |
| B3 | Bang Contemporary Arts<br>Youth Club<br>Birmingham                            | ASB youth engagement project to specifically target at risk persons.<br><br>Provision of venue for multi agency funded project | £750                      | £750                     |
| B4 | The Oaklands Young<br>Persons Centre<br>Handsworth                            | Multi agency funded/assisted relaunch of young person's centre.<br><br>Provision of equipment                                  | £750                      | £750                     |
| B5 | Heart of Gold Recruitment<br>Day 2014   | Community cohesion and engagement awareness project.<br><br>Provision of equipment for the event.                              | £750                      | £600                     |