

**WEST MIDLANDS POLICE
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COMMISSIONER**

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NOTICE OF DECISION

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Title: **Community Initiative Fund - Grant Applications for 2012-13**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

DECISION

Grants will be made from the Community Initiatives Fund in 2012-13 to those community based organisations set out in Appendix 1 towards the projects indicated.

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.....28 March 2013.....

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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 Commissioners 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 November 22 - March 2013 is £12,500.

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.

Community Initiative Fund March 2013

Name and Address of Project	Project Objectives	Amount of Grant Requested	Amount of Grant Approved
Anti Crime CD and DVD Families for Peace	Involves the creation of a CD and DVD which will be sold to generate income for the charity. It will be a training aid for learning centres, schools and youth centres in order to raise awareness of the dangers of knife/gun crime and gang violence.	£750	
Walsall Police Amateur boxing club	Purchase of boxing gloves, headguards, pads and foul protectors for young people in Pelsall. Diversionary activity to reduce crime and asb, improve relations between the police and young people, targeting those at risk. 15-42 young people take part in each session – average of 25. Club is open Mon, Weds, Fri, Sat and Sun.	£750	
A Way Forward Project Offender FreshStart Project Flat 1-2 Kings Norton Fire Station Persore Road South Birmingham B30 3EG	Confidential counselling and mentoring services to people suffering from a range of mental health and emotional well-being issues – targeting lone parents and family breakdown, young people and offenders. The aim is to provide offenders suffering from mental health or emotional well-being issues a fresh start upon their release from prison or probation by supporting them in their resettlement, improving their well-being, encouraging positive decision making and reducing the likelihood of reoffending working with partners.	£750	
Reaching out to hidden victims of domestic	The purpose of this project is to raise awareness of support services which can help women to break the cycle	£717.60	

<p>violence The Haven Wolverhampton Herian House Fold Street Wolverhampton WV1 4LP</p>	<p>of abuse. The Haven have launched a new helpline number which needs to be disseminated as widely as possible. The funding will be used for lip balms which will have a hidden bar code which will have the Haven's new helpline number so that those who are vulnerable or suffering from abuse can have the number to hand in times of crisis. They expect to reach over 800 women suffering from or vulnerable to domestic violence.</p>		
<p>The Big Top Neighbourhood Watch Road Show 48 Knightstone Avenue, Hockley Birmingham B18 6PR</p>	<p>Encouraging residents of Birmingham to start up neighbourhood watch schemes in their areas using interactive activities which will attract both young and old community members.</p>	<p>£750</p>	