

**THE OFFICE OF POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER
FOR DERBYSHIRE
DECISION RECORD**

Request for PCC Decision	Received in OPCC Date: 8 November 2017	OPCC Ref: 40/17
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**POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FUNDING FOR THE NICE FUND
(NEIGHBOURHOODS INVESTING CRIMINAL EARNINGS)**

Executive Summary:

The Proceeds of Crime Act is an important tool for attacking criminality by seizing assets that have been generated as a result of criminal acts.

The NICE Fund was set up under the previous Commissioner in 2015 to fund community projects which demonstrate how POCA monies can provide longer term benefit to communities and leave a lasting legacy.

The present Commissioner intends to run a further round of this grant to launch in January 2018.

Decision

- i. Approval was given to launch the NICE Fund in January 2018 funded from POCA proceedings
- ii. Approval was given for the proposed grant range and the decision making process outlined in the report

Declaration

I confirm that I have considered whether or not I have any personal or prejudicial interest in this matter and take the proposed decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct for the Police and Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire. Any such interests are recorded below.

(Recorded interests: Patron of Sporting Futures, as declared on the Register of Disclosable Interests and Hospitality Gifts) and Derby City Councillor.

The above request has my approval.

Signature

Hardyal Dhindsa

**Date 8 November
2017**

PUBLICATION SCHEME CONSIDERATIONS

Is the related Section B report to be published Yes

The report contains commercially sensitive information.

Is the publication of this approval to be deferred No

If Yes, provide reasons below

Date to be deferred to –

NB Statutory Instrument 2011/3050 (as amended by SI 2012/2479) states that: *all decisions made by a PCC are in the types of information that must “be published as soon as practicable after it becomes available to the elected local policing body”.*

OFFICER APPROVAL

Chief Executive or Nominee:

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that financial, legal and equalities advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report.

I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner

Name Andrew Dale

Date 8 November 2017

DECISION REPORT
NOVEMBER 2017
REPORT OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

**POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FUNDING FOR THE LAUNCH OF THE
NICE FUND IN 2018**

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To approve the launch of the NICE Fund (Neighbourhoods Investing Criminal Earnings) in 2018 which will be derived from POCA proceedings.

BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Proceeds of Crime Act is an important tool for attacking criminality by seizing assets that have been generated as a result of criminal acts.
- 2.2 The NICE Fund was set up under the previous Commissioner in 2015. It was agreed that a competed fund be established from the POCA income from 2013/14 and this money was allocated to the PCC to be awarded through the NICE Fund.

INFORMATION AND ANALYSIS

- 3.1 The Commissioner is inviting single applications of between £10,000 and £25,000 from voluntary and community groups and local non-profit making organisations within Derbyshire and Derby City. He will be looking to fund organisations who can deliver innovative projects which will leave a lasting legacy for their community. The Commissioner wishes to fund at least one project in each policing area.
- 3.2 All applications to provide clear evidence of need for the project together with evidence of support for the project from the local community
- 3.3 Applications to provide examples of proposed community involvement in the delivery of the project.

- 3.4 There will be three stages to the application process:
- The first stage will be to invite applicants to complete a proposal form detailing an initial outline for the project including evidence of need, costs and timescales and evidence of community support for the project.
 - The successful proposals will be shortlisted and remaining applicants at this stage will be invited to complete and submit a full application.
 - These will be reviewed by the Commissioner's officers. A final decision meeting will then take place when the Commissioner receives proposals from his officers and makes a final decision on which projects to award funding to.
- 3.5 All relevant documents can be accessed on the grants page of the Commissioner's website www.derbyshire-pcc.gov.uk
- 3.6 To avoid confusion with current funding opportunities through the Community Action Grant it is recommended that a new NICE Fund round be launched early in 2018.

Proposed timeframe for NICE applications	
Applications open:	1 st January 2018 (in practice this will be published prior to Christmas)
Submission of outline proposal:	16 th February 2018
Shortlisting completed	28 th February 2018
Submission of full application	31 st March 2018
Final Decisions made	30 th April 2018
Start Date of successful projects:	1 st June 2018

RECOMMENDATION

- 3.6 To approve the launch of the NICE Fund in January 2018 funded from POCA proceedings as outlined at 3.4 above.

- 3.7 To set the grant range between £10,000 and £25,000 as outlined at 3.1 above. This is for a complete project to be delivered **OR** to be awarded as match funding for larger projects. Proposed budgets must be inclusive of VAT. (The remaining funding has to already be secured and proof of this provided at the time of initial proposal)
- 3.8 To approve the proposed decision making process for the NICE Fund as outlined at 3.4 above.

IMPLICATIONS

All implications are assessed and scored to the table below.

HIGH – supporting explanation and narrative required and to be contained within the report

MEDIUM – narrative to be contained within the report at the discretion of the author

LOW – no narrative required

	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
Crime & Disorder	x		
Environmental	x		
Equality & Diversity	x		
Financial	x		
Health & Safety	x		
Human Rights	x		
Legal	x		
Personnel	x		

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