

Subject: Police Property Act Fund (PPAF) – Small Grants Round and Police Welfare Charitable Initiatives

Originator: Dr Gavin Thompson

Decision no. 33/2025

Reason for submission: PCC Decision

Submitted to: Sarah Taylor – Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk

Summary:

1. This paper sets out details of awards under the Police Property Act Fund (PPAF) - Small Grants Round and the Police Welfare Charitable Initiative.
2. The Small Grants Round was a competitive grant round introduced to fund organisations contributing to the priorities of the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) published in the Police and Crime Plan 2025-2029:
 - a. Prevent or reduce crime.
 - b. Improve people's lives.
 - c. Build stronger and safer communities.
3. The assessment of bids and award decisions were made by the PCC and Chief Constable.
4. The Police Welfare Charitable Initiative has been established to provide funding from the PPAF to charitable organisations to provide support and welfare advice to members of Norfolk Constabulary. A total budget of £75k has been allocated to the fund. Needs and proposals to address these will continue to be identified by the Chief Constable and agreed in conjunction with the PCC.
5. The PCC and Chief Constable have decided to make 13 awards under the Small Grants Round.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the details of award decisions made by the PCC and Chief Constable be reviewed by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) statutory officers, and subject to that review, the decision is forwarded to the PCC to confirm the grant awardees.

Outcome/approval by: Police and Crime Commissioner – Sarah Taylor

The PCC approves the decisions of the PCC and Chief Constable to award the grants set out in the report.

To set the budget of £75k for the Police Welfare Charitable Initiative for 2025/26.

Signature: 

Date: 29/07/2025

Detail of the submission

1. Objective:

- 1.1 To award grants to the successful applicants to the PPAF Small Grants Round and set the budget for the Police Welfare Charitable Initiative.

2. Areas for consideration:

- 2.1 The Police Property Regulations 1997 created the Police Property Act Fund (PPAF), a fund generated from the sale of property/goods that cannot be returned to their original owner.
- 2.2 The fund must be used to support local projects undertaken by charitable and/or voluntary organisations that solely benefit the communities of each force area.
- 2.3 The governance of awards from the PPAF is controlled by the PCC, deciding that in 2025/26 there will be two grant rounds:
 - A Small Grants Round – providing grants of up to £2,500 to Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) organisations supporting the objectives in the Police and Crime Plan, with a total funding of £30k available.

- Police Welfare Charitable Initiative – with a total funding amount of £75k available to directly award VCS organisations to provide welfare support to members of Norfolk Constabulary.

2.4 The structure and governance of the of the PPAF Small Grants Round is as follows:

- Light touch application process, requiring a short statement of contribution to the PCP objectives, with no restriction on the use of funding and no impact measurement required.
- Organisational and financial checks of applications undertaken by the OPCC and reported to the PCC
- Assessment of applications and award decisions made by the PCC and Chief Constable.
- Publication of successful and unsuccessful awards on the OPCC website.
- Grant processing, using a light touch grant agreement undertaken by the OPCC.
- Annual reporting from recipients on spend.

2.5 In total 50 bids were received. These were reviewed and shortlisted by the PCC and the shortlist was reviewed by the PCC and Chief Constable and award decisions made.

2.6 Details of successful applications are set out in Table 1 below including the organisation, amount and a brief description of the purpose of the award. This information will be published on the OPCC website and reported in the PCC's Annual Report.

Table 1

ORGANISATION	DISTRICT	PURPOSE	AWARD
Gaywood Football Club	King's Lynn & West Norfolk	Purchase footballs/goals for girls Under 13 team and Mini Kickers.	£482.87
Family Action	King's Lynn & West Norfolk	Purchase equipment for Escape Project, which supports those with complex life situations including special educational needs, mental health challenges to attain qualifications in horticulture by supplying equipment.	£2,500
Glide Surf Community Initiative	North Norfolk	Positive activity programme for young people to reduce anti-social behaviour.	£2,018.80
Action Community Enterprises	Norwich	To train staff across both centres in Norwich and Great Yarmouth to deliver	£2,230

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		to children and young people on recognising/avoiding exploitation of county lines.	
The Aylsham Community Trust	Broadland	To provide positive activities in the summer holidays for children and young people aged 13-16 years identified as vulnerable or at risk and reduce likelihood of ASB.	£2,475
Hingham Playing Field Association	South Norfolk	To purchase two pieces of equipment to replace equipment condemned at the Welcome Space Playground.	£2,500
Involve Razem	Breckland	To provide support workshops for young people and their parents highlighting risks that teenagers face today and support them to be engaged with their community and stay safe.	£2,500
Upwell and Outwell Youth Club	King's Lynn & West Norfolk	To support Upwell/Outwell Youth Club for children and those in the care of the local authority by providing positive activities to reduce antisocial behaviour.	£2,250
NR5 Community Hub	Norwich	To support Play and Stay Group, Youth Club/Adult Space by providing arts, crafts, hot meals at the Cadge Road Community Centre and build community cohesion and engagement.	£2,500
Caring Together	Breckland	Funding for staffing/transport/safeguarding and finance for the Young Carers Forum.	£2,500
Ormiston Families	Norwich	Contribution to a practitioner for Norfolk Families who are likely to disengage from education with the aim to improve long term outcomes for Children and Young People including risk of future crime.	£2,500
Mr Bee's Family Centre	King's Lynn & West Norfolk	Funding to develop community garden to provide a safe space/promote positive activities/social welfare and community inclusion.	£2,603.61
St Martins Housing Trust	Norwich	To improve community Garden at Bishop Bridge House for engagement of clients and a safe place for them to use and to meet.	£2,000

2.7 The Police Welfare Charitable Initiative has been established to provide funding from the Police Property Act Fund to charitable organisations to provide support and welfare advice to members of Norfolk Constabulary.

Needs and proposals have been identified by the Chief Constable and agreed in conjunction with the PCC

3. Other options considered:

3.1 None.

4. Strategic aims/objective supported:

- Prevent or reduce crime.
- Improve people's lives.
- Build stronger and safer communities.

5. Financial and other resource implications:

- 5.1 The total amount awarded in Table 1 for the Small Grants Round is £29,060.28 under the PPAF.
- 5.2 The remaining unallocated funds will be added to the next grant round.
- 5.3 The total allocation of funding from the PPAF for the Police Welfare Charitable Initiative for 2025/26 is £75k.

6. Carbon Emissions and Other Environmental Implications:

Carbon Emissions

- 6.1 The estimated impact on our carbon emissions that must be reported under current statute from this proposal is:

Emission Categories:	Increase in tCO2	Saving in tCO2
Scope 1 – Fuel – Building Heating	0	0
Scope 1 – Fuel – Transport	0	0
Scope 2 – Electricity	0	0

Environmental Implications

- 6.2 No material implications.

7. Other implications and risks:

- 7.1 Complaints from unsuccessful applicants to the PPAF Small Grants Round.

Originator checklist (must be completed)	Please state 'yes' or 'no'
Has legal advice been sought on this submission?	No
Has the PCC's Chief Finance Officer been consulted?	Yes
Have equality, diversity and human rights implications been considered including equality analysis, as appropriate?	No
Have human resource implications been considered?	Yes
Is the recommendation consistent with the objectives in the Police and Crime Plan?	Yes
Has consultation been undertaken with people or agencies likely to be affected by the recommendation?	Yes
Has communications advice been sought on areas of likely media interest and how they might be managed?	Yes
Have sustainability and environmental factors been considered? (e.g. biodiversity, employee commuting, business travel, waste and recycling, water, air quality, food and catering and estates construction)	No
In relation to the above, have all relevant issues been highlighted in the 'other implications and risks' section of the submission?	Yes

Is this report a Confidential Decision?

No

If Yes, please state reasons below having referred to the [PCC Decision Making Policy](#)

Approval to submit to the decision-maker (this approval is required only for submissions to the PCC).

Chief Executive

I am satisfied that relevant advice has been taken into account in the preparation of the report, that the recommendations have been reviewed and that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the PCC.

Signature:



Date: 05/08/2025

Chief Finance Officer (Section 151 Officer)

I certify that:

- a) there are no financial consequences as a result of this decision,
Or
- b) the costs identified in this report can be met from existing revenue or capital budgets,
Or
- c) the costs identified in this report can be financed from reserves
And
- d) the decision can be taken on the basis of my assurance that Financial Regulations have been complied with.

Signature:



Date: 08/08/2025

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