

## Record of operational decision

<b>Decision title:</b>	Decision to award grants through the Safer Communities Fund grant scheme.
<b>Date of decision:</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
<b>Decision maker:</b>	Service Director, Children and Young People’s Services
<b>Authority for delegated decision:</b>	CYP- 23 Overall lead for community safety and the prevent strategy
<b>Ward:</b>	Countywide
<b>Consultation:</b>	<p>This is a discretionary grant scheme, developed in collaboration with West Mercia Police and the Police and Crime Commissioner for West Mercia.</p> <p>Projects have been appraised by a panel including representatives from Herefordshire Council, West Mercia Police and the Police and Crime Commissioner for West Mercia.</p>
<b>Decision made</b>	To award a grant of £49,995 to West Mercia Rape and Sexual Abuse Support Centre for the delivery of Purple Leaf Psychosocial Education, Support and Prevention – Tackling Inappropriate and Problematic Sexual Behaviours through psychosocial education and support.
<b>Reasons for decision:</b>	<p>The Police and Crime Commissioner for West Mercia, West Mercia Police and Herefordshire Council are collectively investing a total of £1m into the Safer Communities Grant Scheme in Herefordshire across two financial years, 2023/24 and 2024/25.</p> <p>In making grant offers to the organisation above the Safer Communities Grant Scheme will be supporting new and existing projects that focus on early prevention, tackling the root causes of crime, vulnerability, exploitation and anti-social behavior within the county, specifically focusing on children and young people.</p> <p>The Safer Community Grant Scheme fits with the following ambitions set out in Herefordshire’s County Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthen communities to ensure everyone lives well and safely together</li> <li>• Ensure all children are healthy, safe and inspired to achieve</li> </ul>
<b>Equality Considerations</b>	<p>The grant scheme focuses on early prevention, tackling the root causes of crime, vulnerability, exploitation and anti-social behavior within the county, specifically focusing on children and young people.</p> <p>Applicants are required to explain their approach to equality as part of the application process.</p>

<p><b>Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:</b></p>	<p>This is a discretionary grant scheme.</p> <p>A legal agreement has been drawn up between the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and Herefordshire Council setting out the parameters of the funding.</p> <p>All of the costs associated with the grants outlined above will be met by funding allocated to the grant scheme by Herefordshire Council and West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner for 2023/24 and 2024/25.</p> <p>Successful applicants will be issued with a legally binding grant agreement which will detail any specific conditions that have been applied to their grant offer.</p> <p>Grant payments will be made against actual spend.</p>
<p><b>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:</b></p>	<p>It has been agreed that this funding will be used to make grants. There are therefore no other viable options.</p>
<p><b>Details of any declarations of interest made:</b></p>	<p>None</p>