

Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner – Notice of Decision

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DECISION OR INFORMATION:	Decision
DATE RECEIVED:*	01.03.23
REF:* (to be inserted by the OPCC)	2023.022

TITLE:	Home Office Homicide Prevention Fund
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This decision form seeks approval of spend from the Home Office Homicide Prevention Fund and a Single Tender Waiver to directly award £88,566 to Nottingham Trent University (NTU) as a delivery partner. The VRP/NOPCC are the principal recipient who bid in partnership with Nottinghamshire Police and NTU.

The funding allocation for NTU staff costs, as approved by the Home Office and articulated in the grant agreement is:
22-23 £6,258 and,
23-24 £82,308

INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF DECISION: (eg report or business case)

The Home Office made £2m available over 2022/23 and 2023/24 for activity that seeks to improve national processes, enhance capabilities, and/or improve analysis and use of data. In December 2022 the VRP/NOPCC were notified of the successful bid to the Home Office Homicide Prevention Fund for a total of £88,556.

The funding is to be awarded in full to NTU to deliver the project. The bid was written in partnership with Nottinghamshire Police and NTU and proposed that NTU would deliver the activity if successful. The budget provides for NTU staff resources to support delivery of the project. Staff costs in the VRP are funded by the Home Office Serious Violence Project Fund and have not been included in this bid in order to avoid duplication of funding.

The proposal utilises Problem-Oriented Policing which assumes that identifying and understanding the root cause of a problem – or conditions that allow it to continue – leads to an effective solution. In this case the problem identified is a gap in our understanding of the social network and place targets related to drug supply and dealing that are amenable for intervention to prevent homicides and near misses.

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The funding will therefore be awarded to NTU to allow them to work in partnership with Nottinghamshire Police and the VRP to deliver academic-led research, product development and workforce development to inform local problem solving focussed on homicide prevention.

The project will be delivered in two phases:

Phase 1 – Analysis and development of data to inform the development of a Homicide Risk Mapping Toolkit using a multi methods approach

Phase 2 - Qualitative research and SARA / problem orientated policing workshops.

The objectives are:

- to build on our current understanding of social and spatial networks in drug and group related homicides and near-misses, and;
- risk factors in drug and group related homicides and near-misses
- to develop a Homicide Risk Mapping Toolkit to support scanning and analysis to inform ongoing problem solving in relation to homicides and near-misses
- to embed homicide prevention problem solving approaches through workshops

The outcomes of the research will be used to inform the development of our Homicide Prevention Strategy at a strategic level and a Homicide Risk Mapping Toolkit for problem solving at an operational level.

The delivery of the research will be monitored via a multi-agency steering group, which will meet monthly. NTU will also be required to provide formal quarterly reporting.

The proposal represents value for money in that it will inform more targeted problem-solving activity leading to non-cashable efficiencies in the use of police and partner resource. The toolkit will be owned by Nottinghamshire Police and it is anticipated that data will be fed directly from Power BI with very little administrative burden.

A single tender award to NTU for a total of £88,566 is being sought. Legal advice has been obtained and as the Home Office funding was awarded on the basis of working with NTU and the fact that the amount is below public procurement law threshold this is acceptable.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The Home Office Homicide Prevention Funding will be awarded to NTU via a single tender award allocated by financial year as follows: 2022/23 £6,258 and 2023/24 £82,308.

Signature:
Chief Finance
Officer

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Date:

24.04.23

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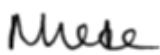
Yes


No

** See guidance on non-public information

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If yes, please state under which category from the guidance**	
DECISION:	
Approval is being sought for spend from the Home Office Homicide Prevention Fund via a single tender award of up to £88,566 to Nottingham Trent University (NTU) for delivery of the Project as outlined in the Homicide Prevention Fund bid.	

OFFICER APPROVAL:	
I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that the appropriate 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.	
Signature: Deputy Monitoring Officer	
Date:	24 April 2023

DECLARATION:	
I confirm that I do not have any disclosable pecuniary interests in this decision and I take the decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct for the Nottinghamshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. Any interests are indicated below:	
The above request has my approval	
Signature: Nottinghamshire Police & Crime Commissioner	
Date:	27.04.23