



COMMITTEE: GRAMPIAN JOINT POLICE BOARD

DATE: 22 MARCH 2013

TITLE OF REPORT: COMMUNITY INITIATIVE FUND

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To present to Members an update on payments made from the Community Initiative Fund during 2012-13.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 2.1 To note the contents of the Report.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 At its meeting on 7 September 2012 the Joint Police Board considered a report on the Community Initiative Fund and approved allocations for 2012-13 as follows:

	Allocation	Spend to Date
• Aberdeen	£47,000	£37,200
• Aberdeenshire	£45,000	£40,205
• Moray	£23,000	£9,030
• HQ	£10,000	£0

It was agreed that bids be scrutinised and judged by the relevant Divisional Commander (or Deputy) and a nominated member of the Joint Police Board, whose ward is located in the relevant Division.

4. SERVICE & COMMUNITY IMPACT

- 4.1 The aim of the Fund is to allow the Force, through mainly Local Policing Teams, to fund small projects for the benefit of the local community. Since 2005 the Force has distributed around £250,000 towards such projects, the majority of which involve an element of match funding and/or other partners.

5. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

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6. UPDATE

- 6.1 The Appendix to this Report sets out the organisations aided this year, showing the amount of grant and the purpose.
- 6.2 At the end of February 2013 just under 69% of the available sums had been paid out to local organisations. Although this funding is, to some extent, demand led, requiring suitable project bids to be forthcoming, every effort will be made, throughout the Divisions, to maximise spending on suitable, worthwhile projects during the remainder of the current financial year.

7. REPORT AUTHOR DETAILS

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8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

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