

Area Committee Well-Being Fund - Project Proposal
Outer West Area Committee

Project Name: Covert and Crime Reduction Team

Lead Organisation: West Yorkshire Police

Project Summary:

The Capture Project has proved successful with over 90 arrests across the Division since it's inception in 2008. The project has three distinct parts, namely; capture car, capture house and capture bike. Area Committee has previously funded the capture car and capture house aspect of the project. The Universities fund the Capture Bikes.

The project now seeks additional funds to expand to include covert 3g cameras to tackle anti social behaviour and crimes traditionally seen as low level, such as graffiti, bin-yard fires and nuisance behaviour. The cameras would be deployed to an area for a period of time to tackle a specific problem and then moved on to another area and another problem. The project will continue to use the capital assets purchased under previous grants.

The current project is funded by all four West North West Area Committees for either Capture Cars or Capture Houses, with some Committees funding both. This currently presents operational difficulties as Officers have to bear in mind what each Area Committee has funded. This proposal, therefore, seeks to move the funding to an equitable contribution from each Area Committee over a 3 year period and remove these operational barriers.

The Project is seeking to secure 3 years of funding from each Area Committee:

Year 1 - £6,063 (2011/12),
 Year 2 - £3,563 (2012/13),
 Year 3 - £3,563 (2013/14)

The first year of funding will cover the capital cost of the new covert cameras (including hard drives and wireless equipment) and the running costs for capture cars and capture house. Years two and three will cover just the running cost of the entire project. This project is match funded in kind by £7,200 of Police hours (approximately 300 hours per year), responding to calls and setting up new houses, cars, and some staffing costs.

Evidence of need / ADP Priority

G3 – Reduce burglary

G4 – Reduce Theft from Motor Vehicle

The Capture initiative has proved an innovative and creative tool in tackling acquisitive crime. This project has helped secure convictions that may not have otherwise been secured as when presented with the overwhelming evidence offenders have pleaded guilty. In addition, criminals who had not come to the attention of the Police before, have been apprehended due to this project. The Project also provides a wealth of intelligence about where stolen goods are going.

Project Delivery

The Police will manage and deliver this project, providing quarterly updates and an annual report.

Outcomes

- Number of Capture Car deployments in each ward
- Number of Capture House deployments in each ward
- Number of 3G Camera deployments in each ward
- Number of positive hits
- Number of successful outcomes (ie. Successful prosecutions, recall to prison if on license, etc)
 - Reduction in burglary in the surrounding streets of the capture house following an activation
 - Reduction in theft from motor vehicle in the surrounding streets of the capture car following an activation

Ward / Neighbourhood:

Calverley & Farsley, Farnley & Wortley, Pudsey

Project Cost & Financial BreakdownYear 1

Capital purchase 3g cameras and equipment – £10,000

Capture House set up - £3,500

Tech equipment maintenance - £1,600

Software Licence - £750

Capture vehicle lease - £3,500

Capture vehicle running costs - £600

Van lease - £4,300

Police contribution in kind £7,200

Total: £24,250 (excluding Police contribution)

Contribution from each Area Committee for year 1 - £6,063 (£2,500 Capital & £3,563 revenue)

Years 2 and 3 – £14,250 per year (as above excluding Police contribution and capital purchase)

Contribution from each Area Committee for year 2 and 3 - £3,563 per year – revenue