SAFER CITY PARTNERSHIP - POCA FUNDING BID 2020-2021

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Name and purpose of activity	Cycle Crime Prevention Initiative – To reduce and prevent cycle crime within the City of London. I have hypothesised that cycle crime, whilst usually seasonal, will this year and into 2021, continue to increase as commuters seek alternative means of transport into the City of London.	
Amount of funding sought.	£10,000	
(please attach	Prevention:-	
detailed breakdown	Gold Standard D Locks – 500 x £14.99 -	£7,125
where appropriate).	Bike Register Mats – £120 x 4 -	£480
	Floor Stencil Marking x 5 £36 -	£180
	Crime Prevention display signs x 10 - £17.50	£350
	Carriage x 1	£80.00
	Total	£8,215
	Total Inc VAT	£9,814.80
Outline the objectives of this activity and how they contribute to the SCP outcomes for 2019-22.	The City of London Police is committed to reducing rates of acquisitive crime in the Square Mile. We have seen an incredible spike in the number of cycle crime in the City of London leaving our residential and commuter population feeling at risk. The materials requested through this bid will be part of operation Kulli which is a multifaceted approach to tackle the perpetrators of cycle crime and safeguard our community. The City police have already contributed with £5,000 for overtime £3,000 for other materials of other aspects of the operation.	



To ensure this operation is successful in reducing cycle theft, digital media advertising and engagement stands will support the City police ongoing efforts to provide suitable education to the public on crime prevention practises. The high visibility of the police in hot spots will work as a detriment to offenders in the area while the police actively target this type of crime. Using a mix of modern and historic crime prevention messaging including 'lock it or lose it' will reinforce the message that police crime prevention has not changed in the past thirty years.

We will arrange for suitable signage to be created and displayed at Cycle bays around the City of London displaying our crime prevention message and how the local services can assist them.

Detectives will operate in co-operation with other sectors tasking teams to provide high visibility engagement and crime prevention roadshows around hot spot cycle bays within the City of London, providing crime prevention advice and the physical means to prevent them from becoming a victim.

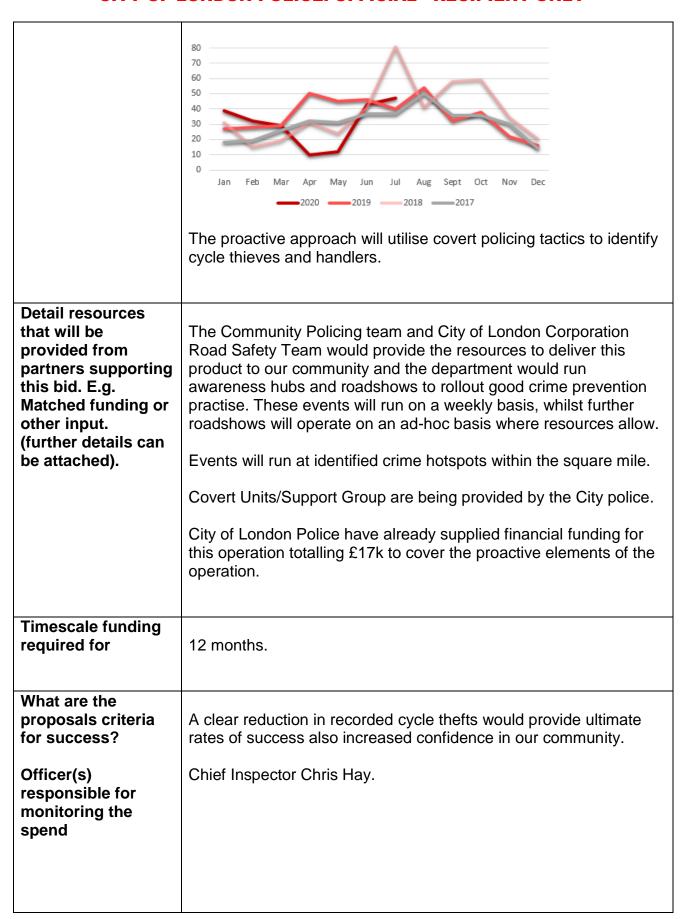
In 2016 City of London police ran a similar campaign (Operation Bratton) issuing "Gold Standard" D Locks to members of the public who did not have suitable locks. This scheme alongside cycle marking and bike bay tagging proved to be highly successful at the time, reducing crime by up to 30% in the 12 months following the rolling operation. Sector Policing will mirror this campaign, tagging bays to show police attendance and also establishing regular, targeted deployments of crime prevention officers.

City of London Police will be working with neighbouring boroughs such as the Metropolitan Police Service, British Transport Police and other local partners gathering and utilising intelligence to produce warrants and arrests of prolific suspects.

The operation will involve a high visibility campaign using crime prevention patrols in the affected areas. Currently cycle crime has a detection rate of 5%, meaning we only identify 5% of suspects involved in Cycle crime. Many of the victims of cycle crime were using chains or cable locks, which are easy pickings for cycle thieves. D Locks offer a greater level of resistance to cycle thieves and the deterrent effect is greater based on the reward vs effort/risk theory.

Over the past 4 years cycle theft offences have fluctuated. This year numbers may continue to increase due to the high numbers of commuters using bikes to travel into work. The numbers below display the rapid increase in offences as lockdown began to ease, cycle thieves were quick to capitalise on the return to work of cycling workers.







Budget code/Account details for funds to be transferred.

City of London police – Community Policing CC030-39000-1L-PCOP

funded activity to the SCP. They will also provide a full report, detailing lessons learnt, upon its conclusion.					
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