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Event	Details
<p>All UPG Areas - CF&RS Choir</p>	<p>£1500.00 – Cheshire East £1500.00 – Halton £1500.00 – Warrington £1500.00 – Cheshire West & Chester</p> <p>The work of the Cheshire Fire Choir has been impacted throughout the pandemic with opportunities to both practice and perform severely curtailed by restrictions on social distancing at public venues and events. This has meant that the funds that the choir have been allocated have not been fully spent. Subsequently, Members agreed that the usual funding for the choir should be reduced during the past year to ensure that any built up funds that are not excessive. Despite the difficult times, the choir continued to rehearse virtually throughout the pandemic and also managed to record and release two songs on YouTube and social media, one of which was in support of the Services' VE Day celebrations.</p> <p>Link to "We'll Meet Again" https://youtu.be/lo1LNQeZbTo</p> <p>Link to "Chasing Cars" https://youtu.be/_8W7e9wU2Jg</p> <p>The choir are currently rehearsing monthly at Safety Central and working towards supporting an event for the Queens Platinum Jubilee and also planning a recruitment singing workshop event to hopefully increase their numbers due to a number of members retiring.</p>
<p>All UPG Areas – Warrington Wolves – WIRE</p>	<p>£7000.00</p> <p>The overall aim of the Service involvement with the Warrington Wolves WIRE is to promote key safety messages, supporting our communities through raising awareness about the factors involved in road traffic collisions and the number of people killed and injured in fires to achieve a reduction in the occurrence of deliberate fire-setting and anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>The bid supports social media messaging across the whole county of Cheshire, not just the Warrington area. Partnership working includes promoting Station Open Days and recruitment initiatives which include positive action events. Through raising awareness through this partnership provides opportunities to explore similar schemes with other sports teams across the county.</p> <p>The Rugby Super League match day at the Halliwell Jones Stadium attracts an average audience of 15,000 spectators. Match days are high profile events held in the heart of the community and are an ideal way to engage with a large number of local people as well as fans from across the county and beyond.</p> <p>CFRS work alongside the Warrington Wolves WIRE and are the main training kit partner for the women's open age team – the CFRS badge is displayed on all the players training tops.</p> <p>CFRS utilises a number of social media posts highlighting key safety messages and these are split between the Service and Wolves foundation accounts and used to deliver messages pan Cheshire and beyond to anyone connected to the Rugby Super League online community.</p>

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	<p>The partnership also delivers a number of other benefits including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women’s Open Age rugby training day events are held at Fire Stations in conjunction with Positive Action Events which supports both recruitment and community safety initiatives and are supported through the Services Equality Diversity and Inclusion Officer. • CFRS is also a Development Academy Training Kit Partner. The Development Academy is a dual career pathway for boys and girls who attend Priestley College. The dual career pathway allows them to gain their academic studies while still developing as a rugby league player. • Firefighter Michelle Davis (Chester), captain of the Warrington Wolves women’s team also works with the Foundation and delivered 6 training sessions within local schools. • CFRS utilise space within the Match Day Programme to promote community safety messages warning if the dangers and risks around home fire safety, road safety and arson reduction. • The CFRS logo appears on the Warrington Wolves Foundation website with an additional link to the CFRS website.
<p>Halton & Warrington – Prevention Department</p> <p>Provision of Extension Leads, Kitchen Timers, Deep Fat Fryers & Air Fryers</p>	<p>£6264.00 (split equally between Halton & Warrington UPG)</p> <p>Extension Leads (£348.00 per Unitary)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The leads are for use at high risk domestic dwellings where vulnerable people are identified. • Specialist smoke alarms for people with a hearing impairment require an electric socket near the bed to power the strobe unit however, this is not always available. The provision of extension leads will enable CFRS to install the specialist alarms in the correct locations. • Block type electric adaptors can often be overloaded and have been identified as a cause of some fires and extension leads are the preferred safety choice. • High risk dwellings are identified by Prevention team Advocates through the delivery of Safe and Well visits to vulnerable members of the community. • Recipients are assessed on factors such as having a high risk of fire from overloading sockets or require a specialist impaired hearing smoke alarm. • Safe and Well visits often identify trip hazards due to trailing wires and leads from electrical appliances. The provision of extension leads can alleviate this type of hazard in the home. <p>Kitchen Timers (284.00 per Unitary)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unattended cooking causes many of the accidental kitchen fires that our crews attend. • A kitchen timer provides a way of reminding people that they still have food cooking. • Conditions such as dementia means we are more aware of the risk from people living alone with issues involving memory. <p>Deep Fat Fryers & Air Fryers (£2500.00 per Unitary)</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The aim of the bid is to swap existing chip pans with deep fat fryers or air fryers to remove a common cause for kitchen fires. • The criteria that is applied involves residents are either at risk from fire due to the unsafe use of a chip pan, or have previously had a fire involving a chip pan. • Deep fat fryers or air fryers will only be issued upon surrender of chip pan. • Deep fat fryers or air fryers are removed from the packaging upon issue to prevent the item being sold on. • Homes are identified by Advocates and firefighters through Safe and Well visits and after attending fire incidents. • This practice has operated within Cheshire for many years and numerous chip pans have been taken out of circulation. • We are including air fryers in our range of cooking appliances for residents because of the known healthy eating benefits they can provide.
<p>Halton – maintenance of the Runcorn Community Garden</p>	<p>£400.00 This is an annual funding bid which purchases consumables for the Runcorn Community Garden in order to replenish the raised beds and greenhouse. 6 local primary schools visit the gardens regularly for input on how to prepare the flower and vegetable beds, sow seeds, care for and harvest the vegetables. In addition, the garden is used by the community Gym users to relax in as part of the Healthy Heart initiative. The relaxation of social distancing restrictions has meant that our community facilities are now able to reopen.</p>
<p>Halton – Road Safety team – Provision of Cycle Helmets</p>	<p>£900.00 The cycle helmets are used by both Widnes and Runcorn firefighters to engage with young people, helping to keep them safe when they are using a bicycle for recreation or physical activity. The helmets purchased through the bid meet the required safety standard EN1078. Operational firefighters, as part of the Service’s Road Safety delivery plan, engage with at risk road user groups (particularly cyclists and the young) over the course of a year, at a range of events. The ability to provide free helmets assists firefighters to engage with these groups and educate them to change attitudes, knowledge and behaviour in relation to staying safe whilst riding bicycles.</p>
<p>Warrington – Impact Day in Bewsey & Whitecross Areas</p>	<p>£84.00 This collaborative work with Cheshire Police focuses on the issues of arson and anti social behaviour related crime within the Bewsey and Whitecross areas. CFRS is committed to working with partners to engage local services to meet the needs of local communities to protect life and property through providing advice.</p>
<p>Cheshire FF ‘Virtual’ Challenge</p>	<p>£185.00 (Cost of trophies) This bid relates to the trophies for competitors who take part in the Cheshire Firefighter Challenge and the “Virtual” firefighter challenge that has become an annual event throughout the pandemic. The previous events have all proved successful and competitors from Europe and beyond raised over £1000 for the Firefighters Charity. The event is designed to promote fitness and wellbeing within</p>

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	<p>CFRS as well as the additional benefits of promoting recruitment, especially On Call firefighters. The event is accessible for all to enter and demonstrates the inclusive and supportive nature of Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service as an employer.</p>
<p>Warrington – Warrington Fire Station ‘Virtual’ Open Day</p>	<p>£265.00 (Cost of bikes & accessories) The station completed a “Virtual Open Day” in 2021, which comprised a number of videos that were placed on the station’s social media pages. The station usually carry out a competition for the Open Day where children can win a bicycle. Due to supply issues with the local cycling provider (as a result of the pandemic), it was necessary to source a bicycle from another supplier for this year only. The winner was also provided with bicycle lights and safety information from the Road Safety team.</p>
<p>Warrington – Warrington Rowing Club Water Awareness Training</p>	<p>£450.00 (Cost of throw lines) Firefighters across the Warrington Unitary area completed drowning prevention sessions with schools as part of the curriculum. Other methods of raising water awareness to the communities of Warrington were explored and Warrington Fire station decided to work closely with the local rowing club to support summer training sessions for 20 children. Two sessions were provided by the firefighters at the station including the use of throw lines. At the end of the session the children are gifted with the throwline that they have been using during the session. The sessions were completed in July and August.</p>
<p>Warrington – Warrington Wolves Under 7s Events</p>	<p>The overall aim of CFRS involvement in this event is to promote key safety messages, supporting our communities through raising awareness about the factors involved in road traffic collisions and the number of people killed and injured in fires to achieve a reduction in the occurrence of deliberate fire-setting and anti-social behaviour</p> <p>CFRS support the Warrington Wolves Foundation to engage with over 700 young people plus a further 3000 children within local schools through the rugby coaching sessions. The Rugby Super League match day at the Halliwell Jones Stadium attracts an average audience of 15,000 spectators. Match days are high profile events held in the heart of the community and are an ideal way to engage with a large number of local people as well as fans from across the county and beyond. The match day programme features the CFRS logo on the Foundation double page.</p> <p>The kits used by participating teams in the Finals day display key messages and a large ‘pitch flag’ provides a focal point prior to the start of the match. CFRS also use space within the Match Day Programme to promote safety messages highlighting key issues of home fire safety, road safety and arson reduction.</p> <p>Throughout the match the public announcements within the stadium highlight the fact that Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service sponsor the event and further emphasise key safety messages, directing the audience to the relevant page in the match day programme. Certificates featuring Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service branding are presented to all participants.</p> <p>The CFRS logo appears on the Warrington Wolves Foundation website with an additional link to the CFRS website. The event provides further opportunity to promote our Fire Cadets and Community Safety apprentices who attend on match days and finals day. The Fire Cadets and Community Safety apprentices also carry out a collection in aid of charity and worthy causes.</p>

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<p>Cheshire East – Chromebooks/Laptops for Princes Trust Teams</p>	<p>£2967.60 The funding purchased 6 laptops to assist with the delivery of the Prince's Trust 12-week personal development programme across Cheshire East. The Prince's Trust helps to equip young people aged 16-25 with a range of skills and behaviours to help them enter or re-join education programmes or find employment in the workplace.</p>
<p>Cheshire East - Doddington Parish Council Defibrillator (AED) Project</p>	<p>£1000.00 The funding enabled the installation of a 24/7 publically accessible Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) at Bridgemere CE Primary School, CW5 7PX. The aim of this project is to assist CFRS realise its vision of "a Cheshire where there are no deaths, injuries or damage from fires or other emergencies".</p>
<p>Cheshire East – Knutsford Fire Station Open Day – Thank You 999 Event</p>	<p>£85.00 (Cost of scrap vehicle) The funding was used to provide a scrap vehicle for a road traffic collision demonstration during the Open Day to educate and inform the local community of the rescue capability of the local firefighters.</p>
<p>Cheshire East – Christmas Present Appeal at Macclesfield Hospital</p>	<p>£200.00 The funding was spent on toys for different age groups which were donated to children who were in hospital over the festive period. The toys were all purchased from the Firefighters Charity.</p>
<p>CWAC – Chester Spider Project</p>	<p>£500 The Spider Project is a mental health charity that provides support for those suffering self-defined crisis through providing advice and information to any person, on any topic. The funding supported the creation of a mural on the side of the building, giving the Project users both a creative output and a relaxing space.</p>
<p>CWAC – Prevention Equipment</p>	<p>£1593.46 The following items were purchased for distribution to the most at risk groups and individuals by the CWAC Prevention Team:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4-way socket extensions (£211.80) • Metal Waste paper bins (£221.70) • Small & Large Deep Fat Fryers (£713.96) • Air fryers (£456)
<p>CWAC – Winsford Community Forum</p>	<p>£2,000 The request for funding was to support the Winsford Youth and Community forum to continue to run sessions throughout the summer and into the winter months. In turn the Forum anticipate that this will encourage a continual increase in attendance and reduce Anti Social Behaviour and deliberate fires throughout the summer months and the traditional Bonfire night period. The funding was used to contribute to:</p> <p>Venue Hire Professional staffing costs</p>

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	<p>Food Resources Covid cleaning and PPE.</p> <p>The firefighters from Winsford Fire Station committed to attending several of the events over the summer period across the town to link in with the community forum and to engage with the youths and community of Winsford.</p>
CWAC - Chester Firework Display	<p>£1,500</p> <p>A donation was made to support the fireworks display and contribute funds along with partners to provide an alternative and diversionary event around the bonfire period.</p>
CWAC – Winsford Open Day	<p>£180</p> <p>20 Blaze Bears were purchased as token gifts for distribution at a drive through event specifically for children with additional needs from the local schools as part of the Winsford Virtual Open day.</p>