

Example of a grant awarded from Funds set up with Essex Community Foundation (ECF) and that received matched funding from the Proceeds of Crime Scheme also managed by ECF:

UTurn4Support is a charity based in Clacton, that received £4,044 from the Minter Family Fund and River City Fund. Both funds are managed by Essex Community Foundation (ECF) and were set up with support from the Proceeds of Crime Match Funding Scheme (POCA).

This grant allowed UTurn to run a series of evening sessions with young people aimed at deterring anti-social behaviour.

UTurn4Support is a hub of advice and support for young people aged 10-18, which is provided free of charge and confidentially. Their outreach work helps to publicise the dangers of knife crime, and county lines. By offering the chance to learn and build trusting relationships, UTurn4Support can encourage young people to stay in education and realise their full potential, free of crime and exploitation.

Their "At Risk" programme has youth workers present on the streets where they can engage first-hand with local young people, and positively impact their behaviour alongside the Police. This initiative had significant engagement, reaching as many as 1,000 individuals, and 75% of them responded positively with further interest in the intervention. Many of them admitted that they felt disaffected and had developed a mistrust of authority, which played a role in their potentially turning to criminality. However, by administering this vital service directly where needed, UTurn4Support are helping to break that cycle.

One story of success that comes from the "At Risk" programme, is a young lady who started her self-improvement journey because of the outreach work. She has now become a Youth Ambassador herself, helping others get the same support that she was so grateful to receive.

While there is still more to do to as part of this mission, UTurn4Support are already making a difference where it matters.



2022/23 High Sheriff of Essex, Charles Bishop, presents certificates to UTurn's young ambassadors

Young people attend a Youth Hub club

