

North Lincolnshire Community Safety Partnership

Safer Communities Fund

Guidance for applicants

Background

The Humberside Police and Crime Commissioner has set aside funding to help local voluntary and community groups in the North Lincolnshire area to reduce crime and improve community cohesion. The Safer Communities Fund (SCF) grant scheme has run in this area since 2017 (under its previous name of the Crime Reduction Fund) and has successfully helped to fund a number of projects and initiatives across the North Lincolnshire area.

We believe that the people of North Lincolnshire are experts on their local area, and by opening up funding to them to apply for grants to support local projects to address crime and ASB, and to increase community cohesion this will help to build safe, strong and resilient communities across the borough. By empowering people and communities to contribute to their own community safety we aim to build pride in both in local communities and in North Lincolnshire.

The fund is aimed at supporting communities to:

- Strengthen their local community through the provision of facilities, events, activities or services to local children and young people, families, and adults of all ages.
- Encourage and support voluntary groups to make North Lincolnshire safer through the development of local initiatives, projects, services and activities.

Who can apply?

This grant scheme accepts applications from community groups, voluntary organisations and not for profit organisations within North Lincolnshire boundaries that can clearly demonstrate how their project contributes to the delivery of the PCC's Police and Crime Plan:

- To deliver increasingly self-sustaining and safe communities in the Humber area;
- To build public confidence in the agencies involved in creating safer communities and
- To promote services to victims and the vulnerable that meet their needs

Applicants should also demonstrate how their proposal will contribute to at least one of the North Lincolnshire CSP Partnership Plan outcomes:

- Safe communities– people feel safe and are safe
 - targeting offenders
 - protecting the vulnerable

- focussing on communities in need
- Strong communities – people take responsibility for their community
 - building community cohesion
 - developing volunteering
 - enhancing Neighbourhood Watch and Action Teams
- Resilient communities – people recover and withstand adverse impact
 - reducing the impact of domestic abuse
 - reducing the impact of substance and alcohol misuse
 - safeguarding the vulnerable from exploitation

Applications should clearly show how the proposal will benefit children, young people, families or the community to which the application applies, and should outline the purpose for which the grant is being requested. Applications should note fundraising efforts undertaken by the group to achieve additional/match funding for the project in question, and should also be very clear if applications have been placed to other funds for the same project.

The Safer Communities Fund will support a wide range of facilities, events, activities and services that contribute to the following priorities:

- Enable communities to thrive and live active healthy and fulfilled lives
- Support, safeguard and protect the vulnerable
- Shape the area into a prosperous place to live, work, invest and play
- Commission to improve outcomes for individuals and communities

The fund will support the following organisations:

- Neighbourhood Watch Groups
- Junior and youth groups
- Charitable bodies
- Trusts
- Co-operatives
- Industrial and provident societies
- Not for profit constituted organisations
- Town and Parish councils
- Applications from new groups are welcomed.

There are two levels of funding that can be applied for:

- Tier 1 – bids of up to £10,000* for one year projects
- Tier 2 – bids of up to £20,000 for two year projects

*additional funding may be available for specific projects, please contact the CSP to discuss

The applicant group will be expected to demonstrate that they have made a commitment either in terms of financial commitment, match funding, resources, or ‘in

kind' support for the project (e.g. volunteer time) in addition to the funding being requested from the CSP.

There are no restrictions on the number of smaller grants a group can apply for, but priority may be given to groups who have not previously received support from the fund.

How do we apply?

There are four opportunities to apply for a grant throughout the year:

Round 1 – April - June

Round 2 – July - September

Round 3 – October - December

Round 4 – January - March

To apply you will need to complete our application form which can be found on the Safer Communities Fund webpage¹, and return it to communitysafetypartnership@northlincs.gov.uk. We aim to acknowledge your application within 5 working days of receiving the application.

If there is information missing from your application we will contact you to request the missing information, usually by email. All additional information requested must be submitted by the close of the funding round, if you submit information after this time your application will be carried forward to the next round where possible.

What happens next?

At the end of each round, the applications will be considered by our Panel, and a decision will be finalised by the CSP Board.

The Panel consists of members of all the agencies that contribute to the work of the North Lincolnshire Community Safety Partnership, including:

- Humberside Police
- Humberside Fire & Rescue Service
- North Lincolnshire Council
- Humberside, Lincolnshire & North Yorkshire Community Rehabilitation Company
- National Probation Service

¹ <https://www.northlincs.gov.uk/community-advice-and-support/north-lincolnshire-community-safety-partnership/safer-communities-fund/#1590500597272-4f754a09-afd8>

- North Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group
- The Office of the Humberside Police and Crime Commissioner
- Ongo
- Voluntary Action North Lincolnshire

Each application will be considered on its own merits, and consideration in discussions will include the benefit to children, young people, families and communities and how the project proposed will contribute to the wider aims of the CSP Partnership Plan and the Humberside PCC's Police and Crime Plan.

You may be invited to attend the Panel meeting to discuss your application in more detail; you will be informed if this is the case ahead of the Panel date.

When will I find out the outcome?

We aim to inform you of the outcome within 10 working days of CSP Board meeting in writing, usually to the email the application was received from unless you specify otherwise at the point of submitting the application.

If your application is not successful the letter will clearly explain why. If your application is successful your outcome letter will detail the amount awarded, any conditions around the award, and information regarding evaluation of your project which must be submitted within the requested timescale to demonstrate how you have met the outcomes outlined in your application.

Important things to note

Please be aware that due to the quick turnaround between closing dates and our Board meeting, we are unable to consider late applications, instead these will be carried over to the next round where this is possible.

Applications must be fully completed and will not be considered unless full supporting information, as requested in the application process, is provided.

Please note that the Safer Communities Fund should not be applied for in respect of the following:

- Groups who cannot demonstrate evidence of their own fund raising efforts or contribution to the project detailed in the application

- Projects to premises used solely as places of worship (however projects benefitting the wider community and partnership endeavours are eligible to apply)
- Retrospective applications – i.e. to reimburse money already spent
- Schools and colleges
- Political groups or groups promoting political activities
- Groups/organisations where the majority of the membership live outside of North Lincolnshire Council boundaries
- Groups whose activities exclude young people under 18 years
- Grant making bodies applying for funding to redistribute to individuals or groups
- Repair and maintenance projects
- Repairs to damage caused by fire or vandalism
- Staffing costs, unless there is an exceptional need

Please note that this list is not exhaustive, if you are unsure of whether your project idea is eligible please contact us on the details below.

Bank accounts – as a Partnership we have a responsibility to ensure correct use of public funds, and as such have to ensure we have confidence in the groups applying for funding to manage grants awarded appropriately.

With this in mind, we would prefer groups to have a group bank account. The process for obtaining a club/society bank account is a relatively simple one – as a committee you will need to agree two unrelated signatories to authorise payments, fill in a form and present evidence of you ID and address to your chosen bank, along with a copy of your group's constitution. If your group is unable to hold a bank account please contact us to discuss this before applying.

I have a question – who can I contact?

If you have questions about an application, your group's eligibility, or the application process you can contact us via email at communitysafetypartnership@northlincs.gov.uk.

As we are often working away from the office this is usually the quickest way to reach us, if you'd prefer to chat over the phone, email us and we'd be happy to call you back.

If you need any support with completing your application, please contact your local area Safer Neighbourhoods Officer who will be able to give you advice.

Telephone: 01724 244665

Email: saferneighbourhoods@northlincs.gov.uk