

## North Lincolnshire Community Safety Partnership

### Safer Communities Fund FAQ's

**Did you know that the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) has funding available for community groups, charities and community interest groups to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour, and improve community resilience in North Lincolnshire?**

**If your group has an idea for a project we would love to hear from you!**

Since 2018 we have supported many different projects across the North Lincolnshire area, awarding over £200,000 in grants to support work in our communities.

We really believe that the expert in your community is you - and we want to promote and encourage creative projects across North Lincolnshire run by local people in your community.

**What does my application need to include?**

We've tried to keep our application form as simple as we can, but we need to be sure that we share the funding across projects that meet the aims of the CSP Plan and the Police and Crime Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan, so a summary of which parts of those plans your project contributes to forms part of the application.

We also need to be able to get a feel for your project, what the need for and benefit of the project is, and what you would use the funding to provide.

If you're working with vulnerable people we also need to see that your group has a good understanding of safeguarding and what to do if you are worried about someone. The Safer Communities Fund guidance document sets this out in more detail, which can be found on our website – the link is at the end of this document.

**Why is there a criteria I have to meet?**

This funding is given to the CSP by the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Humberside, and part of that agreement is that we will fund projects tackling crime, and improving communities here in North Lincolnshire.

**When are the application rounds open?**

The application rounds run consecutively, so as one round closes, the next round will open the next day. The great thing here is that we are never closed for applications (apart from a short break at the end of each financial year) your group just may have a slightly longer wait for an outcome depending on when you apply.

We'll always let you know when the next Panel meeting is and when you can expect to hear back from us. The closing date for the current round is on our website.

### **We don't have a bank account though, can we still apply?**

If you don't have a bank account you CAN still apply. We'd love you to hold your own bank account and be independent of services where possible, but we understand that's not for everyone. We're happy to work with you to agree a way forward, contact us to discuss your group and your idea - our contact details are below.

### **We're just a small group in a rural area, can we still apply?**

Absolutely, we're really keen to encourage community resilience in all communities in North Lincolnshire and do not favour applications from urban wards – all applications are discussed on their own merits, and judged against the criteria.

### **What happens if we are awarded a grant?**

We will write to you to confirm the successful award of the grant, and include a Welcome Pack for your group. The Welcome Pack contains our evaluation forms and case study template which we ask you to submit at the end of your project to show us the impact of your project and the difference made to your community.

### **How long does the funding last for if we are successful and awarded a grant?**

The funding is available within the financial year in which it is granted, if your project is longer term though, or spans across two financial years we will make it clear in your award letter which parts of the funding you can claim when.

### **I'm not sure if our idea fits the criteria, what can I do?**

Get in touch! We are happy to chat through application ideas informally and answer any questions you may have.

The CSP works closely with the Community Grants Team to support applicants and to ensure that applications reach the most appropriate funding pot.

If you would like support with your application or would like to discuss your project idea and get some advice, you can contact the Community Grants Team via email at [communitygrants@northlincs.gov.uk](mailto:communitygrants@northlincs.gov.uk) or via telephone on 01724 297257.

You can reach us at [communitysafetypartnership@northlincs.gov.uk](mailto:communitysafetypartnership@northlincs.gov.uk). If you prefer to chat by phone please send us your phone number and we'll call you back, we are out of the office around North Lincolnshire a lot, so email is the best way to catch us initially.

If your idea doesn't quite fit our criteria, we also work closely with some other grant providers in the area so may be able to signpost you to other funds.

More information can be found on the CSP webpages, including more detailed guidance, useful documents and the current application form:  
[www.northlincs.gov.uk/CSP](http://www.northlincs.gov.uk/CSP)