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Funding Network

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What is the Funding Network?

- Streamlining the grant application process.
- Conducting due diligence checks in advance.
- Pre-approving organisations for future funding opportunities.

What does it mean for you?

- Organisations can join the network by completing an application form and your details will be reviewed annually.
- Aims to save time during grant evaluations by reducing repetitive checks.
- Help build capacity among local providers, especially smaller organisations.
- Opportunity to attend free training workshops.
- Joining the network does not guarantee funding but helps ensure all providers start from the same baseline.

Application Questions

- **Contact and Organisation Summary:**
 - Basic details about the organisation (name, address, type, main contacts).
 - Disclosure of any criminal offences, misconduct, or conflicts of interest.
- **Quality Assurance:**
 - Risk management practices.
 - Purpose and objectives based on governance documents (e.g. your constituent).
 - Diversity, equality, and inclusion policies.
 - Required insurances (public liability, employer's liability, indemnity).

Application Questions Continued

- **Staff and Management:**

- Recruitment, induction and training procedures.
- Ensure clear staff structure and accountability to managers.
- Training and qualifications of staff/volunteers.
- Support mechanisms for staff regarding the impact of working with trauma such as vicarious trauma, compassion fatigue and burnout.
- Contingency plans for project delivery.

- **Financial Management:**

- Financial performance monitoring.
- External examination of accounts (if applicable - Companies House and or Charities Commission).
- Details of free reserves.

Application Questions Continued

- **Information Sharing:**

- Data protection, confidentiality and information sharing policies.
- Registration with the Information Commissioner's Office or explain your exemption.

- **Safeguarding:**

- Safeguarding policies for children/young people or vulnerable adults.
- Contact details of the safeguarding lead.
- Training on safeguarding responsibilities.
- Checks for modern slavery in supply chains if applicable.
- Procedures for maintaining current DBS checks.

Code of Conduct

- The Code of Conduct outlines the ethical and professional behaviour expected from grant recipients.
- It ensures that funded activities represent good value and support the priorities within the Police and Crime Plan.
- Can be found on our website – [Funding – Funding Network](#)

What does the Code of Conduct cover?

- **Respectful Treatment:**
 - Ensuring no discrimination, harassment, or victimisation in the workplace or in connection with any OPCC-funded service.
- **Professional Behaviour:**
 - Building trust with OPCC staff and other entities and speaking out against unethical practices.
- **Interacting with Vulnerable Groups:**
 - Treating vulnerable groups with respect and ensuring their safety and well-being.
- **Human Rights and Employment Law:**
 - Complying with human rights and employment laws, including the Modern Slavery Act 2015.

What does the Code of Conduct cover?

- **Management of Risk:**
 - Properly managing and sharing intelligence on delivery risks.
- **Continuous Improvement:**
 - Using best practices and promoting innovation in grant-funded activities.
- **Value:**
 - Ensuring funding is used for its intended purpose and demonstrating value for money.
- **Reputation:**
 - Maintaining a good reputation and enhancing public trust.

What does the Code of Conduct cover? – other areas such as

- Environmentally Sustainable Grant Funding
 - Confidentiality
 - Conflicts of Interest
 - Ethical Behaviour
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What happens next?

- Funding Network launched
 - Temporarily closed 30 April 2025 – Email and OPCC website
- What training would you like as a Funding Network member?
- Safer Communities Fund, 1 April 2025 to 15 May 2025 - Email and OPCC website
- Safer Communities Fund – Funding to start 1 October 2025

Questions asked by partners?

- **What will be the funding period for the new round of the Safer Communities Fund?**

The Commissioning Team are working with the Commissioner and this will be made clear when the funding opportunity is launched.

- **What is the criteria for the Safer Communities Fund?**

There will be four thematic areas to apply to:

- Prevent and tackle serious violence (including youth crime and exploitation)
- Drive down ASB and make communities not only feel safer but be safer
- Protect Women & Girls from all forms of abuse
- Reduce reoffending

- **When do applications need to be submitted to the Funding Network to be eligible to apply to the Safer Communities Fund?**

Your application to the Funding Network needs to be processed and approved before 30 April 2025.

We are here to help you with any questions you may have on how to complete your application to the Funding Network.

Questions asked by partners?

- **What's the reason for launching the Funding Network?**

It is to create a level starting point for all organisations applying for funding. We can provide support to your organisation with completing of the Funding Network application form.

- **How many grants will be given out through the Safer Communities Fund?**

The level of funding available per grant and the overall budget is something that the Commissioning Team are currently working on with The Commissioner. The amount that can be bid for will be clear in the guidance, when it is published.

- **Will there be any exclusion areas for the Safer Communities Fund?**

This is something the Commissioning Team are working on with The Commissioner. Regardless, applications will have to evidence how they will support one of the thematic areas by either supporting victims or reducing crime.

Questions asked by partners?

- **Will we be informed when the Funding Network opens for applications?**

Yes, everyone on the distribution list will receive an email notification and the details will be on our [website](#)

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- **What level of reserves does an organisation need to have in order to apply to the Safer Communities Fund**

Enough to demonstrate that your organisation has the financial sustainability to complete the project that you are being funded to deliver.

- Do you have any questions? Please mail opcc.commissioning@hampshire.police.uk

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