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Safer Communities Fund

The Commissioning Team

Funding Network

Eligibility:

- **Membership Requirement:** You MUST be a member of the Funding Network to apply.

How to Apply:

- Visit the OPCC Website and navigate to the Funding Network section.

Important Dates:

- **30 April:** Applications must be submitted to the Funding Network for assessment and accepted before this date in order to apply to the Safer Communities Fund.

Funding Network - Tiers

Tier One

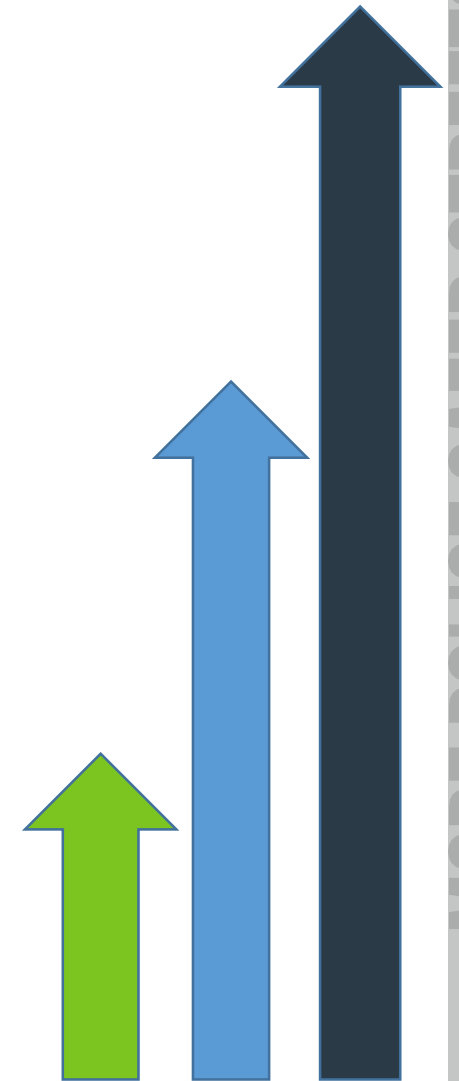
- £500 up to £10,000 per 12 months per grant application

Tier Two

- £500 up to £30,000 per 12 months per grant application

Tier Three

- £500 up to £50,000 per 12 months per grant application



Grant Criteria



To sign up as an approved provider you must meet the following criteria:

- Be a not-for-profit organisation unless its profits are used to fulfil its social purpose.
- Provide a free of charge and confidential service.
- If providing support to victims of crime the support must be made available whether or not a crime has been reported to the Police.
- Are non-discriminatory.
- Focus on initiatives that help individuals to cope and recover from the impact of crime or help increase community safety.

Safer Communities Fund - Timetable

- **Grants Round Opens** – Tuesday, 1st April
- **Grants Round Closes** – Thursday, 15th May at 17:00 (5pm)
- **Application Results** – July/August 2025
- **Funding Starts** – Wednesday, 1st October



Funding Period

- **18 months funding** – Subject to meaningful performance reporting
- **2025/26** – 1st October 2025 to 31st March 2026
- **2025/26** – 1st April 2026 to 31st March 2027

Feedback from applicants

Application Form: Clear but Lengthy

Our Response:

- **Funding Network:** Eligibility checks to reduce repetition when submitting multiple grant funding applications.

SCF Application Questions:

- Details about your project or activity.
- Evidence of need for your project or activity.
- How it will be delivered.

SUMs – Grant Management Software

To make the application process itself easier we have purchase SUMs.

The benefits to applicants and successful providers:

- Allows multiple people in an organisation to work on one application.
- Applicants can access an application they are working on and download a copy without needing assistance.
- Easy to attach supporting documents if needed.
- Successful applicants will have a provider record created on SUMs which will allow them to upload performance data, for messages to be exchanged between our organisations and for you to be able to view the details of your funding.

Feedback from applicants

‘Guide to Applying’ : comprehensive but too lengthy

Our Response:

- **New Layout:** The guide will be an interactive PDF with quick navigation buttons.

Outcomes and Measures: Challenges in defining outcomes and measures

Our Response:

- **Collaborative working:** The Commissioning Team will collaborate with successful applicants to define outcomes and measures for your project or activity.



Feedback from applicants

Community Safety Partnership (CSP) consultation: There can be delays in getting feedback from CSPs prior to submitting an application

Our Response:

- **CSP Feedback:** We still encourage applicants to contact their CSPs for feedback but this is no longer a requirement.
- **Applicants:** Stronger bids will demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of local partnership arrangements, how they will support the referral process, and how they will engage with relevant partnerships in the communities they aim to support.

Multiple Applications

The Commissioner welcomes multiple applications from an organisation. However, you may only submit one application per project or activity in a given geographical area.

For example, if your project or activity involves multiple posts, you can submit only one application for those posts, up to a maximum of the [Funding Network](#) Tier that you are a member of. You cannot divide them into multiple applications.



Thematic Areas

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 and Girls from all forms of abuse

Reduce reoffending

Funding exclusions

Prevent and tackle serious violence (including youth crime and exploitation)

- Custody Navigators that support 18-25 year olds initially in police custody and then onward in the community
- Trauma Informed Practitioners' (TIPs) who support the police to help culturally embed trauma informed policing

Funding exclusions

Drive down ASB and make communities not only feel safer but be safer

- Equipment & physical items such as CCTV, alarm systems, lighting, speed monitoring equipment, two way radios etc.
- Victims of ASB can access Restorative Justice through the service commissioned across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight by the Commissioner
- Restorative Justice for low level neighbourhood disputes and ASB where there is no clearly identified harmed person or harmer, and no enforcement option is available to the Police.

Funding exclusions

Protect Women and Girls from
all forms of abuse

- Any independent guardian/advocacy for modern slavery child victims/under 18s as this is covered by the (ICTG) Service
- Interventions that support victims of Stalking and/or work with perpetrators of Stalking
- Projects or interventions that are already included in supporting victims of Domestic Abuse contracts. Examples of these services include:
 - Community outreach support
 - Independent Domestic Violence Advisers (IDVA)
 - Refuge provision
 - Adult support groups and emotional 1-1 support
 - Perpetrators programmes
 - Support for children and young people

Funding exclusions

Protect Women and Girls from
all forms of abuse

- Adult and CYP ISVA's across Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton
- Frankie Workers for Hampshire, the Isle of Wight and Portsmouth
- Counselling for victims and survivors of sexual crime in Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton
- Projects or interventions that provide rehabilitation and reintegration support to those convicted of sexual abuse
- Projects or interventions to support victims of FGM, forced marriage and honour based abuse in the Southampton area

Funding exclusions

Reduce reoffending

- Integrated Offender Management Outreach support services (IOM) in the Hampshire County Council area and Portsmouth City Council area
- Integrated Offender Management Accommodation
- Out of Court interventions
- Projects working with perpetrators of Stalking
- Custody Navigators that support 18-25 year olds initially in police custody and then onward in the community

Working in schools or prisons



- From the applications, it is not always clear if prior arrangements have been made with the institution that the project plans to work with.
- Applications should only be submitted if agreement has been made in principle should funding be successful.
- The application should include details of those organisations and the agreement that has been made.

Once your application is complete

- The OPCC will consult with the CSPs and the Youth Justice Services where appropriate.
- Applications will be scored using only the information provided within the applications against a published criteria.
- The Commissioning Team will present their recommendations to the Commissioner who has final sign off on successful projects.
- Applicants will be informed of the result(s) of their application(s)

Support

- Guide to Applying for Funding – Available on 1st April
- Applications questions
- Drop in sessions – 16th April 10:00, 29th April 14:00, 12th May 10:30
- Email opcc.commissioning@hampshire.police.uk



Questions



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