



**Hertfordshire
Police and Crime
Commissioner's Action Fund**
Using the Proceeds of Crime to make Communities Safer

In partnership with
Hertfordshire Community
Foundation
HCF
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Fund Criteria and Guidance for Applicants – updated March 2020

Grants Available: Up to £5,000

When to apply: The HCF grants panel meets to consider applications three times a year. See our website for deadlines.

Background to the fund: The aim of the Police and Crime Commissioner's Fund is to support community and voluntary initiatives which will reduce crime and make Hertfordshire a safer place to live by helping to deliver the priorities of the Community Safety and Criminal Justice Plan for Hertfordshire (2019 -2024).

The fund is made up from funds recovered under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (POCA)* and empowers local groups to find solutions to community safety problems.

Who can apply?

The fund is open to voluntary and community groups, charitable and not for profit organisations, including uniformed youth groups. Community Safety Partnerships and Parish, Town and District Councils can also apply. The Commissioner particularly wants to support innovative projects which have sprung from local collaborations and partnerships and can make a lasting difference to communities in terms of safety.

Size of group: this fund prioritises smaller local initiatives. Charitable groups with an income of more than £1m will not normally be considered.

**The fund is made up from funds recovered under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (POCA). This is a piece of legislation created to tackle organised crime, giving police officers the power to seize cash and recover assets such as cars and houses bought by criminals through the proceeds of their crimes.*

The money recovered and made through the sale of the criminal's assets can then be put back into community projects and helps to fund further investigations.

What can we fund?

Proposals can cover a range of activities lasting up to a year. These can include, but are not limited to: practical activities, research projects, awareness raising or training. We can also fund equipment and materials.

You need to show how your project helps to meet the priorities set out in the Commissioner's [Police and Crime Plan 'Everybody's Business: Community Safety and Criminal Justice Plan' 2019-2024](#) click on the title to read the plan.

Applications which involve young people, particularly in the design or the delivery of the project are welcomed. The Commissioner is keen to engage young people and to support them in activities which will help them to invest in a safer community for all.

The four priorities and the activities which they include are:

1. Building on success

- Crime reduction: early intervention and prevention
- Tackling serious violence
- Tackling the misuse of drugs and alcohol
- Preventing fraud
- Serious and organised crime and cybercrime
- Safeguarding vulnerable people
- Tackling modern slavery
- Reducing reoffending

2. Putting victims at the centre

- Preventing and protecting victims
- Tackling hate crime
- Domestic abuse
- Restorative justice

3. Public focus

- Local initiatives
- Rural crime
- Volunteering opportunities

4. Business sense

- Partnership working
- Working with responsible businesses

Local Networks and your project

We advise strongly that you make contact with someone from your local community safety partnership when you are developing your project or another relevant community representative. This can be very helpful in building up local networks and support for your project if you do not have those already.

In addition it is a good idea to make sure your plan does not duplicate an existing project or service.

Eligibility:

- *You are a not for profit voluntary or community group, active in your local community, with a written constitution or set of rules. Alternatively, you are a Community Safety Partnership (with Terms of Reference), a Parish, Town or District Council.*
- *This set of rules has at least the name of your group, its aims or purpose, objects, a dissolution clause for the group, a list of Trustees/Committee members and Trustee/Committee members' signature. Please be aware we do require the organisation to have at least three independent trustees/management committee members.*
- *Your organisation has its own bank account with at least two independent signatories and all the relevant Equal Opportunities and Safeguarding Policies required for your work. (for CSPs there would be a nominated council bank account)*
- *You are based in Hertfordshire or can show specifically how people in Hertfordshire benefit from your activities.*

Exclusions:

Applicant Exclusions:

- *National Charities without a Hertfordshire branch or a very clear Hertfordshire focus*
- *Businesses or profit making enterprises*
- *Organisations that cannot demonstrate public benefit as defined by the Charity Commission (for more information visit www.charitycommission.gov.uk).*
- *Hertfordshire Constabulary*
- *Individuals*

Project Exclusions:

- *General fundraising appeals, i.e. where a request is made for a general contribution to a larger project without a specific aspect having been identified.*
- *Core or everyday running costs – this fund is for projects only – but you are able to include a contribution to running costs as a part of your project.*
- *Retrospective funding*
- *Funding for CCTV cameras or ANPR equipment – due to complex legislation*

Monitoring and Evaluation

If you are successful in being awarded a grant you will have one year in which to spend it. We will ask you to report on your project at the end of the year and will send details of what is expected when you receive your grant.

Applying for a further grant

Please note: If you are applying for a further grant please be aware that we will not consider applications less than 12 months after the previous grant was awarded. Also we will need to have received your monitoring for a grant before you can reapply to this fund.

If you have any questions about the programme please email grants@hertscf.org.uk or phone Helen Doubal, Programme Manager on 01707 251351 or go to our website to the Funds available page

[Click here to go to the application form](#)

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