



## Hertfordshire Police and Crime Commissioner's Action Fund

### Fund Criteria and Guidance for Applicants – updated February 2023

**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 Commissioner's [Hertfordshire Police and Crime Plan 2022-27](#)

#### 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 annual income of more than £1m will not normally be considered.

#### 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 some equipment and materials as part of a wider initiative.

Initiatives should take a prevention approach and be backed up by evidence. This means working upstream to prevent crime happening in the first place and ensuring that the impact of a project can be measured.

Initiatives should also strive to either keep crime low and/or support victims.

You need to show how your project helps to meet the following priorities set out in Commissioner's [Hertfordshire Police and Crime Plan 2022-27](#). However, please note that not all of these priorities will be covered by the Action Fund. You can apply for projects meeting the priorities below – [excluding those numbered 4,5,12,13 and written in blue](#). These are funded via other sources by the PCC – see notes.

1. Preventing harm through early identification of vulnerability
2. Improving the response to victims of sexual abuse
3. Addressing and responding to domestic abuse
4. Violence Prevention\*
5. Tackling Violence against Women and Girls\*
6. Tackling the supply, demand and misuse of drugs and alcohol
7. Improving our response to Mental Health
8. Preventing and Tackling Hate Crime
9. Fighting Fraud and Cybercrime
10. Preventing and Reducing Reoffending
11. Modern Slavery
12. Addressing Anti-Social Behaviour\* – *please note the Commissioner has a Road Safety Fund to address antisocial driving*
13. Addressing Rural Crime – *please note the Commissioner has a Fly Tipping Fund for tips on private land (e.g. farmland)*
14. Growing Volunteering
15. Reducing Business Crime

*\*please note that numbers 4,5 and 12 are key priority themes for 23/24 within the Commissioner's 'Commissioning-light' grant programme managed the Commissioner's Grants Team and also in the Serious Violence Duty Grant Programme led by the Home Office. Applicants with projects under these priorities should view the [PCC Funding Page](#) on the Hertfordshire PCC website directly rather than applying to the PCC Action Fund here.*

### **Local Networks and your project**

We advise strongly that when you are developing your project you contact someone from your local district/borough Community Safety Partnership or another relevant community representative. This can be helpful in building up local networks and support for your project if you do not have those already.

In addition, you should make sure your project does not duplicate an existing project or service as this will be taken into account could lead to your bid being declined.

## 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:

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- *National Charities without a Hertfordshire branch or a 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](http://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 can 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*
- *If the project being proposed should be delivered using other public funding or replicates publicly funded service(s) it is unlikely to be considered.*
- *Education/Prevention/Diversion work based in schools is a potential priority themes within the Commissioner's Commissioning-light grant programme managed the Commissioner's Grants Team, therefore any proposals in these action fund priority areas will be unlikely to be funded from the action fund for 2023/24*

## **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 or phone Helen Doubal, grants team on 01707 251351 or go to our website to the Funds available page.

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

or go to our website [www.hertscf.org.uk](http://www.hertscf.org.uk) to the Funds available page

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