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**PROPERTY FUND**

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

1. **What is the Property Fund?**

Property that has come into the possession of the police under the Police (Property) Act 1997 and The Powers of Criminal Courts Act 1973 can be disposed of, with the resultant funds being held in the Property Fund. These funds are to be distributed by the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner (PFCC) to benefit local communities.

Local organisations and community groups can access grants up to the value of £2,500 from the Property Fund. These grants can only be awarded for proposals that aim to reduce or prevent anti-social behaviour (ASB), crime and disorder.

Examples of proposal aims:

* Provide early intervention opportunities for young people that will reduce/deter crime in the local area.
* Awareness raising and education programmes in local communities around the impact of crime.
* Projects that will support a reduction in offending, re-offending, and victimisation in relation to any crime/ASB.

The above is not an exhaustive list, but provides guidance to potential applicants.

1. **What level of funding is available?**

The Property Fund provides grants up to £2,500. When applying for funding, we expect that a comprehensive breakdown of how funding will be spent is detailed within the application, and where possible website links included.

1. **Can I apply for funding if I have previously received funding from the PFCC’s Property Fund or Community Fund?**

Yes, you can apply, provided it is more than 12 months since your group was last awarded funding from any PFCC open grant stream.

1. **Can I apply for funding if I have already secured funding from other partners?**

The PFCC may support applications which have already secured funding from other partners. However, funding will only be released once all partner contributions are guaranteed. Funding secured from PFCC must be allocated to specific items and spent within the 12-month period following the award.

1. **Can I apply if my group is run for profit or is a Limited Company?**

The PFCC will not support organisations which run for profit. We may consider companies which are ‘limited by guarantee.’

1. **What will the Commissioner not fund?**

* Applications which are not focused on reducing or preventing crime or ASB.
* Commercially run activities or organisations that run for profit (accepting of companies which are limited by guarantee).
* Projects run for the sole benefit of one individual.
* Recurring expenditure, such as contributions to employed staff wages, or general running costs, such as contributions to heating/ electricity bills.
* Requests for CCTV (this includes any video recording devices e.g. Ring doorbells etc.)
* Politically based activities.
* Events or activities for which the principal aim is to fundraise for other organisations.
* The development, purchase, or refurbishment of buildings, including development of car parks.
* Activities which form a statutory function of an applicant.
* Speed Indication Devices and Lasers.

1. **How do I apply and who do I need to work with?**

Before applying, please read the Guidance Form (download from the PFCC Property Fund website here: [Property Fund - Cumbria PFCC](https://cumbria-pfcc.gov.uk/what-we-do/funding/property-fund)).

If you feel you are eligible, please contact your local NPT Policing Team (<https://www.cumbria.police.uk/>), who will complete the application process with you.

1. **My group is new and does not have a bank account, can I still apply?**

If you are in the process of setting up a bank account, you can still apply, but please advise us before applying. If your application is successful, we will need a letter from your bank confirming account details before we could make a grant award. We cannot pay a grant award into a personal bank account.

1. **How soon will I know if my application has been successful?**

The Property Fund Decision Meeting will be held within 4 weeks after the closing date with applicants being notified of their result 1-2 weeks after Decision Meeting concludes.

1. **How will the grant be paid?**

All grants will be paid via BACs. If you are successful, we require you to sign a grant agreement and new suppliers form and once these have been received and processed, payment will be made. Please note that the process can take up to 2 weeks after we receive your completed documents.

1. **When does my project need to take place?**

If you are successful, then funding must be used within 12 months of receiving payment. We will not offer funding for initiatives due to take place after this time period.

1. **Do I need to communicate with the OPFCC about the project delivery?**

Yes, you do. After 6-12 months you will receive the Property Fund Evaluation Form. It is **essential** that this form is completed and returned with a detailed response. If the applicant cannot demonstrate the impact of their project and appropriate use of funding, then the OPFCC reserves the right to reclaim any grant monies.

1. **Is media engagement compulsory?**

Yes, it is. Successful applicants must acknowledge the PFCC funding and include the PFCC logo in all media or social media posts promoting their project. Any sports kits funded by the Property Fund should include the PFCC logo. Photographs of how the grant has been used should be provided. The PFCC will wish to visit your group to see the benefit of the Property Funding and this will be promoted.

**Property Fund Process Map**

**Property Fund Opens**

Download an application form here

([Property Fund - Cumbria PFCC](https://cumbria-pfcc.gov.uk/what-we-do/funding/property-fund))

Unsuccessful applications will be notified with feedback.

Successful applications will be notified of outcome.

Successful applications will receive the Grant Agreement and New Supplier Form.

Applicant returns completed documentation (with wet signatures.)

Once all relevant documents are returned the payment will be processed by the Constabulary’s Finance Department.

Payment can take up to **10 weeks** upon forms being received with the Constabulary’s Finance Department.

After six months the OPFCC will send out an Evaluation Form to applicants to be completed.

Media Communications and Engagement opportunities to be arranged between applicant and the OPFCC.

Once you have entered your postcode using the link provided, click the ‘Contact Us’ tab and under the ‘Online’ header press ‘Start’ to begin contacting your local policing team.

Applicants must contact their local policing team who will assist with the completion and submission of your application. Follow this link to find a member of your local policing team: <https://www.cumbria.police.uk/>

Your local policing team will submit your completed application form to an Inspector to be authorised before it is submitted to the OPFCC

Applications will be assessed against the criteria by the OPFCC. Any which do not meet the criteria will not be considered by the PFCC.

**Property Fund Closes - 17:00 Friday 17th October 2025**

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**Property Fund Decision Meeting**

(takes place up to four weeks after closing date)

PFCC, NPT Inspectors and OPFCC Staff to determine the outcome of applications.