



COMMUNITY FUND

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



1. What is the Community Fund?

The Community Fund enables local organisations and community groups to access grants up to the value of £2,500.

The Commissioner would welcome applications for funding that will support community groups/ organisations to prevent or deter anti-social behaviour or driving in their area.

For example;

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

The above is not an exhaustive list, but to provide an idea to potential applicants.

It is important that applicants demonstrate effectively how their initiative/project will link and have tangible impacts. This must be evidenced upon conclusion of the project via the Community Fund Evaluation Form.

2. What level of funding is available?

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

3. How often can I apply?

Applications are considered twice a year, dependent on remaining funds. If you are successful, you cannot reapply for a further 24 months.

4. 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 OPFCC must be allocated to specific items and spent within the 12-month period following the award.

5. Can I apply if I am a Limited Company/ run for Profit?

The PFCC will not support organisations which run for profit, as the Community Fund is for community groups and not-for-profit organisations. We may consider companies which are 'limited by guarantee.'

6. Can I duplicate funding requests?

Our stance is very clear, we shall **not** support duplicate funding and those applications who do this are at risk of jeopardising their original request.

7. What will the Commissioner not fund?

- Applications which are not focused on anti-social behaviour or anti-social driving.
- 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 staff wages or annual events.
- Requests for CCTV (this includes any video recording devices e.g. Ring doorbells etc).
- Activities which form the current and existing function of an applicant (i.e., general running costs).
- Politically based activities.
- Events or activities for which the principal aim is to fundraise for other organisations.
- Marketing costs for existing or planned activities (including cost for printing, refreshments, leaflets, posters etc).
- Travel costs, rents, and insurances insert full stop.
- The development, purchase, or refurbishment of buildings, including development of car parks.
- Speed Indication Devices and Lasers.
- Duplicate funding requests for one crime incident in a one particular area.

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

Before applying, please read the [Community Fund Guidance document](#).

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.

9. 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 the bank confirming the account details before we could make a grant award. We cannot pay a grant award into a personal bank account.

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

(See Community Fund Decision Map: page 4) The Community Fund Criteria Check Meeting will be held 2 weeks after closing date. From this meeting, the successful applicants will then be forwarded to the next stage of the process, the Community Fund Decision Meeting (with PFCC and NPT Inspectors). This meeting occurs 2 weeks after and successful applicants from this will be notified of their result 1-2 weeks after Decision Meeting concludes.

11. How will the grant be paid?

(See Community Fund process below) All grants will be paid via BACs. If you are successful, we require you to sign the 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 10 weeks after we receive your completed documents.

12. When does my project need to take place?

(See Community Fund process) 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.

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

(See Community Fund process below) After 6-12 months you will receive the Community Fund Evaluation Form. It is **compulsory** 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.

14. Is media engagement compulsory?

Yes. We require all successful applicants to contact the OPFCC to arrange for a visit from the Commissioner, display the 'funded by the PFCC' sticker in a prominent position on or near the items purchased, to acknowledge the OPFCC funding in all media/social media posts and provide photographs of how the grant has been used. Full details of the requirements of media engagement will be itemised in the Grant Agreement, sent to successful applicants to sign.

Community Fund Process Map

