



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 support community groups/ organisations to prevent or deter crime and ASB in their area.

For example:

- 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 to provide an idea to potential applicants.

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. 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.

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

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

5. What will the Commissioner not fund?

- Applications which are not focused on reducing or preventing crime.
- 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.

6. 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.

7. 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.

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

The Community Fund Decision Meeting will be held within 3 weeks after the closing date. Afterwards, applicants will be notified of their result 1-2 weeks after Decision Meeting concludes.

9. How will the grant be paid?

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 2 weeks after we receive your completed documents.

10. 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.

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

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.

12. 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 PFCC funding in all media/social media posts and provide photographs of how the grant has been used.

Community Fund Process Map

