

# COMMUNITY ACTION FUND

Part of the Community Action Programme



The **Community Action Programme** brings together a range of interconnected workstreams focused on empowering communities and smaller organisations, equipping them with the skills and guidance they need to thrive and prosper. This programme includes a toolkit that identifies crime prevention activity that is easy for communities to deliver themselves with low or no cost. For those identified as needing more support the Community Action Fund and People Zones approach is there to help identify types of grant-funded activity are most effective, tailored crime prevention advice, access to other funding streams, and co-produced solutions.

# Welcome to the Community Action Fund

The Community Action Fund is designed to provide targeted support to community and constituted groups through a series of themed grant rounds running throughout the year. Each round focuses exclusively on prevention initiatives that address one of our six prevention delivery strategies and will support community-led projects that aim to reduce harm and improve safety. Eligible groups can apply for grants up to £10,000 to support their initiatives.

# What is the Community Action Fund?

This fund focuses on prevention, stopping problems before they start. By supporting local ideas, we can reduce crime, ease pressure on emergency services, and build safer, more connected communities. The best solutions come from those who live and work in these areas every day. With the right tools and support, communities can thrive.

Whether you've applied for funding before or this is your first time, the Community Action Fund offers a clearer, more targeted approach to making a real difference where it matters the most. Our funding rounds are focused on the key priorities set our in the Police and Crime Plan.

- Rural Crime
- Road Safety
- Violence and Vulnerability
- Business Crime
- Neighbourhood Crime
- Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG)

# **FUNDING ROUNDS**



### **Rural Crime**

The first round of the Community Action Fund will focus on tackling rural crime, an issue which continues to affect the safety, well-being, and livelihoods of many communities. Rural crime remains a significant concern across the country with offences such as machinery theft and livestock worrying continuing to impact farms and rural businesses.

# **Road Safety**

We are committed to making our roads safer for everyone. As a part of this commitment, Leicestershire Police have a dedicated Road Safety Team working tirelessly to reduce road-related harm through enforcement, education, and community engagement. The Community Action Fund aims to support road safety in the area by empowering local communities to take action.

# Violence and Vulnerability

We envision communities built on resilience, creativity, and care where everyone, especially young people, can thrive free from the fear of violence. This grant supports bold, grassroots ideas that offer early support, foster inclusion, and create safer spaces. By investing in local solutions, we can prevent harm and build safer and more prosperous communities for everyone.

# **Upcoming Rounds**

The first three rounds will be open on the following dates:

Rural Crime – 1st September 2025 - 17th October 2025

Road Safety – 17th November 2025 - 12th January 2026

Violence and Vulnerability - 1st December 2025

# **Remaining Rounds**

The remaining three rounds; **Business Crime, Neighbourhood Crime and Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG)** will be launched in 2026, with dates to be confirmed.

To apply for the Community Action Fund, visit our website and complete the application form.

Find out more here: https://www.leics.pcc.police.uk

# Who can apply?

We want to hear from people who understand their communities and have great ideas for making a positive impact. Charities, Community Groups, Parish Councils, Constituted Groups and Voluntary Organisations can apply.

Please see below for our eligibility criteria.

#### **Multiple Applications:**

You may submit more than one application. Each will be assessed independently, and if more than one meets the quality threshold, we may consider funding multiple proposals. However, funding more than one application is not guaranteed and will depend on the overall strength of submissions and available resources.

#### **Organisation Size:**

Your organisation must have fewer than 30 full-time equivalent (FTE) staff. Volunteers are not counted in this total.

#### **Funding Limit:**

Applications requesting more than £10,000 will not be considered.

#### **Project Relevance:**

Your project must clearly support at least one of the Police and Crime Plan priorities. Applications that do not align with these priorities will not be eligible.

#### **Current Funding:**

If your project is already receiving funding, you cannot apply for additional funding if the new funding period overlaps with your current one.

# How to apply?

Details of how to apply will be available on the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland website. You can find contact details below.

# **Contact Us**



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