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The Police and Crime Commissioner (the Commissioner) for Lancashire is committed to making Lancashire a safer place for residents. The Police and Crime Plan has a focus on enforcement and taking the fight to criminals.

However, delivering the priorities cannot be done through arrests alone and therefore the Commissioner is taking an active role in supporting projects and schemes that make communities safer.

Supported in part by money seized from criminals, the Commissioner will provide grants for innovative projects that support one or more of the priorities outlined in the Police and Crime Plan. The Commissioner will be looking for applications with a particular focus on tackling anti-social behaviour and dangerous driving.

Applications between £1,000 and £10,000 are welcomed from Community Safety Partnerships, local community organisations, local charities and Parish and Town Councils.

The Commissioner will be looking for applications that:

- Address one or more of the priorities set out in the Police and Crime Plan
- Tackle the problems within their neighbourhoods through prevention, diversion, and intervention
- Demonstrate they will make a measurable difference to local communities
- Are innovative and creative – take a new approach to tackle long term problems
- Demonstrate strong community links
- Which are based on local need and insight
- Which are well planned, realistic and have aims which are achievable
- Will make a lasting difference to the people within the local community
- Evidence strong links with the local policing team and / or local Community Safety Partnerships

In your application, please ensure you:

- Indicate what the problem or issue is that your application will address
- Indicate how you plan to address the problem or issue
- Indicate how your application will positively impact your local community
- Indicate how you will show that your project has been successful with your outcomes
- Indicate how you have engaged with the local policing team and / or local Community Safety Partnerships

Fund criteria

1. Applications must support at least one of the Commissioner's priorities. The Commissioner will be looking for applications with a particular focus on anti-social behaviour and dangerous driving.
2. The maximum amount that can be applied for is £10,000.
3. The minimum amount that can be applied for is £1,000.
4. The Commissioner will require evidence of continued maintenance of any capital assets purchased through the fund.
5. Applications from local community groups, organisations, charities and Parish and Town councils must demonstrate how they are working with the local policing team and/or the local Community Safety Partnership.
6. Local community groups, organisations and charities must supply their Articles of Association and previous two years accounts with their application.
7. All organisations must have appropriate policies and procedures in place including safeguarding where appropriate, health and safety and equality and diversity.
8. Applicants must complete and return an evaluation form.



Community Fund FAQs

1. What is the Community Fund?

The Community Fund is to support the delivery of the priorities outlined in the Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan 2021-25.

2. What are the Commissioner's priorities?

The Commissioner's priorities are:

1. Getting Tough on Anti-Social Behaviour
2. Disrupting and Dismantling Organised Crime
3. Tackling Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence
4. Cracking Down on Burglary and Robbery
5. Targeting Dangerous Drivers

3. What level of funding is available?

The Community Fund provides grants between £1,000 and £10,000.

4. Is Match Funding essential?

Match funding is not essential but will strengthen your application.

5. What are the deadlines?

There are no deadlines. Applications will be reviewed and assessed on an ongoing basis and a decision will usually be communicated within six weeks of submitting an application.

6. How do I apply?

Before applying, please read the Community Fund Grant Principles and Grant Criteria.

To apply simply download a copy of the Community Fund Application Form and email it to Funding@lancashire-pcc.gov.uk

7. Who do I need to work with?

All applicants must demonstrate how they are working with the local policing team and/or the local Community Safety Partnership.

If you are unsure on who to contact, please email Funding@lancashire-pcc.gov.uk

8. What will the Commissioner not fund?

- Activities which do not meet one or more of the priorities set out in the Police and Crime Plan
- Activities that have already taken place before we offer you a grant and are therefore retrospective
- Political promotion, including political party activity
- Organisations requesting funding towards reserves
- Full Time Employee Costs
- Projects taking place outside Lancashire
- The support or promotion of religious beliefs in a particular faith, beyond basic religious/cultural awareness raising.
- Full cost recovery- only direct costs associated with the delivery of the initiative can be funded

9. Do I need to submit any supporting documents?

If you are a local community group, organisation or charity you must supply your Articles of Association and previous 2 years Accounts.

10. Who do I contact if I need help with my application?

If you need help with your application, please contact the office by emailing Funding@lancashire-pcc.gov.uk or phoning 01772 533587.

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

Yes. If you are in the process of setting up the account, you can still apply, but please advise us of this 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.

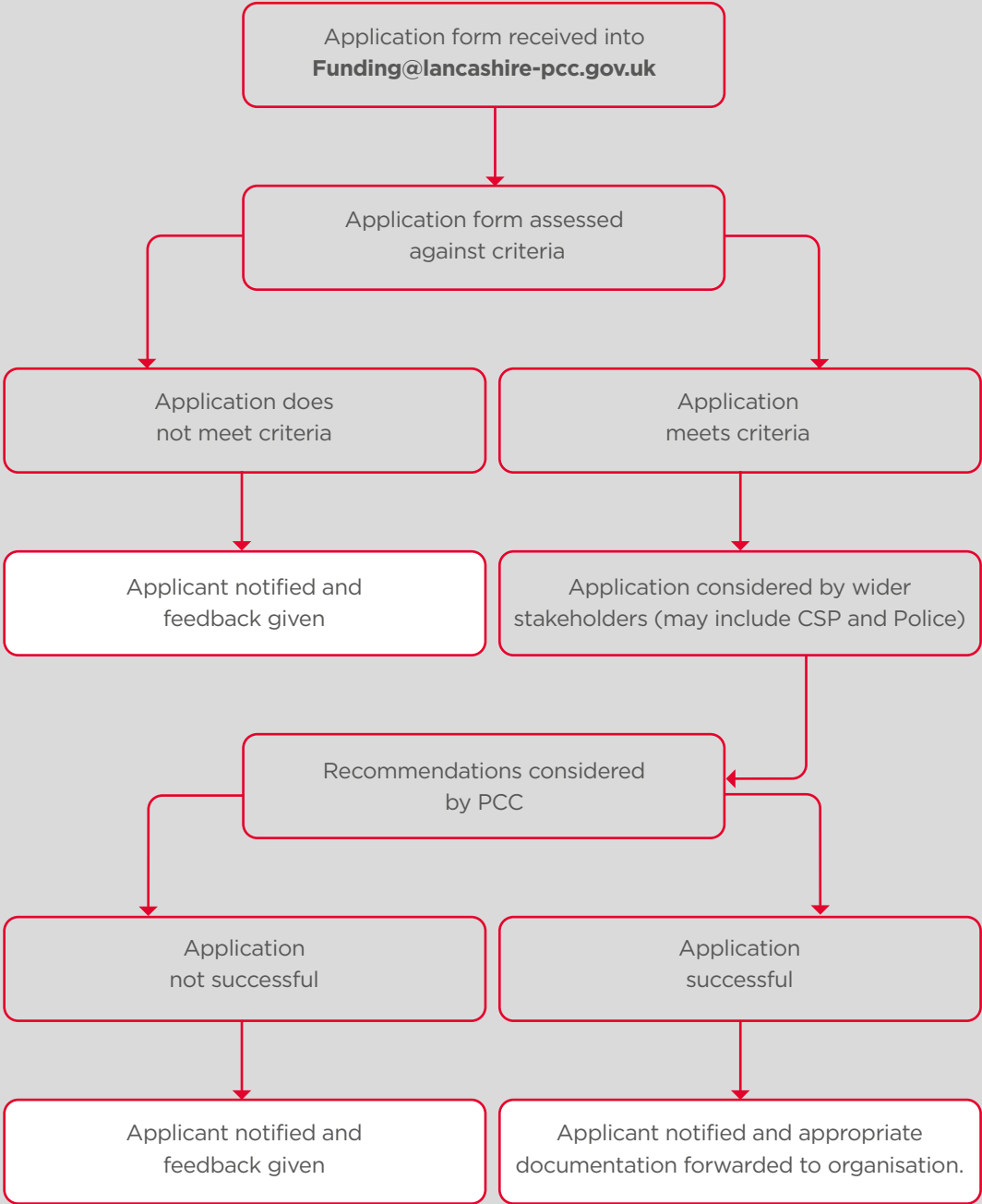
12. How will the grant be made?

All grants will be paid via BACs. If you are successful, we will send out all documentation required to you, for you to receive payment.

13. I have been awarded funding but some of the details from my original application have changed, what should I do?

You should notify the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner as soon as possible by emailing Funding@lancashire-pcc.gov.uk

Community Fund Decision Process



KEEPING IN TOUCH

If you want to keep in touch,
then you can:

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