



COMMUNITY FUND

COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP FUND

Application No 01

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Project Brief:

Project Name: Lancaster City Community Radio Scheme

Start Date: October 1, 2025

End Date: March 31, 2026

Note: The project is designed to continue beyond this date as a long-term replacement for outdated infrastructure.

Funding Requested: £3,795 from the Police and Crime Commissioner

Total Project Cost: £8,570

Match Funding: Includes £4,700 in-kind contribution from Lancaster BID for radio monitoring and £75 for Ofcom licensing.

Project Aim:

To modernize and sustain a community radio network in Lancaster City Centre that supports crime prevention, public safety, and partnership working. The existing system is outdated and temporarily maintained through rented equipment, which is financially unsustainable.

The upgraded system will:

- Enable real-time communication between businesses and licensed premises.
- Support early intervention in incidents such as shoplifting and antisocial behaviour.
- Enhance coordination with police operations and community safety efforts.

Key Interventions:

- **Daytime Use:** Businesses use the radio network to report suspected shoplifters and share alerts, enabling proactive responses and crime prevention.
- **Evening Use:** Licensed premises use the network to report disorderly individuals or groups, helping prevent escalation and supporting public order.
- **Police Integration:** Officers use the network to monitor incidents and share urgent information, such as descriptions of high-risk missing persons.
- **Support for Police Operations:** The radio network complements ongoing police initiatives like Operation Centurion, Paragon, and Vulture.

Partners Involved:

- **Lancashire Police:** Operational support, monitoring, and integration with local policing strategies.
- **Lancaster BID:** Provides BID wardens who carry radios and respond to incidents. Plans to expand coverage from 40 to 49 hours/week.
- **Local Businesses & Licensed Premises:** Active users of the network for reporting and coordination.

Expected Impact:

- Reduction in reports of antisocial behaviour, public order offences, and assaults
- Increased public confidence and reassurance

Evaluation Methods:

- Monitoring police data on ASB, public order, and assault incidents
- Feedback from partners and community stakeholders

Cost Breakdown Highlights:

- **Motorola SLR5500 Repeater:** £2,345 (PCC funded)
- **Duplexer:** £260 (PCC funded)
- **Wall Mount Bracket:** £100 (PCC funded)
- **4 Stack Antenna:** £495 (PCC funded)
- **Installation:** £595 (PCC funded)
- **Ofcom Licence:** £75 (match funding)
- **Monitoring by BID Warden (6 months):** £4,700 (match funding)

Priority Supported:

**Tackle Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour
Get Tough on Serious Violent Crime**