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| **Active Citizens Funding Criteria*** Funded projects must contribute to crime prevention, reduction or community safety in the local area.
* Priority will be given to projects taking place in Impact Areas (see application form for details of areas). This does not exclude other areas in the West Midlands.
* Groups and organisations must be properly constituted and have a separate bank account with at least two signatories in to which we can pay the funds.  If there is no dedicated group/organisation bank account, an umbrella organisation may take responsibility for the financial transactions.
* A group does not need to be based in the community where the project is run, but the project must be of direct benefit to the residents / priorities of that area.
* The maximum value per grant is £5,000.
* We do not fund individual requests for funding or sponsorship, for example sponsored walks.
* You may include revenue items where this is essential to the running of a time limited project.
* Wages/salaries of existing employees cannot be claimed from an ACF grant.  Consideration may be given to the use of time-limited external/third party professional expertise necessary to deliver the project on the basis of a contract for services.
* We do not require match funding, but will look favourably on projects which contribute additional funds.
* We cannot fund the purchase of assets that will provide long term benefits to a private company or individual rather than to the community.
* Safeguarding: if the project involves children or vulnerable adults, the organisation must have sufficient safeguarding procedures in place. The safeguarding measures should be proportionate to the risk involved. This requirement should be discussed with the Partnership Team at the NPU, who will be able to provide more advice.
* Funding will not be provided for an organisation or project to make payments to itself for the hire of accommodation or facilities.
* Funding cannot be used to make payments to members of the committee of the organisation/group unless this is essential to the success of the project and pre-agreed by West Midlands Police partnership team.
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