



west midlands
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commissioner

My Community Fund (MCF) Criteria and Eligibility for Applications 2025-26

Organisation Eligibility Criteria

1. Organisation applying should be one of the following:
 - a. Unincorporated Association
 - b. Community Interest Company or Social Enterprise
 - c. Registered Charity
 - d. Company limited by Guarantee
 - e. Registered Society

Applications from statutory organisations such as Local Authorities, Integrated Care Boards will not be accepted.

2. The organisation has at least **two directors / people on its board or committee**.
3. The organisation does not have a **political purpose**
4. The organisation has a **Constitution Document**, outlining the rules that govern the group.
5. The organisation has a **separate bank account** with at least two signatories in to which we can pay the funds.¹
6. If the organisation is currently **in receipt of PCC funding**, the OPCC will check against **performance or monitoring issues**. In the event of issues raised, the application may be rejected.
7. The organisation can provide **up to date copies of all the relevant insurance** documents if asked. If the organisation is aware of any insured risk, the organisation should state this in the application.
8. The organisation is following all current **statutory requirements and other laws and regulations** relating to the project and its work including: Equal Opportunities, adherence to employers' liability insurance; the national minimum wage; the working time directive; health and safety; safeguarding of children, young people and vulnerable adults; data protection and intellectual Property.
9. If the project involves children or vulnerable adults, the organisation has **sufficient safeguarding training, policies and procedures in place which are regularly reviewed to ensure they are in line with up to date legislation**. The safeguarding measures should be proportionate to the risk involved. If asked, the organisation can provide copies of these including evidence of DBS checks. If the organisation is

¹ Upload a redacted bank account with application from the last 3 months showing • bank logo, • the organisation's legal name • the address the statements are sent to • the bank's name • the account number and sort code • date the statement was issued.

aware of any gaps in their policies and procedures, the organisation should state this in their application.

Project Eligibility Criteria

1. Projects should not start **before 10 to 12 weeks after the closing deadline date**. Do not start a project if you have no alternative funding in the event your application gets rejected.
2. The project must be able to run on the understanding that it will receive **80% upfront funding and 20% on receipt of proof that the project took place** (a monitoring form will be provided).
3. The **OPCC logo** must be used on promotional literature, public reports, signage, presentations and websites in relation to this project. The OPCC may use information about the project for **publicity** purposes. A Logo will be provided when the grant agreement is issued.
4. If a project requires **support or management costs**, this should represent a maximum of **10%** of the amount of funding applying for from MCF. These costs include Administrative costs: Salaries of managers and clerical staff, Facility costs: Rental costs for office space, utilities, and maintenance, Personnel costs: Salaries for HR, finance, and ICT staff, Insurance: Costs associated with insurance policies, Telephone and postage: Costs associated with phone calls and postage
5. Projects should **last maximum of 12 months**

Funding Criteria

What we will fund:

1. Funded projects must contribute to the Police and Crime Plan 2025-29 objectives:
 - a. **Rebuilding Community Policing**
 - i. Solve local problems with communities
 - ii. Prevent and tackle crime and anti-social behaviour
 - b. **Preventing and Tackling Violence**
 - i. Male violence against women and girls
 - ii. Domestic abuse including children
 - iii. Serious youth violence and knife crime
 - iv. Serious and organised crime and exploitation
 - v. Violence against retail and business workers
 - vi. Safe public places
 - c. **Improving Road and Travel Safety**
 - i. Increase prevention and enforcement against the fatal four (speeding, drink and drug driving, not wearing seatbelts, and using mobile devices whilst driving).
 - ii. Increase third party reporting
 - iii. Prevent and tackle organised criminal street racing
 - iv. Clamp down on uninsured, untaxed, unsafe vehicles and illegal number plates
 - v. Safer travel
 - d. **Preventing and Reducing Neighbourhood Crime**
 - i. Residential burglary
 - ii. Street robbery
 - iii. Theft of and from motor vehicles
 - iv. Crime against local businesses

- v. Fraud and online crime
- e. Protecting Victims and Witnesses**
 - i. Victims' rights and welfare
 - ii. Access to justice
 - iii. High quality support services for victims
 - iv. Support by and for specialist services
 - v. Amplify the voice of victims
- f. An Equal and Fair West Midlands**
 - i. Prevent and tackle hate crime
- g. Prevention and Rehabilitation**
 - i. Prioritise children and young people
 - ii. Protecting the vulnerable
 - iii. Reduce harm from illegal drugs and alcohol
 - iv. Support and challenge people to address harmful behaviours

1. **Direct costs to deliver your project** – such as project sessional staff, materials, equipment, room hire, volunteer expenses and project evaluations.
2. **Security improvements** to community buildings or locations may be considered if it can clearly demonstrate it will provide security for a vulnerable community asset – note this will be cross checked with police data for building vulnerability.
3. 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**
4. We do not require match funding.

What we do not fund

1. **Individual requests** for funding or sponsorship, for example sponsored walks
2. **Assets** that will provide **benefits to a private company or individuals** rather than to the community
3. Organisations or project to **make payments to itself for the hire of accommodation** or facilities
4. **Knife bins** or **defibrillators** or **bleed kits**
5. Activities that make a **profit for private gain**
6. Applications **solely for one off community events/festivals or day trips**
7. **Security improvements for Places of worship** (there is home office funding for this) [Protective security schemes for places of worship - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/protective-security-schemes-for-places-of-worship)