

**North Lincolnshire Safer Neighbourhoods Partnership –**

**Community Safety Fund**

**Guidance Notes**

North Lincolnshire Safer Neighbourhoods Partnership recognises the importance of individuals, local groups and organisations in delivering on priorities in local communities, which in turn help to make North Lincolnshire a safe place to live, work and play.

To support the aims of ensuring that we are all Safe, Strong and Resilient we have in, conjunction with the Humberside Police and Crime Commissioner created a Local Community Safety Fund.

With a view to:

 Encouraging and supporting communities who wish to strengthen their local community through the provision of facilities, events, activities or services to local children and young people, families, and adults of all ages

 Encouraging and supporting voluntary groups to make North Lincolnshire Safer through the development of local initiatives, projects, services and activities

**Who can apply for the fund?**

**Organisations that are fully constituted and/or registered charities.**

The fund will support the following organisations if they are non-profit making and have social aims:

* Neighbourhood Watch Groups (Linked to North Lincolnshire)
* Junior and Youth Groups
* Charitable bodies
* Trusts
* Co-operatives
* Industrial and provident societies
* Not for profit constituted organisations
* Town and parish councils

Applications from new groups are welcomed.

**What kind of activity will be supported?**

The fund will support a wide range of facilities, events, activities and services that will help deliver some of the following priorities:

* **Enable** communities to thrive and live active healthy and fulfilled lives
* **Support,** safeguard and protect the vulnerable
* **Shape** the area into a prosperous place to live, work, invest and play
* **Commission** to improve outcomes for individuals and communities

The Safer Neighbourhoods Partnership has developed a Local Action Plan, priority will be given to projects which contribute to the following:

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| **SAFE** | **STRONG** | **RESILIENT** |
| Reduce incidents of Criminal Damage | Reduce hate crime incidents  | Increase involvement in Neighbourhood Watch  |
| Reduce incidents of Violence  | Reduce re-offending | Increase general volunteering in local communities  |
| Reduce incidents of ASB | Increase public engagement | Reduce incidents of homelessness |
| Increase the feeling of safety across the Community\* | Increase the numbers of those who are “work ready” | Reduce repeat victimisation. |
|  |  | Increase the number of crimes resolved with a positive outcome (16B) |
|  |  | Increase the numbers accessing substance misuse treatment services |
|  |  | Increase the number of clients in substance misuse services that are effectively engaged |

**The fund may be used to support the following**

* Equipment
* Transport
* Training
* Hire of premises (for junior or young groups where a concessionary rate has not been secured)

**What we cannot normally fund**

a) Repairs to damage caused by fire or vandalism

b) Groups not legally constituted

d) Groups who cannot demonstrate evidence of their own fund raising efforts

e) Projects to premises used solely as places of worship

f) Retrospective applications

g) Schools and colleges

h) Political groups or groups promoting political activities

i) Groups/organisations where the majority of the membership live outside of North Lincolnshire Council boundaries

j) Groups whose activities exclude young people under 18 years

k) Grant making bodies applying for funding to redistribute to individuals or groups

l) Repair and maintenance projects

**How** **much will we fund**

We expect grants to be in the region of £500 for small organisations. Normally the maximum grant awarded will be 90% of the project cost up to a maximum of £5,000.

There are no restrictions on the number of smaller grants a group can apply for, but priority may be given to groups who have not previously received support from the fund.

Grant aid will be based on the estimated net cost of the work involved. Any VAT payments will only be covered by grant aid if they are non-reclaimable.

The applicant group will normally be expected to contribute a minimum of 10% or £500, whichever is the lesser, towards the cost of the project.

**Important things to note**

1. Each application will be considered on its own merits.

Consideration will include

a) The benefits that will accrue to the children, young people, families, adults or community to which the application applies

b) The children, young people, families, adults or community must be within the North Lincolnshire Council boundary

c) The aims of the event, activity or service must contribute to the Safer Neighbourhoods Partnership priorities and in the case of junior or youth or family focused applications must contribute to achieving priorities in the Children and Young People’s Plan and the Health and Wellbeing Strategy

d) The purpose for which the financial assistance is being requested

e) Whether the objectives can be achieved more effectively

f) Evidence of the applying body’s efforts to raise the funding themselves

g) Evidence of financial need. We would not normally expect you to have unallocated reserves in excess of six months turnover. If you have more than this in your bank at the time of applying for financial help, please explain what this is for.

**How to apply**

Complete the application form, which is available from:

[www.saferneighbourhoods.net](http://www.saferneighbourhoods.net)

Help and guidance is available on request via telephone on (01724) 244665 or email: saferneighbourhoods@northlincs.gov.uk

Examples of support include advice, information and guidance on safeguarding, governance arrangements are available on the North Lincolnshire Council Website.

Applications must be fully completed and will not be considered unless full supporting information, as indicated in the application process, is provided.

Registered Youth Organisations who have already submitted a constitution and safeguarding/child protection documents to the North Lincolnshire Council register do not need to re submit these with applications for financial support unless they have changed.

Talk to the Safer Neighbourhoods Officer in your area about your proposed project.

Staff will offer pre-application and project development support.

Applications for support should be made only for the financial year in which the money will be spent.