



**Community Chest
2023/24-25
Round Two**

Call for Proposals



**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE
POLICE & CRIME
COMMISSIONER**

Introduction

The Make Notts Safe Community Chest provides seed corn and other funding for third sector community based organisations, and in some cases Parish Councils, to enable local delivery against PCC priorities in the *Make Notts Safe Plan*.

This latest round of funding will run from the 1st November 2023 until the 30th September 2024. For this Community Chest Round Two funding there will be a total of up to £100,000 funding available with a minimum of £15,000 of this ring fenced for specific hate crime projects. In relation to this round of funding organisations can apply for up to £10,000 of funding; however, it is anticipated that awards of between £5,000 and £10,000 will only be given in exceptional circumstances and the majority of grants awarded will be up to £5,000. Any grant which is successfully awarded must be spent and delivered by the end of September 2024.

Context

The objective of the Community Chest is to fund third sector organisations to provide community led activity to meet *Make Notts Safe Plan* priorities.

The PCC would like to support third sector organisations to undertake activity that clearly meets a need and is closely aligned to the *Make Notts Safe Plan* priorities. Organisations often approach the PCC for small amounts of funding to: help fund community events to build trust and confidence in Nottinghamshire Police; run small scale activities for young people at risk; develop new services with a small amount of seed corn funding; undertake outreach or awareness raising initiatives or other projects or research with key groups; purchase small items of equipment for community initiatives eg speedwatch; and to support individuals who are affected by crime who may not be accessing commissioned victim support services. The Community Chest can support these types of activity.

Scope

The Make Notts Safe Community Chest will fund third sector organisation to deliver projects or initiatives that meet the following criteria:

- They meet an identified need or gap in the local community;
- The proposal to meet this need is aligned to one of the PCC's three strategic priorities:
 - Preventing crime and protecting people from harm
 - Responding efficiently and effectively to local needs
 - Supporting victims, survivors, witnesses and communities

Hate Crime Initiatives

For this particular round of the Community Chest the Commissioner has provided a minimum of £15,000 of funding ring fenced specifically for hate crime initiatives.

A hate crime is defined as any criminal offence which is perceived to be motivated by hostility or prejudice towards someone based on a personal characteristic. This can include a persons' social group, race, ethnicity, gender, religious belief, sexual orientation, gender or disability.

The Commissioner would be keen to fund specific projects which address the following identified gaps in provision:

- Training and support specifically aimed at young people in relation to:
 - Definition of a hate crime under the law
 - How does hate crime reporting work
 - Bystander training or awareness
 - Identification and tracking of the emotional impact of hate crime
 - Who can help? What services are available?
- Training for young people specific organisations and their support offer for young people to respond to hate incidents when:
 - A young person has communication challenges
 - Young people have a mistrust of services
 - A young person has a lack of personal confidence
 - Understanding the emotional impact of hate crime on young people
 - Ways to support young people with new experiences of services and reporting.

In addition to the above identified gaps in provision the Commissioner would be keen to receive bids for initiatives which seek to impact some or all of the following outcomes for participants:

- Improvements in the police and partnership response to hate crime locally
- Increases in the proportion of hate crime reported to police
- Increases in the number of victims accessing local support services
- Improvements in satisfaction and service outcomes among victims of hate crime
- Reduction in the prevalence and risk of hate crime in local communities

Outcomes and Evaluation

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All funded project/initiatives should align with the PCC's priorities and should therefore seek to achieve at least one of the following outcomes for participants:

- Reduced offending or risk of offending
- Reduced victimisation

- Reduced involvement in statutory services
- Improved attendance at school/ college, including better behaviour and attainment
- Improved awareness of local support services
- Improved relationships with Nottinghamshire Police
- Improved awareness of particular crimes/vulnerabilities
- Improved community relationships

Monitoring and evaluation

Successful applicants will be expected to provide a short monitoring report at the end of the project or initiative to tell Notts OPCC what the funding has achieved.