



Community Chest 2023/24 Round One

Call for Proposals



NOTTINGHAMSHIRE
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Introduction

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

The Make Notts Safe Community Chest will be available annually with two application windows each year – one in January/February and one in June/July. £50,000 has been set aside by the PCC for Community chest funding per financial year meaning up to £25,000 grant funding available per round.

However for this 2023/24 Community Chest Round One there will be a total of £40,000 funding available with £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 the financial year – March 2024.

Context

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; seed-corn funding to develop new services; undertake outreach or awareness raising initiatives or other projects or research with key groups; 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.

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

Scope

The Make Notts Safe Community Chest will fund third sector organisations 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 an additional £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. We would be keen to fund 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

Outcomes

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 must provide a short summary at the end of the project or initiative to tell Notts OPCC what the funding has achieved.