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# **Make Notts Safe Grants 2022-2025**



**An Overview  
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# Overview

## Introduction

The Police and Crime Commissioner for Nottinghamshire has a wide remit to cut crime, improve community safety and support victims of crime in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire. Caroline Henry was elected as Police and Crime Commissioner for Nottinghamshire in May 2021.

All Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) have a statutory duty to issue a Police and Crime Plan for their force area. Commissioner Henry's *Make Notts Safe Plan* is her Police and Crime Plan for Nottinghamshire 2021-25 and sets out her objectives for her term of office and the resources she will make available to support the objectives. A copy of the *Make Notts Safe Plan* can be found on the Commissioners website [Police and Crime Plan \(pcc.police.uk\)](https://pcc.police.uk).

## Make Notts Safe Grants

Commissioner Henry has a vision to “make Nottinghamshire safe and feel safe”. She is committed to working with local communities and local organisations to help her achieve this vision. The Make Notts Safe Grants aim to empower third sector organisations to deliver key priorities in the *Make Notts Safe Plan*.

Make Notts Safe Grants will fund third sector organisations with multi-year funding through thematic funding rounds which are closely linked to the *Make Notts Safe Plan*'s strategic priorities. In addition to the thematic funding rounds there is a Make Notts Safe Community Chest to provide short term (6 months – 1 year) funding; and an Innovation Fund to enable third sector organisations to pilot and evaluate genuinely new and innovative activity. The total value of all the Make Notts Safe Grants, including the Thematic Funding rounds, the Community Chest and the Innovation Fund, is £1m.

## Make Notts Safe Thematic Funding Rounds

There will be two themed funding rounds during 2022 (see the next section for further details on the timetable). Organisations may apply when themed funding windows open and may apply for multi-year funding up to the end of March 2025. Funding for 2023-4 and 2024-5 will be agreed in principle, subject to satisfactory delivery. The themed rounds will be as follows:

### 1. Youth Diversion – This theme has closed

The aim of this themed funding was to prevent crime by supporting targeted projects and initiatives to divert at risk young people away from crime and anti-social behaviour. Youth diversion initiatives were funded by the PCC and Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Violence Reduction Unit. A total of £270,000 funding was available between May 2022 – March 2025.

## **2. Hidden Harm – This theme has closed**

The aim of this themed funding was to protect vulnerable people from hidden harm by supporting targeted projects and initiatives to reduce hidden harm, including child sexual and/or criminal exploitation, honour-based abuse and female genital mutilation. Hidden harm initiatives were funded by the PCC and Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Violence Reduction Unit. A total of £330,000 was available between May 2022 – March 2025.

## **3. Hate Crime**

The aim of this themed funding is to support community led projects and initiatives to prevent hate crime and/or provide a better response to hate crime. A total of £100,000 will be available between December 2022 - March 2025.

## **4. Rural Crime**

The aim of this themed funding is to support community led projects and initiatives which seek to prevent rural crime and/or provide a better response to rural crime. A total of £100,000 will be available between December 2022 - March 2025.

## **5. Communities**

The aim of this themed funding is to support communities to tackle the crime related issues in their areas which are of greatest concern to them. A total of £100,000 will be available between December 2022 - March 2025.

## **Make Notts Safe Community Chest**

The Community Chest will provide seed-corn and other funding for third sector organisations to enable local delivery against the PCC's priorities. Grants of up to £5,000 will be available. There will be two funding windows for the Make Notts Safe Community Chest each year – one in January and one in June. Each funding window will award up to £25,000.

## **Make Notts Safe Innovation Fund**

The Innovation Fund will support third sector organisations to research, develop or pilot and evaluate a new initiative. The PCC wishes to support truly new and innovative project ideas which aim to enable local delivery against her priorities. The criteria for the Make Notts Safe Innovation Fund will be published later in 2022.

## **Eligibility**

Third sector organisations that are registered with Companies House or the Charity Commission are eligible to apply for a Make Notts Safe Grant. Where an applicant organisation is not legally constituted it must enter into an arrangement with another organisation to act as an accountable body.

All organisations funded with a Make Notts Safe Grant must have robust policies and procedures in place including safeguarding, health and safety, and equality and diversity as well as appropriate financial management procedures.

All activity supported through a Make Notts Safe Grant must be based within Nottinghamshire and support Nottingham City and/or Nottinghamshire County residents. Grants will only be awarded to applications that most closely meet the key priorities identified by the PCC in her Make Notts Safe Plan.

### **Sustainability**

The funding is available until March 2025 only and organisations will be expected to demonstrate in their funding application how they will sustain the project or initiative, if appropriate, after the PCC funding has finished.

# Timelines

The timetable is below.

## Themed Rounds

	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23
<b>MNS Grants Themed Rounds</b>															
Diversion	Launch		Applications close		Funding Starts	→									
Hidden Harm	Launch		Applications close		Funding Starts	→									
Communities							Launch		Applications close		Stage 2	Funding Starts	→		
Hate Crime							Launch		Applications close		Stage 2	Funding Starts	→		
Rural Crime							Launch		Applications close		Stage 2	Funding Starts	→		

Funding may be awarded up until March 2025

## Community Chest

	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22
<b>MNS Grants Community Chest 2022/23</b>	Launch		Applications close	Funding Starts	→							
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<b>MNS Grants Community Chest 203/24</b>	Launch	Applications close		Funding Starts	→							
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## Innovation Fund

The Make Notts Safe Innovation fund will be launched later in 2022.

# Application Process and Assessment

All funding application forms must be received by the relevant deadline – late applications will not be accepted.

## Make Notts Safe Community Chest

The Community Chest has a simple one stage application process where applications are received, assessed and then grants awarded.

## Make Notts Safe Thematic Grants and Innovation Fund

Thematic Grants and the Innovation Fund have a two-stage application process to ensure that all successfully funded organisations are able to measure the success and impact of their project/initiative. This will ensure that funding supports activity based on what works.

### Stage 1 – Application Form

There are separate applications forms for the Make Notts Safe Thematic Grants and the Make Notts Safe Innovation Fund. Guidance notes are available for each type of grant to help applicants complete the forms.

After the Stage 1 deadline, funding applications will be assessed and a number of provisional funding awards will be made. Funding awards will be provisional based on organisations agreeing to go through Stage 2 as detailed below.

### Stage 2 –Development of Theory of Change

A theory of change<sup>1</sup> is a description of why a particular way of working will be effective, showing how change happens in the short, medium and long term to achieve the intended impact. It can be represented in a visual diagram, as a narrative, or both.

Once applications have been agreed in principle at the end of Stage 1, applicants will meet with a project lead from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner or the Violence Reduction Unit to ensure that the project or initiative has a strong basis for affecting change and to identify the outputs, outcomes and associated measures that will be effective in measuring that change.

The purpose of this is to support applicant organisations to ensure that the funded project or initiative can be successfully evaluated to demonstrate success. The theory of change will also provide third sector organisations with a good evidence base which will help them with future funding applications to the PCC or other funders.

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<sup>1</sup> [How to build a theory of change — NCVO Knowhow](#)

Once the activities, outputs, outcomes and associated measures have been captured and agreed a final funding agreement will be sent – this is the final confirmation of funding.

No work should begin on any project or initiative until it has been fully agreed at the end of Stage 2 and a Funding Agreement has been signed.

## **Assessment of Applications**

All Make Notts Safe Grants funding applications will be first assessed by two officers from the Nottinghamshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (Notts OPCC). Applications will be assessed solely on the information given on the application form and assessors may not have any prior knowledge of a project/initiative. It is therefore essential that funding applications clearly and concisely detail what the project proposal entails.

As the PCC awards public funds Notts OPCC's assessment will include a number of due diligence checks on the information provided – this may include but is not limited to the organisation's registration, history and fraud and safeguarding checks on project leads.

Funding applications will be assessed against the following criteria:

- fit with the individual funding round's objectives;
- applicant organisation's experience of delivering similar work;
- the project approach and expected outcomes; and
- value for money.

Once funding applications have been assessed by Notts OPCC, advice may be sought from key local authority and Nottinghamshire Police partners with expertise in the specific area of delivery (for example, child sexual exploitation or hate crime). These partners will help to identify:

- potential duplication of work; and
- fit with other relevant work and providers.

Following Notts OPCC's assessment all funding applications will be considered by a panel which including representatives from Nottingham Crime and Drugs Partnership (Nottingham City Council), the Safer Nottinghamshire Board (Nottinghamshire County Council), senior police representatives, the VRU, Youth Offending Teams; Public Health and any other partner as appropriate.

The funding panel will consider all applications from which a set of recommendations will be drawn and take to the PCC for final decision. The ultimate decision of the PCC is final and cannot be appealed against.

**Please Note:**

The application process is competitive and due to the large number of applications anticipated the PCC will not be able to fund every high quality application received. We recognise the work that goes into preparing an application and have tried to ensure that only the relevant information is asked for in the Funding Application Form.

# Further Information

Further information about Make Notts Safe Grants will be available at virtual briefing events being held in August 2022. The briefing events will provide attendees with the following:

- an overview of the new Make Notts Safe Grants and themes
- an overview of the application process
- an opportunity to ask any questions

Briefing events will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams on the following dates:

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August 3pm-4.30pm**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August 10am-11.30am**

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August 12noon-1.30pm**

If you would like to attend one of these briefing events please email [commissioning@notts.police.uk](mailto:commissioning@notts.police.uk) stating which date you would like to attend so we can email you the appropriate TEAMS link to enable you to join the event.

A Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) document is on the PCC's website. Please read this document carefully as it aims to answer the most common questions. FAQs will also be updated regularly so organisations should check the latest version on the PCC's website before submitting their application.

For any further information or queries on the Make Notts Safe Grants please get in touch with Claire Good as follows:

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