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**Communities
Thematic Call for Proposals**

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Introduction

The Police and Crime Commissioner for Nottinghamshire (the PCC) is seeking to fund third sector organisations to provide projects and initiatives that will help to prevent, identify and respond to those issue which affect communities the most in Nottinghamshire.

We know that crime and community safety issues affecting our diverse communities are many and varied and as such need to be tackled at a neighbourhood level. We are also aware that local communities and third sector organisations are often best placed to identify and help respond to these local issues.

The Commissioner is committed to improving the understanding of and response to issues of greatest community concern as set out in her Make Notts Safe Plan. Within the Plan there is a commitment to:

“ensure that we are effective in responding to issues of greatest concern to you and your community, with a particular focus on tackling anti-social behaviour, road safety, drug related activity and crimes affecting our rural communities”.

To help deliver on this commitment, the PCC would like to invest in community led projects and initiatives that aim to improve local communities trust and confidence in the police as well as community led projects and initiatives which improve the way we prevent, identify and respond to those local community issues. This themed funding round will therefore fund:-

- Community-led programmes of activity designed to increase reporting of issues of greatest community concern and improve victim trust and confidence in the police; and
- Community-led problem solving approached designed to prevent and tackle those issues of greatest concern to local communities.

Multi-year funding is available, with up to £100,000 to be allocated between December 2022 and March 2025 to tackle those issues which affect communities the most.

Context

Anti-social Behaviour¹ (ASB) remains the most commonly experienced community safety issue affecting local residents, with estimates from the Crime Survey for England and Wales and Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Survey indicating that between 43% and 63% of residents are likely to have experienced one or more forms of ASB over the previous year.

The Police and Crime Survey also indicates that of those experiencing ASB, only around 28% go on to formally report this to a key agency such as the local authority (16%), police (15%) or housing provider (4%).

According to the Nottinghamshire Police and Crime resident survey, the most commonly experienced forms of ASB in the year to June 2022 were neighbourhood noise nuisance (31%), vehicle-related nuisance (28%) and people using or dealing drugs (22%), however in some areas of the force, issues such as aggressive begging, street drinking and fly-tipping are more heavily concentrated.

A high proportion of respondents to the survey also stated that they would like to see more done in their area to tackle reckless and dangerous driving (37%), speeding (33%) and drug use and dealing (30%).

In responding to these issues, the Police and Commissioner has committed to giving residents more opportunities to get involved in tackling the issues affecting their area, including providing funding for third sector organisations to take action in addressing the community safety issues they face.

Scope

The PCC is seeking to fund projects and initiatives that meet one or more of the following criteria:

- **Community led programmes based on clear evidence of local need** that are designed to increase reporting of issues of greatest community concern
- Community led programmes designed to **improve local communities trust and confidence in the Police**
- **Targeted** projects designed to prevent and/ or tackle those issues of greatest concern to local communities
- Projects which facilitate engagement with hard to reach communities to ensure their voice is heard and they are empowered to help shape the local policing and community safety response to local issues

¹ ASB can include incidents which may still be crimes in law, such as littering or dog fouling, but are not of a level of severity that would result in the recording of a notifiable offence

- Projects designed to improve the **support** available to specific communities, enabling victims to better cope with everyday life and recover from the harm experienced.

Outcomes and evaluation

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We are particularly interested in interventions which seek to impact some or all of the following outcomes for participants:

- Increased reporting and identification of local community issues
- Increased awareness around support for dealing with those issues which have the greatest impact on communities
- Improved local trust and confidence in the police
- Reduction in the prevalence of anti-social behaviour and other specific issues that cause the greatest concern amongst local communities.
- Communities are empowered to shape how policing and community safety is delivered locally.

Evaluation

It is important to the PCC that we are able to add to the local evidence base around what works in this area and demonstrate impact against public spending. Therefore, successful providers will be expected to work closely with a member of the OPCC to ensure that the necessary tools are in place to measure and evaluate success.

Other

Successful providers will be expected to comply with the following requirements and codes of practice where relevant to the interventions delivered:

- Revised Code of Practice for Victims of Crime in England and Wales, which focuses on victims' rights and sets out the minimum standards that organisations must provide to victims of crime
- Cooperation with statutory partners (including Community Safety Partnerships) within existing frameworks and delivery structures
- Collaboration with relevant commissioned services.