



## THAMES VALLEY POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

### Community Safety Fund (CSF) opportunities

#### Background

The Police and Crime Commissioner maintains a fund for spending on local community safety initiatives. In 2017/18, 10% of this fund has been retained in order to facilitate local priorities and central commissioning of services, in line with the PCC's strategic aims (<https://www.thamesvalley-pcc.gov.uk/police-and-crime-plan/>).

#### Police and Crime Plan – key areas for focus

The PCC is committed to delivering against the entire Police & Crime Plan 2017 – 21 and is keen to work with partners who can deliver against some key areas within the plan, as listed below:

##### Priority 1 – Vulnerability

*Key Aim:* Better understanding by police and partners of the extent and nature of **elder abuse**, followed by positive action taken to address the issues uncovered.

##### Priority 3 – Reducing Re-offending

*Key Aim:* A review by police and other criminal justice partners on whether processes for identifying and referring individuals in contact with the criminal justice system into **substance misuse services** are as effective as they could be.

*Key Aim:* Improved data sharing on **gangs**, with the aim of reducing exploitation of young people through gang membership and reducing and preventing **violent crime, especially knife crime**

*Key Aim:* A modern offender management strategy for Thames Valley addressing gaps in existing schemes and **tackling offenders** across the crime spectrum who pose the greatest risk or threat of harm.

##### Priority 4 – Serious Organised Crime & Terrorism

*Key Aim:* Better engagement and information sharing between police and organisations supporting **vulnerable migrants and rough sleepers**, with the aim of preventing exploitation by organised criminals

## **Grant Eligibility**

Applications are welcomed from all organisations, whether large or small, statutory or voluntary, including Thames Valley Police.

Applications for funding must demonstrate a clear link to the PCC's objectives in the Police and Crime Plan, particularly areas listed above.

Grant funding awarded must be regarded as *one-off funding* without guarantee that further funding will be available, or that services awarded grant funding will be formally commissioned by the PCC at a later date. Applicants should therefore consider the sustainability of services beyond the grant funding phase.

Projects can be capital or revenue or a combination of both. Funding can be sought for research, evaluation, pilots, improving existing provision or creating new capacity.

Projects should demonstrate *how* they will bring benefit, or lead to benefit, across the Thames Valley.

## **Application Process**

Bids should be submitted electronically using the application form, '2018 Grants Application Form' available on the Thames Valley Police and Crime Commissioner website ([www.thamesvalley-pcc.gov.uk](http://www.thamesvalley-pcc.gov.uk)). Bids submitted after 18:00hrs on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2018 will not be considered. All applicants will receive a confirmation that their bid has been received online. Please contact the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner if you have not received this confirmation.

There is up to £400,000 of funding available in total, and the PCC is looking to fund 6 to 8 opportunities within that. This is to encourage medium-sized bids, although there is no limit on the amount of funding that organisations can apply for. Smaller projects, however, are recommended to consider the Property Act Fund when it next opens; see (<https://www.thamesvalley-pcc.gov.uk/get-involved/police-property-act-fund/>).

The assessment panel's decision is final, although bidders may request verbal or written feedback, if required.

## **Bid Evaluation Criteria**

All bids must demonstrate a clear link to the PCC's objectives in the Police and Crime Plan, particularly areas of key focus, as listed above. This is considered the "gateway criteria" and any bids which fail to meet this criteria will not be considered further.

Bids that pass the "gateway criteria" shall subsequently be evaluated using quality and cost criteria, where 60% of the final score is based on overall quality of the submission, and 40% is based on price.

The questions that bidders are required to respond to are set out in the '2018 Grant Bids Application Form' available on the website ([www.thamesvalley-pcc.gov.uk](http://www.thamesvalley-pcc.gov.uk)). The

questions in the application form will not be individually scored and are therefore not individually weighted. The questions are intended to ensure that responses meet all of the evaluation criteria. Therefore it is advised that **all** information required of the questions is included. To assist bidders in completing the application form, examples of the sort of information expected are given in the table that follows.

Evaluation Criteria	Information Required	Maximum Score
Validity of bid:	Evidence that the bid proposes an initiative in line with the PCC's priorities (as per the Police & Crime Plan) with preference for areas specifically listed above	Pass/Fail
Quality of bid: (a) Knowledge and experience of the provider. (b) Quality of the proposal	Evidence that the provider has a good track record and experience in delivering services of this nature. Evidence of working to recognised service standards/using evidence-based practise. Evidence that service will develop innovative or practical solutions. Clearly stated outcomes Explains exit strategy for end of grant, referencing wind down, mainstreaming or other valid sustainability options.	(a) 30% (b) 30%
Cost of the bid	Evidence that the service will provide value for money. Evidence that the geographical area or number of people the project will support is in line with the level of funding requested.	40%

### Important Notes

Successful bidders will not be eligible to apply for a grant in the next funding round and funded projects must be completed within two years of the grant funding being awarded. Applications must evidence how they will ensure this happens, alongside their exit strategy (whether that be winding down, mainstreaming into existing core funding, devolving it to funded providers etc).

The Office of the PCC we will be actively promoting the successful applicants to the fund and will be carrying out media publicity activities after we have awarded the funding.

## Timeline

The following timeline is less specified from evaluation stage as it will vary with regard to the volume of submissions received.

Activity	Planned Date
Grant Competition opens	30 April 2018
Grants Competition closes	30 May 2018 (18:00hrs)
Evaluation of bids complete	June 2018
Successful bids announced	June / July 2018

## Guidance Notes

### Identifying the need

Your proposal should be borne out of an identified need and must be based on robust evidence / information. A need can arise out of a community, an emerging issue, compliance with legislation. A need may also result from a gap in services.

Evidence can be numerical data (such as crime figures), or information from surveys and other qualitative sources. The purpose of this evidence is also for use as a benchmark from which to monitor success.

### About the proposal / project / service

It is important to specify where the benefits will be seen – in a particular location, across a district / borough / county, or across the Thames Valley. It is also essential to have a target group which may be specific (14-18 year old girls not in school) or more general (victims of crime).

As part of any agreement following funding, monitoring on outcomes must be arranged. It is crucial that evidence can be gathered to show how the proposal is having a direct effect on the identified need. The need (e.g. to reduce homelessness) is not the same as the proposal (e.g. to set up a shelter) and it is evidence of dealing with the need that is monitored – succeeding in setting up a shelter does not guarantee that homelessness will reduce.

It is looked favourably upon if the proposal includes information about how it plans to evaluate the work and where it will get that information from etc.

### Financial Information

It is beneficial to the bid if a spend profile can be detailed. This helps to specify how the grant would be used and whether the funds would be spent over time (such as with salary) or in lump sums (such as in the purchase of equipment).