



**POLICE & CRIME
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for Leicestershire**

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The Police and Crime Commissioner's Prevention Fund

Knife Crime

**Information Pack and
Guidance Notes**





What is The Police and Crime Commissioners Prevention Fund – Knife Crime

The Police and Crime Commissioner has decided to put aside a pot of money to fund a grants programme specifically to tackle knife crime. This fund is known as The Police and Crime Commissioner's Prevention Fund- Knife Crime. The purpose of this fund is to support the delivery of knife crime projects which intervene early to prevent knife crime occurring across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

How much funding is available?

There is £100,000.00 available. The intention is that this money will be allocated up until the period ending 31 March 2020. It should be noted that the amount is an indicative guide to the funding available and is subject to change.

There are two levels of funding:

- Up to £9,999 pa
- And £10,000 to £25,000 pa

You may apply for up to £9,999 pa in the lower tier of funding and £10,000 to £25,000 pa in the higher tier. However, in order to support as many projects and initiatives as possible, grants of £10,000 and above will be awarded only for exceptional projects.

Who can apply?

The fund is open to applications from any Organisation, the application documents can be found [here](#).

Applicants are advised to check the detail of the Funding Agreements to ensure that they can comply with the terms and conditions associated with the funding. There are two Funding Agreements depending on the amount of funding awarded and these can be found with the application documents [here](#).

What can the funding be used for?

The funding can be used for projects/initiatives that tackle the causes of knife crime and help to save lives. Funding can be used for new initiatives/provision, to expand existing provision or as replacement funding. When considering whether to apply, applicants are asked to consider the "Overview of knife crime" document and the Police and Crime Plan, links to which can be found [here](#).

If you wish to apply for a project focussing on a local area, we advise you refer to the local Community Safety Partnership plan to ensure that your proposal complements (rather than duplicates or overlaps) existing provision. A link to Community Safety Partnership Plans can be found on the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) website, [here](#).

To avoid duplication, we also advise that applicants check the Commissioning pages on the OPCC Website [here](#) to establish what funding has already been allocated.

Throughout the grant documentation the term “project” is used. This has been used as a ‘catch all’ term. We accept that this term may not fit perfectly with all applications, but this should not preclude organisations from applying.


What is the application process?

The funding opportunity is due to be launched on 27th November 2018 and will close on 4th February 2019.

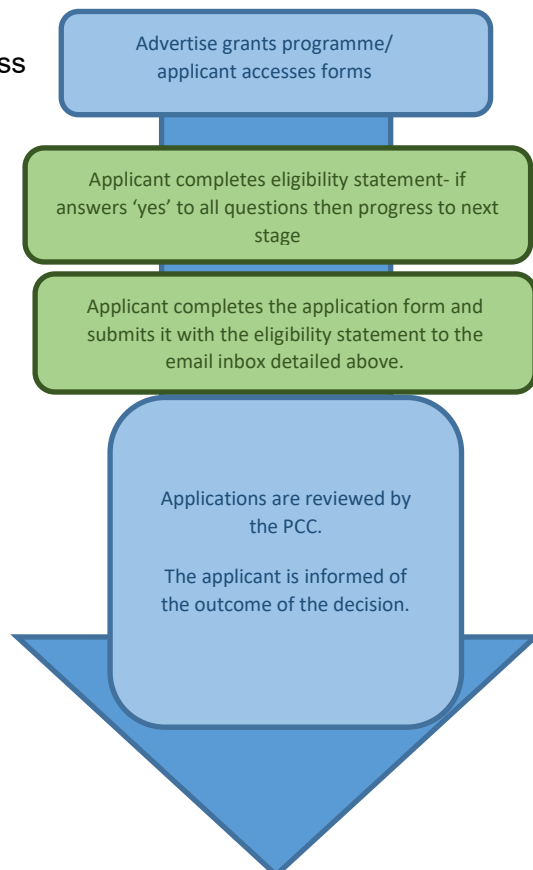
All documents related to the application process can be found on the OPCC website [here](#).

Interested parties must first complete the Eligibility Statement, if marked ‘Yes’ against all criteria, then applicants can progress to and complete an Application Form. Both the Eligibility Statement and the Application Form should be submitted by email to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner via email KnifeCrimeFund@leics.pcc.pnn.gov.uk

Once submitted, applicants will receive an automated email response acknowledging safe receipt of their application. Please complete the form in font size 11 and stick to the stated word limits on all questions as anything over the word limit will be deleted prior to marking.

Throughout the Eligibility Statement and Application Form there are information points  which give more clarity on what information is required in that particular section. Please note that for applications of £10,000 and above you will need to complete the additional Question 6. If you are applying for funding for a second year then you will need to complete the additional Questions 7 and 8 plus the additional information required in Question 5. Please note that where applicants are seeking a second year’s funding answers to Questions 1-4 should be related to one year’s delivery only.

The Grants Process



Scoring and decision making

Each application received will be reviewed and evaluated for consideration by the PCC. The application will be scored according to a pre-determined scoring scheme. Each question will be assessed and given a score 0-4 (as per the table below) and then a weighting will be applied.

Score	Criteria
0	The response did not meet any of the requirements
1	The response did not meet the requirements, but had some detail and/or evidence.
2	The response meets the basic requirements but could have been expanded upon with a little more detail and/or evidence.
3	The response meets the requirements with relevant detail and clear evidence
4	The response meets the requirements with relevant detail, strong evidence and additional supporting content.

Each question has a weighting, either 'High', 'Medium' or 'Low' (to determine which weighting applies, please refer to the questions in the application form). Please note that an additional minimal quality threshold will be set for Question 7 and 8 for those applications seeking a second year's funding.

Applications will be evaluated and we aim to notify applicants by 15th March 2019.

We will also consider whether the project represents direct duplication of another successful bid currently in delivery. Taking into account the whole bid the PCC reserves the right to refuse applications on this basis. Applicants can see previously successful bids [here](#).

When will I know if my application has been successful?

If successful, applicants will receive an email which will state that the funding application has been agreed, the level of funding, whether a second year's funding will be available and setting out the next steps. Unsuccessful applicants will receive an email stating that their application has not been successful.

The PCC's decision is final and there will be no appeals process.

If I am successful what are the next steps?

Funding agreement

If you are successful you will receive a funding agreement. There are two different Funding Agreements, a more detailed one where the total grant given is £10,000 or above and a less detailed one where the total grant given is under £10,000. We will request that your organisation signs the agreement and returns it to the OPCC.

Payment

Once we are in receipt of the funding agreement, we will make arrangements to transfer the funding into your nominated bank account.

Each year's funding (dependant on whether you have been successful in securing one or two years funding) will be paid up front at the beginning of the delivery period.

Monitoring

We will request performance and financial monitoring to ensure that your project is meeting the outputs as set out in your application and agreed by both parties.

Funding awarded under £10,000 pa will be required to complete a monitoring report at the end of the/each year.

Funding awarded for £10,000 pa or more will be required to complete a monitoring report at six monthly intervals.

Some organisations receiving this funding will receive a monitoring visit from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire.