Northamptonshire Road Safety Community Fund

Guidance Notes

What is the funding for?

Supported by the Northamptonshire Safer Roads Alliance, grants of between £500 and £5,000 will be considered for initiatives that support the Northamptonshire Strategic Road Safety Plan which can be found here: <https://www.northantspfcc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Northamptonshire-Strategic-Road-Safety-Plan-1.pdf>

The aims and objectives of the fund are to:

* To increase improvements in Road Safety to reduce accidents and casualty figures in Northamptonshire
* To improve better education and training for children, young people, learners and inexperienced drivers
* To support local communities to increase road safety and become safer, better places to live
* To reduce the economic and the personal costs of fatalities and serious injuries
* To support and work with Road Safety professionals to deliver better driving standards, enforcement and education

Who can apply?

Constituted community based organisations, either solely or in collaboration with others,

can make an application. A constituted organisation will normally have a management

committee, constitution and its own bank account. If you are not currently a constituted

organisation, you may wish to consider working with a local organisation that is already

constituted such as:

* Parish or Town Council
* Residents Association
* School
* Church or other religious organisation
* Youth groups
* Sports club
* Organisations or groups that encourage active community participation in the planning and implementation of road safety programs

If you need any support or advice about setting up your group or any questions regarding the questions in section 1.5 Due Diligence then Voluntary Impact Northampton offer online resources such as model constitutions and free advice and support to groups, you can visit their website: <http://www.voluntaryimpact.org.uk/>

What types of activities will be considered?

The Northamptonshire Safer Roads Alliance is keen to support locally driven community

road safety activities that support the Northamptonshire Strategic Road Safety Plan.

Activities should aim to address an identified road safety issue which is of concern to the

community. This could include the provision of positive activities to target particular

vulnerable road user groups or encourage general compliance with traffic laws.

The Alliance would welcome a wide range of bids and encourage inventive thinking in how the funding could be used to make a positive difference in your communities.

Examples of initiatives include:

* Speed reduction
* Drink or Drug Driving
* Use of seatbelts, including Child Restraints and Seats
* Educational Initiatives Leading to Positive Behaviour Change
* Distraction Driving (e.g. use of mobile phone)
* Anti-social Road Use (i.e. racing, risky manoeuvres)

When purchasing goods/ services, please be specific about which products you are intending to purchase and from which company. You will need to obtain three quotes in line with procurement procedures. Any underspend must be returned to the OPFCC.

What can’t be funded?

* Highways engineering
* Maintenance or repair costs
* Exploratory work such as traffic surveys or feasibility studies
* Commercially run activities
* Projects run for the sole benefit of one individual
* Counselling or 1-2-1 mentoring
* Politically based activities
* Events or activities for which the principle aim is to fundraise for other organisations
* Marketing costs for existing or planned activities
* Premises development, refurbishments or rental costs
* Travel costs
* Assets such as vehicles
* Activities where the application demonstrates the group holds sufficient uncommitted funds to meet the cost in totality of the project itself
* Activities which form a statutory function of an applicant
* Goods or services that are the statutory responsibility of other agencies
* A product or service that has already been paid for – no retrospective funding
* Projects or activities which promote or condone extremist ideology, activities or
* Individuals, including students
* Expeditions or trips
* Bursaries or scholarships
* Community Speed Watch scheme: further information on how to access this scheme can be accessed here: <https://www.northants.police.uk/page/community-speed-watch>
* The Road Safety Community Fund will not allow more than 25% capital costs.

What is the application process?

The process will be open on a quarterly basis with round one closing on 31 May 2019. It should be noted however that the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner has the right at his discretion to close the programme at any point dependent on the continued availability of funding.

All documents related to the application process can be found on this webpage within the relevant funding section. Interested parties must complete all required documents and submit them to the Office of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner by email: funding@northantspfcc.pnn.gov.uk

Making your application

You can access the application form by clicking on the relevant fund you would like to apply for.

Applications will go to the various panels on a quarterly basis and applicants will be notified as soon as practically possible of the panel reaching their decision. On some occasions, we will contact you for further information to assist us with making our decision. In these circumstances, it may take a little longer.

If you have a query regarding an application to the Road Safety Community Fund, please contact Paul Golley at Paul.Golley@northantspfcc.pnn.gov.uk.

If your application is successful

If you are successful in applying for a grant, you’ll be required to publicly acknowledge your grant from the OPFCC, NSRA or the Hate Crime & ASB Delivery Group. We will publicise the award internally (on Forcenet and through other channels) and externally (on the website, on social media, in the PFCC newsletter and through the general media). We ask that you acknowledge the funding by using the PFCC’s logo on any marketing materials (leaflets, posters, banners etc.) You will be sent this when we finalise your funding arrangements. Please also acknowledge the grant if appropriate when you are speaking about the project.

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 you from applying.