

Frequently Asked Questions

Below are some questions the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner are frequently asked about the Police and Crime Commissioner New Initiatives Fund. If you can't find the answer you are looking for, please click [here](#) to contact us directly.

What is the New Initiatives Fund?

The aim of the Fund is to support a broad range of projects and activities that will assist the Police and Crime Commissioner achieve his wider community safety priorities.

Who is eligible to apply?

The programme is open to a very wide range of applicants – public sector, voluntary sector community groups and businesses can apply. It is open to any organisation that can contribute to securing crime and disorder reduction in Essex.

What sort of proposals can we put forward?

Proposals can cover a whole range of activities as long as they support the Police and Crime Commissioner's priorities. These activities could include practical work, research projects, group or partnership development, awareness raising, training, equipment and materials, marketing or promotion.

What sort of proposals will not be considered?

The funds provided may not be used to fund capital expenditure. In addition proposed activities that does not support the Police and Crime Commissioner's priorities or are simply a continuation of on-going revenue costs or salaries will not be considered.

How much funding is available?

For 2013/14 the PCC has allocated £500,000 to the New Initiatives Fund. The aim is to support a broad range of projects and activities. Funding will vary based upon the nature of each application.

Will the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) be involved?

The local CSP will be consulted on each application relevant to their area.

How do you apply?

You will need to complete an application form for New Initiatives Funding. This application will be considered against the criteria by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. We are envisaging a rolling programme of bids and regular assessments through the year, with an increasing focus on the strategic oversight of how funding is being used across the county and to address priority areas.

In the case of this release, applications are required by **10 May 2013**, with decisions expected by the end of May. Before you submit an application, please feel free to contact the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. Assistance will be available to guide and support you through the application process. In addition to this support, each council area has a Community Safety Partnership who you may find it useful to discuss your application with.



Please return your completed application form by email to Pamela.Standley@essex.pnn.police.uk or by post to the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner for Essex, 3 Hoffmanns Way, Chelmsford, Essex, CM1 1GU.

How will applications be assessed?

Funding is limited and not all applications will be successful. Funding bids will be assessed against the Police and Crime Commissioner's priorities. Other criteria which will be used will look at the extent to which the proposal:

- is innovative by providing new ways of doing things that others can learn from
- has clearly defined outputs
- makes a real difference to the community
- is supported by and have the involvement of the community
- has contributions from other sources including funding and 'in kind' support
- delivers sustainable benefits that will continue beyond the life of the funding
- is realistic, deliverable and financially viable

The decision whether to award a grant is made by the Police and Crime Commissioner and all decisions will be published on the Police and Crime Commissioner website.

For large bids, you may be asked to deliver a presentation in order to facilitate the decision making process.

What are the priorities for the Police and Crime Commissioner?

[The Police and Crime Plan](#) details the priorities which will need to form the basis for the types of projects that can be supported. A proposal will need to identify which priorities it is aiming to meet to qualify for funding. The priorities with the Police and Crime Plan are:

1. Reducing domestic abuse
2. Reducing youth offending and re-offending of all types
3. Tackling the consequences of drug and alcohol abuse and mental health issues
4. Improving crime prevention
5. Supporting our victims of crime
6. Improving road safety
7. Ensuring local solutions meet local problems
8. Increasing efficiency in policing through collaborative working and innovation

Will there be a Service Level Agreement or equivalent?

Invariably yes. There will be a document that sets out the obligations of both parties and any conditions attached to the funding. This document will set out the details of any phased payments and arrangements for underspends.

What are the monitoring and evaluation requirements likely to be?

If you are successful and funding is made available, the Office of the PCC will advise with regard to the monitoring and evaluation arrangements. This may involve visits or request for information from the Office of the PCC.