

Essex PFCC Safer Streets Fund (Round 2) 2023-24 Funding Criteria

1. Purpose

The purpose of the PFCC's Safer Streets Fund (SSF) is to address the issues of crime, ASB and feelings of safety by focusing on physical and environmental protective factors in hyper local (LSOA-level) areas.

Applications to the fund must demonstrate a positive impact on the PFCC's [Police & Crime Plan](#) priorities:

1. Further investment in crime prevention
2. Reducing drug driven violence
3. Protecting vulnerable people and breaking the cycle of domestic abuse
4. Reducing violence against women and girls
5. Improving support for victims of crime
6. Protecting rural and isolated areas
7. Preventing dog theft
8. Preventing business crime, fraud and cyber crime
9. Improving safety on our roads
10. Encouraging volunteers and community support
11. Supporting our officers and staff
12. Increasing collaboration

2. Match funding

Match funding will be required for applications. The PFCC requires a minimum of 50% match funding for SSF applications, for instance a bid for PFCC investment of £200k would require £100k match funding (creating a total fund of £300k). Match funding can take the form of in-kind contributions, perhaps including officer time and project management as well as revenue costs associated with capital investment (eg CCTV).

The fund should not be used as a sustainable source of funding and therefore applicants need to demonstrate how the project, or its outcomes, will be continued after PFCC funding has expired.

The PFCC welcomes applications for continuation funding from areas that have successfully applied for national and local SSF funding. In this case, applicants need to clearly demonstrate that previous funding opportunities delivered against the Police and Crime Plan priorities and demonstrate how extra funding will develop the project further.

3. Applications

Applications must be completed in full and must be submitted on the **SSF application form** via the PFCC’s Office pfcc@essex.police.uk. Applications will be accepted from Essex Community Safety Partnerships only. CSPs are required to consult and involve other groups (public, private or voluntary) in the development and delivery of their projects. Bids will be required to evidence what consultation has been undertaken.

4. Decision-making

Decisions will be made using available evidence that demonstrates the project’s likely impact on the PFCC’s priorities and stated objectives of the Safer Streets Fund.

The Fund will be open to all areas (including those that have already been successful). The PFCC will, however, be weighting evaluation towards those areas that have not successfully applied for national or local Safer Streets Funding previously.

Evaluation will utilise the following assessment tool:

PLEASE NOTE ALL BIDS MUST ATTAIN A TOTAL WEIGHTED SCORE OF 50% OR ABOVE (AFTER MODERATION) TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING.

Assessment	Question Score	Interpretation
Exceeds Requirement and / or Offers Added Value	100	Exceeds the requirement. Demonstration by the Bidder of the relevant ability, understanding, skills, resource and quality measures required to provide the services. Response identifies factors that will exceed the requirement and / or offer potential added value, with sufficient evidence to support the response.
Fully Meets Requirement	75	Meets the requirement in full. Demonstration by the Bidder of the relevant ability, understanding, skills, resource and quality measures required to provide the services, with sufficient evidence to support the response.
Acceptable but with Minor Reservations	50	Meets the requirement to an acceptable level but with minor reservations. Some minor reservations of the Bidder’s relevant ability, understanding, skills, resource and quality measures required to provide the services, with insufficient evidence to support the response.
Not Acceptable and Major Reservations	25	Does not meet the requirement to an acceptable level due to major reservations. Considerable reservations of the Bidder’s relevant ability, understanding, skills, resource and quality measures required to provide the services, with little or no evidence to support the response. Bidder will be disqualified from the competition.
Does Not Meet Requirement	0	Does not meet the requirement. Does not comply and/or insufficient information provided to demonstrate that the Bidder has the ability, understanding, skills, resource & quality measures required to provide the Services, with little or no evidence to support the response. Bidder will be disqualified from the competition.

5. Funding timescales

The indicative timescales for Round 2 of the PFCC's 2023-24 Safer Streets Fund is as follows:

Phase	Timescale
Round 2 announced	23 rd June 2023
Clarification and questions	23 rd June – 14 th July 2023
Application closing date	21 st July 2023
Evaluation	21 st July - 4 th August 2023
Outcome announcement	4 th August 2023
Project mobilisation	From 7 th August 2023

6. Monitoring and evaluation

The PFCC requires quarterly returns over the course of each project to update on delivery and spend according to the plan and forecasts submitted in bids. A monitoring report template is included in Annex A.

7. Publicity

Bidders are advised that publicity activities must be undertaken in collaboration with the PFCC's office. The PFCC reserves the right to publish details of successful bids, locations and the value of any award, with messaging developed and agreed in collaboration with successful bidders.

8. Consultation and working in partnership

Applications must demonstrate they have consulted with at least two organisations with relevant expertise for the crime or issue type/s they wish to address to be eligible for funding. Bidders are also strongly encouraged to utilise or conduct public engagement exercises (including surveys) of areas to inform and demonstrate their understanding of local issues, community concerns, and which areas to target. This should include engagement with less well-represented groups and those less likely to engage through traditional methods.

For all crime types and issues targeted, taking a multi-agency / partnership approach is vital. CSPs should take the overall lead in selecting areas and overseeing plans but are asked to work very closely with other relevant partners in their area, extending beyond the mandatory consultation requirements. Relevant local partners could include local VAWG and ASB groups, Essex Police, local authorities, housing associations and VCS organisations. VCS groups may be able to provide their expertise on particular crimes or behaviour types in the local area, as well as evidence and best practice about prevention and intervention.

Local community knowledge being fed into bids is strongly encouraged. We understand the input of VCS groups can be beneficial at a local level to reach and interact with key target audiences, particularly the less engaged. We expect a partnership approach to be taken

both during the bid development stage and once successful projects commence. This will help ensure the full and wide-ranging expertise necessary are in place to successfully complete the projects and deliver the results for the local community.

9. Freedom of Information

The PFCC is committed to open government and to meeting its legal responsibilities under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the "Act"). Accordingly, all information submitted through the Safer Streets Fund process may be subject to disclosure to a third party in response to a FOI request. The PFCC may also decide to include certain information according to its publication scheme. If a bidder considers any of the information to be included in their proposal(s) is commercially sensitive, this should be clearly indicated in their application. An explanation (in broad terms) as to what harm may result from disclosure if a request is received should also be provided, along with the time period applicable to that sensitivity.

Bidders should be aware that, even where they indicate that information is commercially sensitive, the PFCC may nonetheless be required to disclose it under the Act, if a request is received. Please also note that the receipt of any material marked 'confidential' or equivalent by the PFCC should not be taken to mean that the PFCC accepts any duty of confidence by virtue of that marking. In submitting an application, the bidder accepts and acknowledges that the decision to disclose information and the application of any exemptions under the Act will be at the PFCC's sole discretion. The PFCC will, however, act reasonably and proportionately in exercising its obligations and will liaise with bidders where appropriate.

Part 3 – Number of interventions delivered – required annually at the end of the financial year.

Please detail the total number of interventions delivered for projects across Safer Streets. In the narrative progress section, we encourage you to provide as many quantitative details as possible about the numbers of interventions delivered, the number of people reached and other success metrics. This will help us to publicise the work of Safer Streets Fund projects.

Intervention type	Total number delivered or completed	Additional detail (including explanation for any variance from plan)

Part 4 - FINANCE OFFICER CERTIFICATION

I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that:

- a) The information provided is correct, and no Duplicate Funding has been received in respect of this Eligible Expenditure Statement,
- b) The expenditure has been incurred only for the purposes set out in the Grant Agreement for the specified Grant stream.

Signature	
Name	
Position	
Date	