

Commissioning Strategy 2019 - 2020

The application process for the PCC's Grant Fund has now closed.

The Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC's) Grant Fund seeks to support organisations and projects whose work helps to prevent offending, protect communities and support victims of crime to cope, recover and move forward.

The Grant Fund will be created by combining a grant from the Ministry of Justice and funding taken from the Bedfordshire Police Force budget. This will create a single, flexible and accessible grant opportunity that promotes innovative and collaborative working across Bedfordshire.

The total funds available for 2019/20 are expected to be finalised in March 2019.

To ensure organisations have sufficient time to prepare bids for 2019/20, we will be sharing the timeline very soon but will be open for bids on December 11th 2018.

The Police and Crime Commissioner will be looking for bids in three key areas but that cover two key themes which are:

Bid Areas:

Area One: Signpost; which is the Police and Crime Commissioner's Victims' Hub has a directory of services focused on supporting victims of crime and their families to cope, recover and move forward.

PCC welcomes bids around Complex Needs Support, Counselling Support at Signpost Victims Hub and Innovative projects that support the delivery of support to victims of crime.

Area Two: Early Intervention; to improve life chances for all, to prevent trauma, to reduce adverse childhood experiences and to reduce the risk of gang related connections and violence.

Area Three: Prevention of re-offending; supporting offenders and their families to ensure a path towards a life without offending.

Application forms have been designed in respect of amount of money requested.

Form A: £0- £ 9,999

Form B: £10,000-£20,000

Form C: £20,001 plus

All projects will be subject to the reporting and assurance measures, as set out in the accompanying guidance documents but are summarised below.

£0- £ 9,999: regular conversations with the OPCC will be conducted to ensure outcomes are being achieved.

£10,000-£20,000: within 8 months of the service being commissioned, the funded organisation will be invited into the OPCC where a face to face interview will be conducted and a report completed by an external body. Regular conversations with the OPCC will be conducted to ensure outcomes are being achieved.

£20,001 plus: within 7 months of the service being commissioned, an external body will attend the funded organisation's location and conduct an interview, assessment of the service and provide a complete report. Regular conversations with the OPCC will be conducted to ensure outcomes are being achieved.

Details of eligibility criteria for the Commissioners fund:

Bids for funding will be assessed against the following key criteria:

- Compliance with the EU Victims Directive - services must be free of charge, confidential, non-discriminatory (including being available to all regardless of residence status, nationality or citizenship), available whether or not a crime has been reported to the police, and available before, during and - for an appropriate time, after any investigation or criminal proceedings

- An ability to spend in 2019/20 - all bids for funding from the PCC Grant Fund will need to demonstrate that the organisation or partnership will be able to spend monies awarded within the 2019/20 financial year

- An ability to demonstrate innovative and collaborative working across the county of Bedfordshire

- An ability to comply with and meet the monitoring requirements, as agreed with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner

Commissioning Panels

As part of the application process, a number of organisations will be invited to present at a Commissioning Panel (a friendly version of 'Dragon's Den'). The panels will be held within Signpost at Police HQ in Kempston. The Panels are an opportunity for applicants to explain their project and outline what they want to achieve for the funding they have requested. To promote fairness, innovation and engagement, we will be inviting guest panel members to different days depending on the theme area of the day. For example if youth services are being looked at, we will be inviting young people from Bedfordshire to sit on the panel with us. Therefore please expect potential service users on the panels. We will be asking candidates to use the following powerpoint template:

Powerpoint to be infographic based covering:

Up to 15 minutes to present, there will be Q and A time directly after.

1. Organisation name and project title for this bid:
2. Brief background to organisation including any national or local work specific to Bedfordshire
3. Project title and overall purpose linking to which of the three areas the bid is relevant to
4. Benefits and outcomes. For example how many service users would be impacted and what level of change/impact for the service user (including the two themes we have asked for)
5. Possible risks and mitigations
6. Financial details