

## DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY COMMUNITY SAFETY FUND CRITERIA

### What is this fund?

Dumfries and Galloway is one of the safest places to live in Scotland and the Community Safety Partnership wants to maintain the safety and security of our region.

Dumfries and Galloway Council's Community Safety Fund is available to organisations, community groups and agencies to support small scale community safety related projects and initiatives that aim to make people feel safer in their neighbourhoods and/or aim to reduce the number of people who are victims of crime or anti-social behaviour.

### How much can you apply for from the Community Safety Fund?

You can apply for up to 50% of your total eligible costs with a maximum award of £2,000. You should **not** apply to Council Committees for match funding for your project and you should demonstrate in your application what match funding sources you have in place or are progressing. Third Sector, Dumfries and Galloway can help direct you to other sources of funding, and there is further information about sources of match funding in the application guidance notes and information sheets.

### Eligible applicants:

- Community groups
- Registered charities
- Not-for-profit groups
- Community Councils
- Residents' associations
- Groups working in partnership with Dumfries and Galloway Council / Community Safety Partnership
- Public sector organisations

All applicants must be active in our Council's area and spend any agreed funding such that it benefits people in our Council's area.

### What do we fund?

The Community Safety Fund **can** be used for eligible costs such as:

- Community safety advice/awareness
- Crime prevention measures
- Projects for older people or vulnerable people
- Activities for young people
- Environmental projects

The Community Safety Fund **cannot** be used for:

- Core costs for existing work (though we can support start-up costs for new projects)
- Staff salaries
- Retrospective funding - our Council will not pay for goods or services that have already been purchased or provided

- Grants for individuals
- Work which must be undertaken to ensure compliance with legislation, including the Equality Act 2010.

### **Our priorities –**

A key role of the Community Safety Partnership is to identify threats to the safety of local communities and to take steps to reduce or eliminate them.

The Community Safety Partnership focusses its efforts on the following substantial threats and you should clearly identify how your project will address one or more of the following priorities –

1. Antisocial Behaviour
2. Road Safety (Collisions involving vehicles, cyclists, pedestrians)
3. Substance Misuse (Alcohol and Drugs)
4. Public Protection (Child & Adult Support and Protection, Domestic Abuse and Violence Against Women, Youth Crime, Vulnerable Groups)
5. Violent Crime (in the home, in the street, or in other places)
6. Emergency Planning (e.g. flooding, major incidents)
7. Terrorism

In addition to these priorities Dumfries and Galloway Council wants this fund to support as many smaller community based projects as possible particularly where applicants can demonstrate projects that will either make people and communities feel safe and secure or build individual and community resilience.

It is the priority areas listed above that will score higher in the evaluation of grant applications.

Applications that engage volunteers and are aiming to be self-financing and therefore sustainable projects in the short to medium term will also be considered favourably.

### **Reporting Arrangements – Projects and Outcomes**

Reporting arrangements will be set out in the letter of offer following the evaluation of all the grant applications received in that time period.

The monitoring reports should provide an insight into the extent of delivery of projects funded under this initiative and whether the outcomes set out in the initial application have been achieved.

Monitoring procedure –

- An itemised breakdown of actual expenditure against budget in relation to any award must be submitted with copies of relevant invoices and receipts.
- A report of progress and impact
- A note of any portion of the grant which has not been used as specified in the application form. Arrangements will need to be made for this money to be returned to Dumfries and Galloway Council unless prior written consent is given for it to be used otherwise.

- Should your application be successful you will be required to show how the money you have received has been spent, monitor the benefits it has brought and provide evidence within two months of completion of your project.

## GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

