

Active Citizens Fund

The Active Citizens Fund is now in its second year. This initiative combines three previous streams of funding (Proceeds of Crime Act - POCA, Community Initiative Fund - CIF and Police Property Act - PPA) so that West Midlands Police will be better placed to engage with the public and encourage 'active citizenship'.

Coventry Local Policing Unit (LPU) are currently looking for applications from community groups and organisations delivering (or looking to deliver) active citizen projects in Coventry. Organisations do not have to be Coventry based but the project or initiative must be delivered locally in Coventry. Stronger applications will show a link to the West Midlands Police and Crime Plan and local policing objectives around the reduction of crime, anti-social behaviour and vulnerability and demonstrate how communities or individuals as 'active citizens' will be involved in helping to bring about change/project delivery.

In Coventry there are two types of grant available:

Small grants, which offer funding awards of up to £1,000, will typically help fund a one-off event or small community projects. There is a process to award small grants each month. The submission deadline is the last day of the month with successful applicants being notified within 10 working days.

Large grants of up to £5,000 will be available for larger community projects. There will be an expectation that these projects will be sustainable and be active beyond the period for which funding is provided. Grant application forms to be submitted by 31 December 2017 and successful applicants will be notified mid-January 2018.



Money from the Active Citizens Fund can help transform your community



Visit the website to find out how you can get involved
www.westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk

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The Active Citizens Fund, granted by the Police and Crime Commissioner's office, sees criminals' ill-gotten gains ploughed back into the community for good. Local communities have a chance to put forward ideas and vote on bids for their area.

The Active Citizens Fund encourages communities across the West Midlands to be actively involved in projects that will make a positive difference to themselves.

If you have a great idea to help transform your community, or you would like to vote on proposals in your area then please get in touch with your local neighbourhood team.

Essential criteria/useful information

Groups and organisations must be properly constituted and have a separate bank account with at least two signatories where we can pay the funds. If there is no dedicated group/organisation bank account, an umbrella organisation may take responsibility for the financial transactions. A group does not need to be based in the community where the project is run, but the project must be of direct benefit to the residents of that area. We do not fund individuals. We do not fund staff costs. You may include revenue items where this is essential to the running of a time limited project (e.g. for hiring additional, temporary project staff - but these must not be employed either temporarily or permanently by West Midlands Police). The application should demonstrate how the project will help reduce crime and anti-social behaviour and how it links in with the local Police and Crime plan. The decision as to whether an application for a large grant is successful will be made by a Panel and signed off by the NPU Commander. Decisions on small grant applications will be made and signed off by the NPU Commander.

Prior to completing the application form all potential applicants must make contact and discuss their project / initiative with the Coventry Partnerships Team who can provide further guidance. Failure to do so may result in your application being rejected. E-mail address for Coventry Partnerships is coventry_partnership@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk, or phone Pete Sturgeon at Coventry Central Police Station on 101 ext. 8313064.

<http://www.westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk/key-issues/active-citizens-fund/>