

HIGH SHERIFFS' FUND Guidelines

Please read the guidelines carefully **BEFORE** you request or complete an application form. The **Object of the Fund** is to assist projects that promote a safer society and help reduce crime in Lincolnshire.

Eligible groups are:

1. Voluntary or Community organisations in Lincolnshire (not including North and North East Lincolnshire). Not statutory agencies.
2. Priority is given to locally run and managed. We are unlikely to fund organisations that are local branches/organisations of a larger regional or national organisation, unless they can evidence local need and engagement.

Theme:

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Crime reduction: Funds can be used for young people (diversionary activities, projects that raise aspirations or reduce isolation); intergenerational activities (reduce fear of crime, promote community cohesion);

What Can we Fund?

- We can fund local projects that encourage and/or assist those included in the target group.
- We can provide funding to cover running costs, equipment, travel, venue hire, telephone, stationery, refreshments, volunteer training and activities that meet an identified need.
- Whatever we fund must benefit your local community

What Can't we Fund? Political or predominantly religious activities

- Statutory provision
- Animal welfare
- General contributions to large appeals
- Building work

About The Grants....

- We aim to distribute around £15,000 a year
- Grants are for a maximum of £5,000 (average grant £2,000)
- Payments are normally made in advance
- Closing date on 1 March and 1 September (if funds allow) in each year
- All funds to be spent within a year of receipt

What supporting documentation do you need to apply?

- Constitution or set of rules
- A local management board or committee
- A bank or building society account in the organisation's name with at least two cheque signatories
- Up to date accounts or income and expenditure account.
- Other relevant policies and procedures (vulnerable adults policy, equal opportunities)

Is This You/Your Group?

If your project meets the criteria then fill in the Application Form (please make sure you complete it in full, including the budget breakdown) and send it to us at the address at the bottom of the page. **If you need any help or advice on how to fill in the form please do not hesitate to call our Grants Team on 01529 305825 who will be only too happy to help.**

Contact Us

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