Organisations invited to apply for share of £200,000 of crime prevention funding

Matthew Barber (Police & Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley) has opened the second round of this year's Community Fund, providing community groups with an opportunity to support ongoing policing priorities

The Community Fund, jointly managed by the Police & Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable, helps to prevent crime and keep communities safe. Money for the scheme is created from the proceeds from the sale of items seized from criminals that cannot be returned to their rightful owners.

Commenting on today's announcement, Matthew said: "I'm pleased to announce that applications for the second round of this year's Community Fund are now open.

"We have allocated £200,000 of grant funding for community and voluntary groups to apply for, with the aim of supporting my <u>Police and Crime Plan</u> priorities to reduce crime across Thames Valley.

"We have an active community of organisations who provide a significant role in supporting Thames Valley Police to tackle local issues around crime prevention and supporting vulnerable groups.

"I've had the pleasure of previously visiting a number of our funded organisations, seeing the positive impact funding received through my Community Fund has had across our communities.

"I look forward to receiving applications which support a range of areas within my Police and Crime Plan, including those focused on tackling anti-social behaviour and rural crime within our communities."

Community organisations across Thames Valley are encouraged to apply for a grant of up to £10,000 for projects that support one of the following priority areas:

- Protecting Communities (including crime prevention and road safety)
- Protecting People (including domestic abuse and serious violence)
- Protecting Property (including both retail and vehicle crime)

Jason Hogg, Chief Constable for Thames Valley Police, said: "The Community Fund provides an

opportunity for organisations to apply for funding in support of projects that contribute to our policing priorities in the Thames Valley.

"In the last round of funding, we awarded over £200,000 to organisations who were working to tackle issues within our communities including both anti-social behaviour and vehicle crime.

"This latest round of funding will ensure that community and voluntary organisations can continue to run essential projects, which play an important role in preventing crime and protecting our communities."

Funding requests up to a total value of £10,000 will be considered, with funding awards limited to once every 12 months for any organisation. If you have received funding within the last 12 months, we will not be able to process your application.

The closing date for this round of applications is **12pm (noon)** on **Monday 22nd September 2025** and applications will be considered jointly by the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) and the Chief Constable.

Successful applicants will be invited to attend a presentation event, hosted by the Police & Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable, in November.

Further information, including a link to the application form and guidance document, can be found by following the below link:

Find out more and apply here: https://www.thamesvalley-pcc.gov.uk/get-involved/community-fund/