

Agenda Item

Agenda item No: 12	Meeting of: Full Council Date of the meeting: 10th December
Report Author: Town Clerk	2025 Safety Grant
Subject: PCC Community Action Fund – Invitation to apply for Grants.	

The Council are invited to bid and or provide this information to other organisations – local schools, who can also submit their own bids for the Community Action Fund.

The Grant window for Road Safety is open from the 17th November 2025 – 12th January 2026.

Physical options available if full funding is secured:

Mobile Vehicle Activated Signs (MVAS)

In village settings, we usually recommend and support parish councils with Mobile Vehicle Activated Speed Sign (MVAS) schemes, provided that they are fully third-party funded. A MVAS unit typically costs £3,000 (with additional costs for extra batteries and brackets plus installation of posts approximately £1000). MVAS signs must be moved to different locations every six-eight weeks. For two MVAS signs, we would require a minimum of four locations (or two locations with two sets of brackets to move the sign in the opposite direction, which suffices the four locations). The purchase of any unit is made directly with a supplier. Further details on MVAS can be found on the following webpage link:

<https://resources.leicestershire.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/traffic-management-schemes/traffic-calming>

Fixed VAS Sign

A fixed VAS sign can typically cost up to £6000 depending on what the sign displays and its power source. Where possible, we do encourage solar power for operating costs throughout the lifecycle of the sign existing, but in some cases mains power may be necessary depending on functionality of the sign and traffic levels. Where mains power is required, the parish/group must set up their own Meter Point Administration Number, also known as MPAN. Additional information will be provided if this is the route taken.

Additional MVAS/VAS information

- *Feasibility – As the highway authority, we will need to assess the appropriateness for any new MVAS/VAS which must take place before any ordering of VAS equipment to ensure that it works for the volume of traffic etc.*
- *Additional Costs - Initial costs only cover the cost of the sign itself and not the posts the sign requires placement on. The County Council does not support new requests for signs which seek to use lamp columns unless a third-party funds the cost of yearly column testing. The posts will need to be provided by a VAS supplier, or a quotation can be provided by the County Council.*
- *All new structures in the highway require a licence and insurance; further information is provided on the following link: <https://resources.leicestershire.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/parishes-and-communities/apply-to-place-a-structure-or-equipment-within-the-highway>*

- *Public Liability Insurance (PLI) in excess of £5 million to indemnify the County Council in the event of an incident for the third-party structure (sign) placed in the highway.*
- *Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) agreement is required for the operation of the devices placed on the public highway.*

Village gateways

*Village gateways are usually found on the approaches to built up areas where the speed limit signs and town or village nameplates can be incorporated to alert approaching drivers. The signs may be placed on high profile backing boards and when introduced with new road markings, remind drivers that they are entering an area which requires **extra special attention**. A road traffic message may also be included with a maximum of five words. Pricing varies depending on the size of the sign, road safety message, and colour of any backing boards. Please note the following:*

- *An assessment is required to determine feasibility of introducing the signs.*
- *Typical costs for two signs including installation is around £2500.*
- *Road markings consisting of dragon's teeth, "SLOW" and speed limit roundel require a £1100 budget.*
- *Any signs proposed will require a structure licence and agreement to be responsible for ongoing upkeep and maintenance <https://resources.leicestershire.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/parishes-and-communities/apply-to-place-a-structure-or-equipment-within-the-highway>*

Exclusions

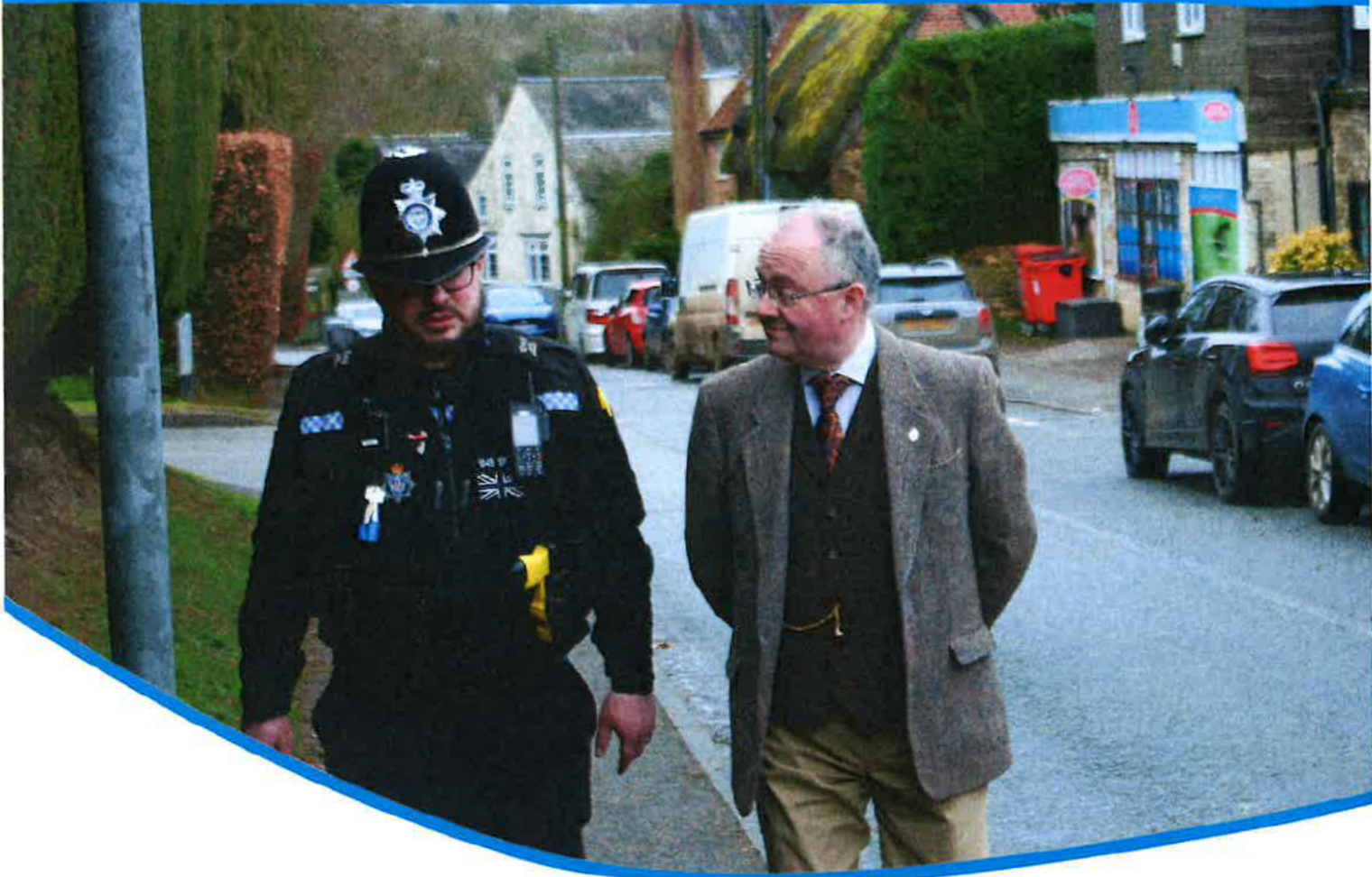
Please note, speed limits and traffic calming measures (speed tables, speed bumps, build-outs, priority systems) are not matters which can be considered through third-party financing as they are subject to specific guidance and regulations by the Department for Transport (DfT) on how and where they can be placed in the highway. The funding available would in the main not be sufficient to cover schemes of this nature.

Many road signs and road markings are prescribed (pre-authorized) for use in the public highway providing they are used in a set format and criteria as advised by the DfT. Many of these items are therefore unable to be considered. Any requests for additional signs or road markings in the highway should be raised through the usual Member (cscmembers@leics.gov.uk) and parish channels (cscparishes@leics.gov.uk) where officers will investigate and advise accordingly.

Decisions:

Proposed:

Seconded:



COMMUNITY ACTION FUND

Part of the Community Action Programme



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The **Community Action Programme** brings together a range of interconnected workstreams focused on empowering communities and smaller organisations, equipping them with the skills and guidance they need to thrive and prosper. This programme includes a toolkit that identifies crime prevention activity that is easy for communities to deliver themselves with low or no cost. For those identified as needing more support the Community Action Fund and People Zones approach is there to help identify types of grant-funded activity are most effective, tailored crime prevention advice, access to other funding streams, and co-produced solutions.

Welcome to the Community Action Fund

The Community Action Fund is designed to provide targeted support to community and constituted groups through a series of themed grant rounds running throughout the year. Each round focuses exclusively on prevention initiatives that address one of our six prevention delivery strategies and will support community-led projects that aim to reduce harm and improve safety. Eligible groups can apply for grants up to £10,000 to support their initiatives.

What is the Community Action Fund?

This fund focuses on prevention, stopping problems before they start. By supporting local ideas, we can reduce crime, ease pressure on emergency services, and build safer, more connected communities. The best solutions come from those who live and work in these areas every day. With the right tools and support, communities can thrive.

Whether you've applied for funding before or this is your first time, the Community Action Fund offers a clearer, more targeted approach to making a real difference where it matters the most. Our funding rounds are focused on the key priorities set out in the Police and Crime Plan.

- Rural Crime
- Road Safety
- Violence and Vulnerability
- Business Crime
- Neighbourhood Crime
- Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG)

FUNDING ROUNDS



Rural Crime

The first round of the Community Action Fund will focus on tackling rural crime, an issue which continues to affect the safety, well-being, and livelihoods of many communities. Rural crime remains a significant concern across the country with offences such as machinery theft and livestock worrying continuing to impact farms and rural businesses.

Road Safety

We are committed to making our roads safer for everyone. As a part of this commitment, Leicestershire Police have a dedicated Road Safety Team working tirelessly to reduce road-related harm through enforcement, education, and community engagement. The Community Action Fund aims to support road safety in the area by empowering local communities to take action.

Violence and Vulnerability

We envision communities built on resilience, creativity, and care where everyone, especially young people, can thrive free from the fear of violence. This grant supports bold, grassroots ideas that offer early support, foster inclusion, and create safer spaces. By investing in local solutions, we can prevent harm and build safer and more prosperous communities for everyone.

Upcoming Rounds

The first three rounds will be open on the following dates:

Rural Crime – 1st September 2025 – 17th October 2025

Road Safety – 17th November 2025 – 12th January 2026

Violence and Vulnerability – 1st December 2025

Remaining Rounds

The remaining three rounds: **Business Crime, Neighbourhood Crime and Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG)** will be launched in 2026, with dates to be confirmed.

To apply for the Community Action Fund, visit our website and complete the application form.

Find out more here: <https://www.leics.pcc.police.uk>

Who can apply?

We want to hear from people who understand their communities and have great ideas for making a positive impact. Charities, Community Groups, Parish Councils, Constituted Groups and Voluntary Organisations can apply.

Please see below for our eligibility criteria.

Multiple Applications:

You may submit more than one application. Each will be assessed independently, and if more than one meets the quality threshold, we may consider funding multiple proposals. However, funding more than one application is not guaranteed and will depend on the overall strength of submissions and available resources.

Organisation Size:

Your organisation must have fewer than 30 full-time equivalent (FTE) staff. Volunteers are not counted in this total.

Funding Limit:

Applications requesting more than £10,000 will not be considered.

Project Relevance:

Your project must clearly support at least one of the Police and Crime Plan priorities. Applications that do not align with these priorities will not be eligible.

Current Funding:

If your project is already receiving funding, you cannot apply for additional funding if the new funding period overlaps with your current one.

How to apply?

Details of how to apply will be available on the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland website. You can find contact details below.

Contact Us



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