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| **Funding Criteria*** Funded projects must contribute to crime prevention, reduction or community safety in the local area.
* Groups and organisations must be properly constituted and have a separate bank account with at least two signatories in to which 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 / priorities of that area.
* The maximum value per grant is £5,000.
* We do not fund individual requests for funding or sponsorship, for example sponsored walks.
* You may include revenue items where this is essential to the running of a time limited project.
* Security improvements to community buildings or locations may be considered if it can clearly demonstrate to provide security for a community asset.
* **Wages/salaries of existing employees cannot be claimed for via this fund.**
* We do not require match funding, but will look favourably on projects which contribute additional funds.
* We cannot fund the purchase of assets that will provide long term benefits to a private company or individual rather than to the community.
* Safeguarding: if the project involves children or vulnerable adults, the organisation must have sufficient safeguarding procedures in place. The safeguarding measures should be proportionate to the risk involved.
* Funding will not be provided for an organisation or project to make payments to itself for the hire of accommodation or facilities.
* Funding cannot be used to make payments to members of the committee of the organisation/group unless this is essential to the success of the project and pre-agreed by West Midlands Police partnership team.
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