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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. |

