



Lancashire Police and Crime Commissioner

The Police and Crime Plan for Lancashire 2024-2029 sets out Commissioner Clive Grunshaw's vision for policing and crime reduction across Lancashire.

The plan sets out the Commissioner's priorities:

- Prevent Violence Against Women and Girls
- Tackle Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour
- Get Tough on Serious Violent Crime
- Rebuild Build Trust and Confidence

And follows a preventative policing approach, which aims for fewer victims, few offences, and less demand on policing.

The Commissioner aims to make Lancashire safer through strong leadership, tough scrutiny, and effective policing.

Our funding streams are designed to provide opportunities that supports projects, schemes and investments that protect people, deter crime, and build confidence in the community in line with the above priorities.

Reducing Reoffending Fund

This thematic fund has been created in recognition of the significant impact that reoffending has on individuals, families, and communities across Lancashire. It supports additional, community-led responses to the complex causes of repeat offending—**not** statutory responsibilities or core criminal justice services.

The fund complements ongoing work by partners such as probation services, HMPPS, and local policing teams. It offers an opportunity to support **innovative, targeted, and collaborative solutions** that promote rehabilitation, reduce reoffending, and build safer, more resilient communities.

Project Objectives

Funded projects should:

- Break the cycle of reoffending by addressing key factors such as **substance misuse, mental health, housing, and employment**.
- Support individuals at risk of reoffending through **mentoring, education, training, or other rehabilitation-focused initiatives**.
- Provide practical support and guidance to individuals leaving the criminal justice system, helping them build a positive future.
- Strengthen partnerships between **criminal justice agencies, local support organisations, and communities** to improve rehabilitation outcomes.

Funding Details:

- Opening Date: Monday 1st December 2025
- Closing Date: Monday 12th January 2026
- Decision Date: Week Commencing 16th February
- Eligibility: Open to charities, voluntary and community organisations, Parish, and Town Councils.

Note: Individuals, profit-making companies, and statutory agencies not working in partnership with community groups are not eligible

- Maximum Award: Up to £5,000 per project

Decision-Making Process:

All applications will be assessed by a review panel comprising representatives from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, Lancashire Constabulary, and local rehabilitation and community safety partners.

Priority will be given to projects that:

- Focus on individuals or communities with high rates of reoffending or those at significant risk
- Clearly provide additional support beyond existing statutory or commissioned services
- Demonstrate strong collaboration with probation services, local policing teams, or community-based rehabilitation partners
- Offer sustainable outcomes that extend beyond the life of the grant and contribute to long-term desistance from crime

What We are Looking For

We are particularly interested in projects that:

- Focus specifically on prevention and response (not general crime)
- Provide targeted interventions beyond your organisation's core services
- Involve strong collaboration with police, specialist services, and community partners
- Use innovative, evidence-based approaches to challenge harmful attitudes and behaviours
- Deliver clear, measurable outcomes and long-term benefits

Funding Criteria

To be considered for funding, applicants must:

- Clearly demonstrate how their project will reduce reoffending and support individuals at risk
- Work in collaboration with local policing, probation, or rehabilitation services
- Submit:
 - **Articles of Association**
 - **Financial accounts for the past two years**
- Be delivered in Lancashire and directly benefit Lancashire residents

- Include a sustainability plan - especially for any capital purchases
- Include match funding where possible (cash or in-kind)
- Provide a final evaluation report with financial breakdown, outcomes, and lessons learned
- Have appropriate **policies and procedures** in place, including:
 - Safeguarding (where applicable)
 - Health and safety
 - Equality and diversity

Additional Information

- Early engagement with the Commissioner's Office is encouraged for guidance and feedback
- Projects must not involve out-of-area delivery
- CCTV funding will be considered only where part of a broader safety strategy with clear outcomes and maintenance plans
- The following will not be funded:
 - Projects led solely by individuals or private businesses
 - Initiatives lacking measurable outcomes or community involvement
 - Projects duplicating existing services without added value

The Commissioner is unable to support ongoing staff costs including salaries for permanent or fixed term staff, applications including funding for one-off project-specific workers, or sessional staff may be allowable.

Application Content: What to Include

Section A: Your Organisation

Include:

- Organisation Name
- Type of Organisation
- Registered Charity Number (If Applicable)
- Primary Contact Details
- Policies on safeguarding, equality, and health & safety
- For charities/community groups:
 - Articles of Association or Constitution
 - Most recent two years of audited accounts

Section B: Your Project – Theory of Change Framework

Key Details

- Project Name
- Project Location
- Project Duration
- Proposed Start Date (dd/mm/yyyy)
- Proposed End Date (dd/mm/yyyy)

Inputs & Activities

Project Summary

Describe the resources and activities that will be delivered. Include:

- Type of activity (e.g. workshops, mentoring, outreach)
- Structure and schedule (number of sessions, days/times)
- Whether this is a pilot or continuation of an existing initiative

Describe the specific issue related to Reducing Reoffending your project aims to address.

- Specific statistics (crime related or otherwise)
- Alignment with PCC priorities

Target Group & Engagement

Who will benefit and how will you reach them?

Explain:

- Who the project is designed to support (target group)

- How you will engage them (referral pathways, outreach)
- Any consultation or co-design with young people or communities

Outputs

Expected Participation

Estimate how many individuals will engage with your project across age groups.

Outcomes

What changes do you expect to see?

Describe the short- to medium-term outcomes, such as:

- Better decision-making and coping skills
- Positive role model engagement (e.g. veterans, police, cadet leaders)
- Access to structured, purposeful activities
- Stronger sense of belonging and accountability
- Fewer repeat ASB or low-level offences
- Improved routes into education, training, or employment

Impact

What long-term difference will your project make?

Explain how your project contributes to broader goals, such as:

- Community safety and cohesion
- Crime prevention
- Empowerment and resilience

Costs

- Funding Request – Amount requested from the Police and Crime Commissioner
- Total Project Cost – Overall cost of the project
- Cost Breakdown – Include match funding (secured or pending), and contingency plans if applicable

Evaluation & Sustainability

How will you measure success and share learning?

Outline:

- Monitoring and evaluation methods
- How outcomes will be tracked
- Plans for sustaining the project or its impact beyond the funding period

Partnerships & Engagement

Who else is involved and how?

- Detail engagement with Local Policing Teams or Community Safety Partnerships (include names/roles)
- List other organisations involved and their contributions

- Include any supporting evidence or relevant data

Policing Consultation

- Required: Contact local police before submitting
- Include name, role, and evidence of consultation

CSP Consultation

- Required: Contact your local CSP
- Include officer name/role and evidence of consultation

Evidence-Based Approach: SARA Model

- Scanning: Define the issue
- Analysis: Use data to explore causes
- Response: Detail proposed actions
- Assessment: Explain evaluation plans and adaptability

Key Reminders

- Request only the funding you need - do not automatically apply for £5,000
- Include match funding (cash or in-kind) where possible
- Explore additional local funding sources such as the Lancashire Partnership Against Crime
- Clearly show value for money and sustainability

Final Checklist

Before submitting, ensure:

- All sections are fully completed
- Policing and CSP consultations have been carried out (and evidence uploaded)
- All supporting documents are attached
- You understand that incomplete applications will not be considered
- A comprehensive evaluation will be submitted at project completion

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Eligibility & Application

1. Who can apply for this fund?

Eligible applicants include:

- Charities
- Voluntary and community organisations
- Parish and Town Councils

Note: Public services/statutory agencies may apply **only in partnership** with community-based organisations. Individuals and profit-making companies are not eligible.

2. Do community groups need to be registered (e.g. as a CIC)?

Yes, registration is essential. Registered groups must provide a constitution or governing document and two years of financial accounts.

3. What if our organisation does not have two years of financial accounts? Can we still apply?

Yes, you can still apply. If your organisation is newly established and does not yet have two years of financial accounts, you should provide as much financial information as possible—such as a recent bank statement, a start-up budget, or a financial forecast.

3. Can we submit more than one application?

There is no limit to the number of applications an organisation can submit. However, only one project per organisation will be funded in each area, and each application must be for a distinct project. Each project can receive up to £5,000.

4. Can we apply if we previously received a grant?

Yes, if your final report has been submitted, you are eligible to apply again.

5. Can we collaborate with universities or local authorities?

Yes. Collaboration with universities, local authorities, and other partners is encouraged, especially where it strengthens delivery and impact.

Project Focus & Scope

1. Does the project need to work directly with ex-offenders?

Not necessarily. Projects can also support individuals at risk of offending or reoffending, including those leaving the criminal justice system or facing key barriers like homelessness, addiction, or unemployment.

2. Can our project focus on a specific type of crime (e.g., domestic abuse, theft)?

Yes, if the project clearly contributes to reducing reoffending and supports rehabilitation. Targeted interventions are encouraged if they address root causes and have measurable outcomes.

3. Is mental health support considered a valid focus area?

Absolutely. Mental health is a key factor in reoffending. Projects that provide counselling, therapy, or access to mental health services are eligible if they support rehabilitation.

4. Can we include restorative justice approaches?

Yes. Restorative justice is specifically mentioned as an example of eligible projects. It helps offenders understand the impact of their actions and promotes accountability.

5. Can our project support families of offenders?

Potentially, if the support provided contributes to the offender's rehabilitation and reduces the likelihood of reoffending. Family-focused interventions must show clear links to positive outcomes for the individual.

9. Can we include CCTV in our project?

Only if it is part of a **broader safety strategy** with clear outcomes and a maintenance plan.

10. Can we apply for more than £5,000 if our project covers multiple areas (e.g. Blackpool and Fylde)?

No. The maximum award is **£5,000 per project**, regardless of the number of areas covered.

Funding & Decision Process

12. What are the key dates?

- **Opening Date:** Monday 1st December 2025
- **Closing Date:** Monday 12th January 2026
- **Decision Notification:** Week Commencing 16th February 2026
- **Project Completion Deadline:** February 2027

13. Will KPIs be provided, or should we develop our own?

Applicants should propose their own **Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)** based on their project's goals. These will be reviewed during assessment.

14. Will we receive feedback if our application is unsuccessful?

Feedback may be provided upon request, depending on the volume of applications.

Support & Resources

15. How can we view previously funded projects?

You can request information on past projects by contacting: funding@lancashire-pcc.gov.uk

16. Can you provide data on priority areas or prevalence?

Yes. You may request local data or guidance by contacting your local officers. Projects serving areas of highest need will be prioritised.

17. Is consultation with the police and Community Safety Partnership (CSP) required?

Yes. You must:

- Contact local police (contacts can be provided on request)
- Contact your local CSP (contacts can be provided on request)
- Include names, roles, and evidence of consultation in your application