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For Merseyside

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High Sheriff and Merseyside Police Charitable Fund

Background Information: The fund aims to work with voluntary bodies and community groups in Merseyside to support community safety, crime prevention and security initiatives in their locality.

What is the focus of the fund: All applications must meet the following objectives of the fund:

- To promote a safer and increased quality of life through the prevention of crime and the protection of people and property from criminal acts for the benefit of the public in and around Merseyside.
- To secure the advancement of education for the public benefit in all matters relating to community safety.
- To increase provision of diversionary activities and facilities that target young people to reduce crime and anti social behaviour.

How much is available: Grants will normally range from £500 to £2500 and may be less than the figure applied for. In exceptional circumstances, grants of higher value may be considered.

Which areas are covered: Knowsley, Liverpool, Sefton, St. Helens and Wirral

Any special criteria: Groups should have been constituted for at least 12 months before seeking funding. The panel is unlikely to fund salaries and staff costs. Priority will be given to projects that focus on the advancement of education and increasing the provision of diversionary activities and facilities for young people. In exceptional circumstances, consideration will be given to other types of funding. NB The panel is unlikely to fund CCTV systems, security measures or similar pieces of equipment.

In addition to the completed application applicants should provide a letter of support for the project, ideally from a PCSO (Police Community Support Officer), traffic community support officer or similar referee.

NB: The donor has discretion to also commission applications.

The next closing date is **Friday 26 July 2019** but due to a limited budget the fund may close earlier when sufficient applications are received.

How to apply?

Please visit the Community Foundations for Lancashire and Merseyside's website - www.cfmerseyside.org.uk and complete an online application form. Once you have submitted the online application you will need to send the documents listed below. If you do not submit all the relevant documents within 7 days your application will be withdrawn. You can now attach the documents to your online application, email them to applications@cflm.email or post them to the address below.

Documents which need to be included with your application:

1. A [copy of the group's rules or constitution](#)
2. A copy of the group's latest annual accounts or income/expenditure document
3. A copy of a recent bank statement for your group
4. A copy of the group's current Safeguarding Policy. All applicants must ensure that they hold relevant policies and procedures in place to undertake activities, such as Criminal Records Bureau checks and/or a health and safety policy, depending on proposed activity. If unsure about what you need please contact the Community Foundation for help (details below)

NB: If you have received a grant from us in the last 12 months and have already submitted copies of the above documents, you do not need to send them in again. However, a bank statement is required with every application.

The following items cannot be supported via the fund:

- Statutory organisations or work that is their responsibility
- National organizations that cannot demonstrate local governance and control of local finances
- Commercial ventures
- Purchase/maintenance of vehicles
- Activities that will have already taken place before we offer you a grant
- Politically connected or exclusively religious activities
- Projects for personal profit
- Trophies and medals
- Organisations that are set up for the benefit of animals or plants: environmental groups that work with animals or the environment (such as city farms) are acceptable
- Groups comprising just one family
- Debts and other liabilities
- Reclaimable VAT
- Travel outside UK
- Gifts or projects exclusively for the purpose of entertaining – social events can be funded where there is a clear community benefit

What happens next?

Completed applications are considered by Community Foundation staff to check eligibility. You may be contacted for more information after applying and a decision making panel will make recommendations based on the fund's criteria and the budget available.

You should expect to hear the outcome of your application within 6 weeks of the closing date.

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