



HERTFORDSHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY

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Guidelines for Applicants

What is the Initiatives Fund?

Hertfordshire Police Authority set up its Initiatives Fund in 1997 to provide practical support to community safety initiatives. Since then it has helped around 200 projects to get started.

Recent grants have been used for counselling courses to deter perpetrators or counsel victims of crime, construct football and meeting areas, landscaping to deter crime at community projects, security measures at homes for the elderly, music based diversionary projects for young people and equipment for youth clubs/centres.

The aims of the Fund are to:

- Promote crime prevention
- Improve community safety
- Reduce the fear of crime

What type of projects will receive funding?

All successful applications will support one or more of the aims of the Fund. They will demonstrate a proven need for the project, have a strong emphasis on partnership work and may not always be able to attract mainstream funding.

Priority will be given to projects that fall under one of the following headings:

- Youth-related, especially where there is a planned diversion away from crime and anti-social behaviour.
- To improve safety for elderly or vulnerable people.
- To reduce the fear of crime.
- Projects that support or enhance the Policing Plan and particularly the local Community Safety Strategy.

Applications will also be evaluated using the following questions:

- Does the project draw in resources from non-police sources, particularly private or voluntary sources?

- Is the grant sought a one-off and will not commit Police Authority resources in future years?
- Is the grant sought part of the whole cost of the project?
- Is the grant sought reasonable in proportion to the Fund? (normally not over £5,000)

Projects that will not be financed by the Initiatives Fund include:-

Requests for funding in respect of a service or function that is already the operational responsibility of the Constabulary or a statutory responsibility of a Local Authority or other organisation. Applications for surveillance equipment, such as CCTV systems.

The following elements in an application will make it less likely to be successful:

- Requests for funding to pay for staff salaries or expenses.
- Applications made on behalf of commercial or profit-making organisations.
- Projects that are seen to provide youth facilities without demonstrating a clear diversion from crime or anti-social behaviour.

How do I apply?

Application forms are available from:

Roger Bardle, Hertfordshire Police Authority, Leahoe House, Pegs Lane
Hertford SG13 8DE

Telephone: 01992 555628 or e-mail: roger.bardle.hpa@herts.pnn.police.uk

Or on the website – www.herts-police-authority.org.uk

What happens next?

If your application is successful a cheque will be issued within 30 days of notification provided the following conditions are agreed:

The money will only be used for the purpose specified in the application.

That, unless inappropriate, the Authority's grant is mentioned in promotional literature and a member of the Authority is invited to any suitable media events.

The Authority may also issue press releases/photographs as appropriate.

That a written progress report on the project is given to the Police Authority within six months of the cheque being issued.

That the Authority be notified immediately if the project/initiative be cancelled and all monies returned.

By accepting a grant from Hertfordshire Police Authority the organiser(s) agree to carry out their project with due regard to the relevant Health and Safety legislation, details of which may be requested by the Authority.

Should it be deemed necessary by the Police Authority due to the nature of the project, a Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) check will be required for the project organiser(s) and any employee/helper. The Authority will provide any necessary support and guidance in this process and any check will be made at no cost to the applicant.