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# **Locality deal fund - expression of interest**

## Background

The Lichfield District Community Safety Partnership was set up as a result of the Crime and Disorder Act in 1998 to bring together responsible bodies (such as the Police, Fire and Rescue Service and local authorities) with other partners to help protect their local communities from crime and disorder.

The Community Safety Partnership produces a community safety delivery plan, refreshed every year, which sets out our priorities for the district. The key priorities for the district for 2024/2025, as identified in the strategic assessment are:

Identified priorities are as follows:

* Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)
* Community Cohesion & Tackling Extremism
* Domestic Abuse
* Drugs & County Lines
* Fraud
* Serious Violence & Violence Against Women and Girls
* Safeguarding Vulnerable Persons (incl. Alcohol, Drugs and Mental Health)

The Staffordshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner provides funding for all districts, boroughs and Stoke on Trent City Council to support projects which will deliver against these priority areas.

## What do we want to fund?

Lichfield District Council, as the lead agency for the Lichfield District Community Safety Partnership, wishes to ask for expressions of interest from groups and organisations that can offer activities which support the delivery of our community safety plan for 2024/2025.

We are currently seeking expressions of interest for a project which address’ all of the following priorities:

* Anti-social behaviour
* Violence Against Women and Girls
* Vulnerable persons

We are looking for a service that will deliver on confidence building, online awareness and safety, reducing risk, physical activity to improve mental wellbeing and signposting to services, apps and advice, specifically for targeting women and girls.

We would want the service to demonstrate and reach out to support services in order to obtain referrals to the program, for example from schools, police, social services etc..

You can apply for a project which covers one or more of the priority areas as long as you can demonstrate how your activity will deliver against the outcomes identified. There is an indicative funding amount included for each priority area however this may be subject to some change depending on the applications received.

### Anti-social behaviour

In 2022-23 there were 859 traditional ASB incidents in Lichfield, equivalent to rate of 8.1 per 1,000 population. This is below the force-wide rate (17) and rates for England and Wales. The current rate of ASB for Lichfield represents a reduction of just under a third (-28.6%) in comparison to the rate seen in 2021 –22 (11.2 per 1,000 population).

The partnership is keen to fund projects aimed at reducing ASB involving young people. Projects should include universal elements open to all young people and targeted work with young people referred to the projects by partner agencies.

The desired outcomes for this activity are:

* Reduction in ASB incidents reported in ‘hotspot areas’
* Better awareness amongst young people of the harms caused by ASB
* Better coordination of agency response
* Young people who are at risk of being victims of ASB are supported to build confidence and become more socially connected
* Early identification of young people at risk of being exploited

Your application should show how you will meet these outcomes through the project activity.Detailed outputs and performance measures will be included in a funding agreement and reported on via six monthly reports provided by the funded organisation to Lichfield District Community Safety Partnership.

### Violence Against Women and Girls

Evidence shows that many women in the UK do not feel safe in public or online: recent (2021) government research evidenced that girls do not feel safe at school or in other educational establishments, and many women and girls in the UK have experienced verbal abuse, intimidation, and sexual harassment in public spaces.

The partnership wish to fund a project to support women and girls who may be at risk of exploitation, domestic abuse, and/or serious violence. We are particularly keen to support activity delivered in partnership with educational settings.

* Improved resilience of vulnerable women and girls to being exploited, abused or physically assaulted.
* Reduction in the of the number of vulnerable women and girls becoming victims of exploitation, abuse and violence.

Your application should show how you will meet these outcomes through your project activity. Detailed outputs and performance measures will be included in a funding agreement and reported on via six monthly reports provided by the funded organisation to Lichfield District Safer Community Partnership.

### Vulnerable persons

Many with mental health needs appear in other high-risk cohorts; including those with drug and/or alcohol challenges, those socially isolated and living in poor quality housing, as well as young people and adults who are at risk of criminal exploitation. Vulnerable people, including those experiencing mental health challenges, are often at greater risk of being a victim of crime - targeted by criminals who exploit vulnerabilities and take advantage through financial or criminal exploitation.

Although the topic of safeguarding is often raised in relation to vulnerable children and young people, it is important to remember that there are vulnerable adults who are also in need of safeguarding and support.

The partnership is looking to fund projects to support women and girls who could be experiencing isolation, poor mental health, have had safeguarding referrals made, showing signs of risky behaviour and/or have been a victim of violence or harassment. The project should deliver against the following outcomes:

* Improved local support services for women and girls experiencing poor mental health and low self-confidence and self -esteem,
* Improved partnership working to support individuals with complex needs.

There is a recognition that cases involving vulnerable people can cross over to involve other priorities such as ASB, domestic abuse and contextual safeguarding, including alcohol and drug abuse issues.

Your application should show how you will meet these outcomes through their project activity.Detailed outputs and performance measures will be included in a funding agreement and reported on via six monthly reports provided by the funded organisation to Lichfield District Safer Community Partnership.

We anticipate approximately £1500 being available for a service to deliver on these areas.

## Who can apply?

We will accept applications from:

* Any formally constituted not for profit community group serving Lichfield District
* Locally based community enterprises and charities
* Public sector organisations

For an application form, please email the community safety team.

## Timetable

Deadline for submission of application forms: 1st September 2024

Strategic Board to review applications: Mid September 2024

Applicants notified of the outcomes of their application: 1st October 2024

## **Assessment criteria and scoring framework**

Applications will be assessed against the following criteria.

### **Organisational capability**

Organisation capability will be given 25% weighting in the scoring process and evidence will be taken from the application form sections 1 and 2.

Criteria:

* Evidence of the organisation’s experience, knowledge of delivery and capacity relevant to the proposed project
* Management / supervision / performance / project management of the project

Indicative scoring:

5 – Strong evidence demonstrating organisational capability and project delivery.

4 – Good evidence demonstrating organisational capability and project delivery.

3 – Some evidence of some organisational capability and project delivery.

2 – Limited evidence of organisational capability and project delivery.

1 – Little evidence of organisational capability and project delivery.

0 – No experience organisational capability and project delivery.

### **Impact on outcomes**

Impact on outcomes will be given 50% weighting in the scoring process and evidence will be taken from the application form sections 2 and 3.

* How well does the proposed project/activity address the factors and issues identified in the project details?
* How well does the project address and impact on the overall desired outcomes?
* How well do the proposed outputs evidence the project impact?

Indicative scoring

5 – The proposed project/activity demonstrates strong evidence of addressing and impacting on all of the outcomes detailed in the project details.

4 – The proposed project/activity demonstrates good evidence of addressing and impacting on the outcomes detailed in the project details.

3 – The proposed project/activity demonstrates some evidence of addressing and impacting on the outcomes detailed in the project details.

2 – The proposed project/activity demonstrates limited evidence of addressing and impacting on the outcomes detailed in the project details.

1 – The proposed project/activity demonstrates little evidence of addressing and impacting on the outcomes detailed in the project details.

0 – The proposed project/activity fails to demonstrate evidence of addressing and impacting on the outcomes detailed in the project details.

### **Value for money - costs**

Impact on outcomes will be given 25% weighting in the scoring process and evidence will be taken from the application form section 4.

* The total cost of the project/activity is within the prescribed budget
* Added value brought by the applicant organisation & project

Indicative scoring:

5 – Strong evidence of value for money.

4 – Good evidence of value for money.

3 –- Some evidence of value for money.

2 – Limited evidence of value for money.

1 – Little evidence of value for money.

0 – No evidence of value for money.

## For further information

Although we are keen to encourage enquiries from potential applicants, we are mindful of
the need to treat everybody fairly and transparently in terms of help and advice. Consequently, if you have any questions about any aspect of this service outline or the application process, please email us. We will respond as soon as possible. We will keep a log of all questions and answers and update these regularly on the website.

## How to apply

Please complete the attached application form and return it to us by email no later than **12pm on 1st September 2024**

If you are successful you will need to provide the following documents:

* Constitution (if relevant).
* The latest available annual accounts or, in the case of newly established organisations, statements from 6 months operation.
* Children and young people safeguarding policy.
* Relevant insurance documents.