

## Longford Community Safety Partnership Small Grants Fund

### Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: Do I have to submit an expression of interest? Can I not just submit a full application form?**

**A:** This is a 2-phase scheme. We have an open Expression of Interest stage and a closed application stage. If you have a project you want to be funded, you must submit an Expression of Interest form before Friday, 08 December 2023.

Only Eligible EOIs will be invited to submit an application form which will contain more specific details about the project, quotations for the elements to be funded, and other supporting documentation.

**Q: Who is eligible to apply for this grant?**

**A:**

- NGOs/Community organisations/ service providers delivering community services in County Longford
- Consortiums of two or more organisations where the lead partner is an NGO/community organisation delivering services in County Longford.

**Q: Who is not eligible to apply for this grant?**

**A:**

- Individuals or private businesses
- Statutory service delivery which should normally be undertaken within the remit of that statutory organisation

**Q: What projects are eligible for this grant?**

**A:** Applications for once-off innovative community safety initiatives that respond to the context of and the outcomes required in the Longford Community Safety Plan and can be delivered by September 2024. Project activities must be additional to the usual business of the applicant organisation and complement but not replace mainstream structures or funding streams.

We expect to fund projects that deliver events that raise awareness of community safety OR activity or training-based projects that enhance community safety in a groups local area OR countywide.

**Q: What is the timeframe for project delivery?**

**A:** All projects must be complete, with monies spent and required documentation, including project report, submitted to Longford Community Safety Partnership by 30 November 2024. Projects failing to adhere to this timeline will be deemed ineligible and funding will be required to be returned.

**Q: When will we receive payment of funds?**

**A:** Projects are funded in two tranches, 90% at the outset and 10% after completion and submission of all project documentation. Subject to the latter all funds will be issued by the end of 2024.

**Q: We are a recently established/small organisation and don't have audited accounts/PPN**

**Registration or Tax Clearance Number. Will this be a problem when submitting an application at phase 2?**

**A:** Smaller organisations may not have a requirement to produce audited accounts. If this is the case for your organisation you should explain this and provide a record of recent financial records (e.g., income and expenditure for the previous year). You should apply for a tax clearance number and register with the PPN –see the guidance and Terms & Conditions Document for help on this.