

Fund Criteria:

Gwent High Sheriffs' Community Fund

Background

The Gwent High Sheriffs' Community Fund aims to provide a safer and better quality of life for the people of Gwent by supporting community-based initiatives and projects that reduce crime and improve community safety.

There is a strong emphasis on projects which aim to mentor and support young people across Gwent, however, the Fund will also consider initiatives which address broader community safety issues.

What is Participatory Grant-Making?

Participatory grant-making is about devolving grant making decisions to the local community. It enables local people to decide how best to address local issues by choosing to support initiatives that best demonstrate effective solutions to the problems facing communities in Gwent.

The event is run in partnership with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent.

Shortlisted applicants will be invited to attend an online grant making event in February 2021.

Grants available

Groups are invited to apply for grants of up to £5,000 to support a range of costs which could include:

- Piloting a new project
- Running costs for a programme of activities
- Purchasing equipment and materials

When writing submitting your application please ensure that your project is fully costed with a strong case for support for the planned expenditure.

Projects are invited to outline what they will be doing to address the continuing challenges posed by the coronavirus pandemic.

Multi-year funding

We recognise how important it is for groups to be able to plan for the future and that having secure funding can give you the confidence and reassurance to develop your projects over the long-term.

This year will be looking to award at least one successful applicant up to £5,000 a year for three years.

In order to be considered for this three-year grant please complete the additional section of the application form indicating how you plan to develop your project over this period.

Who can apply?

Community groups, voluntary organisations and local charities in Gwent i.e. the local authority areas of Newport, Blaenau Gwent, Torfaen, Monmouthshire and Caerphilly.

Please note: There is a preference for grassroots organisations where volunteers play a key role in project delivery. If you are a larger charity/not-for-profit organisation and wish to apply please contact us to discuss your proposal first.

An organisation must have a 2 year break after receiving 3 years of continuous grant funding from the Gwent High Sheriff Community Fund, before they become eligible to apply again.

All applicants must:

- Be able to demonstrate how their activities contribute to reducing crime, creating better opportunities for children and young people and increasing safety for residents
- Have a group/organisation bank account, as awards cannot be made to individuals or personal bank accounts
- Be properly constituted (although not necessarily a registered charity)
- Be able to supply their latest audited annual accounts, or, at the very least, evidence of recent income and expenditure

How to apply

To apply applicants must complete an application form to be submitted to Community Foundation Wales by **12pm** on **23rd of November 2020**.

The online application form is available on Community Foundation Wales website.