Key Question Summary - CSDF 2026-27

Overview of the application questions

Use this summary to prepare your answers before completing the Microsoft Form. Questions highlighted in yellow may require additional thought or a more detailed response. Please read the full criteria before applying. Supporting documents must be emailed within three working days of submitting the application.

Eligibility and application requirements

CSDF cannot fund Speed Indicator Devices; standalone research, mapping or scoping without direct delivery; activity that duplicates existing provision or replaces statutory or mainstream funding; or the continuation, replacement, extension or top-up of activity covered by the PFCC's core commissioning arrangements. Organisations receiving PFCC funding are not automatically excluded where the proposed activity is genuinely distinct and outside the funded or commissioned service's scope.

1. Email address
2. Please confirm which statements apply to your organisation. Select all that apply.

   a. Our organisation is properly constituted, has a clear purpose and, if membership-based, is inclusive and accessible.
   b. We have safeguarding and safer recruitment policies, including appropriate DBS checks for staff and volunteers in frontline roles.
   c. We have a data protection policy, or another suitable policy covering data protection, and can provide it.

3. Does your organisation currently receive PFCC funding for an existing service, and would this proposal duplicate, continue, replace, extend or top up that funded or commissioned activity?

   a. No - we do not currently receive PFCC funding for this service or activity.
   b. Yes - we receive PFCC funding, but this proposal is for distinct activity outside the scope of that funded or commissioned service.
   c. Yes - this proposal would duplicate, continue, replace, extend or top up existing PFCC-funded or commissioned activity.
   d. Unsure.

4. If you selected either Yes option or Unsure, identify the existing PFCC-funded or commissioned service and explain how the activity you are seeking CSDF funding for relates to it.

   If you believe the proposal is genuinely distinct, explain what the existing service covers and how this activity differs. A different geographical area, narrower target group or separate project name does not by itself make an activity distinct. If you are unsure, explain why.

About your organisation

5. Organisation name
6. Full address of your organisation's office base
7. How would you describe your organisation? For example, a registered charity, voluntary or community organisation, community interest company, social enterprise or local authority. If you are a registered charity, include your charity number.
8. Website address
9. Name of person completing the application form
10. Your position within the organisation
11. Contact phone number

12. **Brief description of your organisation, including main aims/objectives. (Max 50 words)**
13. Is your organisation an Essex Council for Voluntary Youth Services (ECVYS) member?

Your proposed project

14. What is the title of the project you are seeking funding to deliver?
15. How much are you asking for in total? (£) Enter a number only; detailed project costings are requested later in the form.
16. Which geographical areas will your project serve? Select the areas where activity will take place or where the people, places or groups expected to benefit are based.
17. Which of the following describe the project you are applying to fund? Select all that apply.

    a. new project or activity
    b. Continuation of an existing project or activity
    c. Expansion into a new geographical area
    d. Expansion to a new target group

18. Which Priority Theme(s) does your project directly address? Select only themes that are a significant focus of the activity. Most projects are expected to have one primary theme and may have one additional theme where there is clear and substantial overlap. Do not select a theme simply because the project may have an indirect or incidental benefit.

    a. Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)
    b. Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) in public spaces
    c. Rural Crime
    d. Youth Crime Prevention
    e. Community Crime Prevention and Target Hardening
    f. Neighbourhood Crime, Road Safety and Community Confidence

19. **Identify the primary Priority Theme your project addresses and briefly explain the connection. Then tell us about the project or activity you are seeking CSDF funding for: what you will deliver, what participants will experience or receive, how and where it will be delivered, how often it will take place, and who will deliver it. (Max 200 words)**
20. **What evidence shows that this project is needed, and how will the proposed activity help prevent or reduce the identified community-safety issue? Include relevant local data, crime or ASB trends, professional intelligence, consultation, gaps in provision, or evidence about the people or places at risk. (Max 150 words)**
21. **What is the expected scale of your project? If it will support individuals, give the estimated number of people. If it is place-based or works with groups, give the estimated number of places or groups and describe the expected reach. Explain briefly how you estimated these figures.**
22. Which age group(s) will the project primarily support?
23. Is your project intended for a particular gender group?
24. **Who is your project intended to support? Describe the specific cohort or target group-for example, young people at risk of exploitation or being drawn into offending or anti-social behaviour. If participants are not in education, employment or training (NEET), briefly explain any additional characteristics relevant to the group; NEET status alone is not sufficient. (Max 100 words)**
25. How will you ensure your project is accessible and inclusive? If it is designed for people with a particular protected characteristic, explain who it is for and why.
26. **How will you reach and engage the people your project is intended to support? Describe any existing participant network, direct outreach, referral pathways, or confirmed access through schools, venues or partner organisations. If arrangements are not yet confirmed, explain what is outstanding and how you would adapt. (Max 100 words)**
    Where delivery depends on another organisation, provide evidence of the agreed access or referral arrangement with your supporting documents.

27. What is the proposed start date for the activity you are seeking CSDF funding for?

    If your application is successful, May 2027 is the earliest anticipated start date. The actual start date depends on the panel decision, due diligence and completion of the Grant Agreement; a May start is not guaranteed.

28. When do you expect the project to finish, and how long will it run? Give your proposed finish date and duration-for example, April 2028; 12 months if the project starts in May 2027.
29. **What outcomes or changes do you expect the project to achieve for participants or the wider community? Describe the difference you expect to see in safety, confidence, behaviour, demand or engagement. (Max 150 words)**
30. **How will you measure the success of this activity or project? Explain what evidence or measures you will use to show whether the expected outcomes have been achieved. (Max 100 words)**

Police & Crime Plan alignment

31. Which Police & Crime Plan priorities does your proposal directly support? Select all that apply.

    a. More local, visible, and accessible policing
    b. Drive down anti-social behaviour and crime
    c. Beat knife crime and drug gangs and protect young people
    d. Tackle violence against women and girls and domestic abuse
    e. Ensure vulnerable people are protected
    f. Improve road safety and reduce road deaths in Essex to zero

32. **Explain how your proposal supports the Police and Crime Plan 2024-2028 priorities. (Max 100 words)**

Previous or current funding linked to the PFCC

33. Has this project or a related activity previously received PFCC funding? If yes, state the funding source and year, what it achieved, and how this application will develop, extend or add value to the previous work. If no, enter N/A. (Max 100 words)
34. Did you apply to the Violence and Vulnerability Unit (VVU) grants round that closed on 26/10/26?
35. Have you recently received funding from another organisation in Essex for this activity or approach? If yes, provide the funder, amount received, project or activity funded, and funding period (for example, Essex County Council, Active Essex, Essex Community Foundation or the National Lottery). If no, enter N/A.

Community Safety Partnership endorsement

36. Provide your CSP contact's name and email address, the date endorsement was requested, and the current outcome: endorsed, endorsed with comments, not endorsed, unable to provide a view, or response awaited.

    CSP endorsement evidence: provide the completed endorsement form or the CSP's email response with your supporting documents. If you have not received a response, provide copies of your request and follow-up emails.

Costs, delivery and sustainability

37. Break down the funding requested by cost item, quantity or basis of calculation, and amount (£). Include the total requested and any confirmed or anticipated match funding, including in-kind contributions.

    Example: Session staff - 24 sessions × £150 = £3,600; venue hire - 24 sessions × £50 = £1,200.

38. What would you do if a key part of your delivery plan could not go ahead-for example, if a venue, partner or referral route became unavailable? Briefly explain how you would adapt the project.
39. What will continue after CSDF funding ends? Briefly explain how the activity or its benefits will be sustained, including any future funding or partner support. If the activity will end, describe the lasting benefit it will leave. (Max 75 words)

Grant obligations

40. If awarded a grant, confirm your organisation will comply with the following obligations. Select all three to confirm your agreement.

    a. Provide a final project report covering delivery, participants, outcomes and grant spending.
    b. Provide progress updates if requested during the project.
    c. Return, or not claim, any funds unspent by the date specified in the Grant Agreement.

Consent

41. Please confirm which of the following you consent to. Select each statement you agree to.

    a. If awarded CSDF funding, we consent to the PFCC publicising our organisation and the funded work and agree to engage with the PFCC media team when reasonably requested.
    b. If our application is unsuccessful, we give permission for its details to be shared within the PFCC and VVU for consideration for other relevant funding opportunities.

Supporting documents

Email the following to pfcc.funding@essex.police.uk within three working days of submitting your application, using "CSDF - (Organisation name)" as the subject line:

- *Safeguarding and safer recruitment policies.*
- *A data protection policy, or another suitable policy covering data protection.*
- *If delivery depends on a school or other partner, evidence of agreed access or referral arrangements, such as an email or letter.*
- *CSP endorsement evidence: the completed endorsement form or the CSP's email response. If a response is still awaited, provide copies of your request and follow-up emails.*

If your application is provisionally successful, current bank statements, governing documents and financial information will be requested as part of due diligence before confirming an award.

42. Have you emailed the supporting documents listed above, or will you email them within three working days of submitting this application?
43. How did you hear about the CSDF funding stream?

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