

## **Guidance Notes for Ards and North Down Policing and Community Safety Small Grants Scheme 2019 - 2020.**

### **Introduction to AND PCSP Small Grant Scheme for 2019 2020.**

The purpose of this funding is to provide funding for projects that specifically match the PCSP targets for dealing with policing and community safety issues throughout the borough. Projects should also promote equality of opportunity and good relations.

Each financial year AND PCSP's Action Plan will set out themes, activities and key projects that will help the PCSP to achieve targets included in the 2019 -2020 Action Plan is a Small Grants programme which aims to support diversionary and detached youth engagement programme facilitating areas of Anti Social Behaviour within the Borough.

The aim of PCSPs is to help make our communities safer by focusing on the policing and community safety problems that matter most in each local council area. The Partnership is funded by the Department of Justice (DoJ) and the Northern Ireland Policing Board (NIPB) through the Joint Committee.

### **Aim of Funding**

Is to improve community safety by tackling crime and anti-social behaviour. Funding is available for projects delivered by community and voluntary organisations, based in the Borough, to deliver detached and diversionary youth engagement projects targeting areas of Anti Social Behaviour in the Borough.

- All projects must demonstrate that they can reduce the recorded incidents of anti-social behaviour and improve the general safety of the community and/or address vulnerable groups.
- Preference will be given to applications that aim to deliver a partnership led approach, working with other statutory agencies including the PSNI.

- All projects must be delivered within the Ards and North Down Borough Council area and spend must be completed by 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020.

## **Eligibility**

The Community Development Fund is open to all community and voluntary groups / organisations based in the Ards and North Down Borough Council area.

To be eligible to apply, the applicant must meet the following minimum requirements:

- Be constitutionally correct and provide appropriate governance documents.
- Be democratically accountable, through regular public meetings, annual general meetings and be managed by a publicly elected committee.
- Demonstrates a fair and equitable ethos through the applicants aim and objectives, in accordance with Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Section 75).
- Demonstrates how the funding will improve the quality and capacity of the community.

## **Funding Available**

The Ards and North Down PCSP has a small grants budget of £30,000. Projects of over £1000 and under £5000 will be considered. Ards and North Down PCSP is not obliged to accept any or all applications and reserve the right to fund successful applications in part or in full.

## **Mandatory Requirements**

- Anti-Social Behaviour projects shall target young people and vulnerable adults aged between 10 to 25 years of age.
- All projects should focus in locations/areas, days and times recording high/increasing levels of anti-social behaviour and fear of crime.
- All projects must provide evidence of need and a rationale for what is being proposed.
- Projects must incorporate developmental opportunities that encourage behaviour/attitudinal change.
- All projects must submit quarterly progress and financial reports to the Ards and North Down PCSP.
- All project promoters must agree to submit detailed quarterly reports linked to phased funding. Any project failing to submit these quarterly reports will have their letter of offer (LOO) terminated 10 days after they fail to meet their reporting deadline.

**Please Note:** All projects must be completed by 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020.

## **DATA PROTECTION STATEMENT**

Ards and North Down Borough Council value your right to personal privacy. We always try to be open about the reasons why we collect, hold and use your personal information. We collect information about you in order to fulfil our statutory obligations and provide you and other people with services. Some of the information we gather may be used to help us provide you with improved services. We always aim to comply with the GDPR Data Protection 2018 principles, ensuring that information is collected fairly and lawfully, is accurate, adequate, up to date and not held any longer than necessary. You have a right to see information held about you (with a few exceptions allowed for in the GDPR Data Protection Act 2018). If you wish to see any personal information held on you, please put your request in writing, stating clearly who you are and what information you would like to see to the address below:

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Ards and North Down Borough Council  
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## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION STATEMENT**

Ards and North Down Borough is subject to the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Council will proceed on the basis of disclosure unless an appropriate exemption applies. No information provided by applicants will be accepted "in confidence" and the Council will not accept liability for loss as a result of any information disclosed in response to a request under the Freedom of Information Act. Decisions in relation to disclosure will be taken by appropriate individuals in the Council having due regard to the exemptions available and the Public Interest. Applicants should be aware that despite the availability of some exemptions, information may still be disclosed if the Public Interest in its disclosure outweighs the Public Interest in maintaining the exemption. Applicants are required to highlight information included in their application which they consider to be commercially sensitive or confidential in nature, and should state the precise reasons, why that view is taken. If the information is disclosable, the Council has no discretion to prevent its disclosure. The Council will consult with applicants, where it is considered appropriate.

## **EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY**

Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act (1998) requires the Ards and North Down PCSP, in carrying out its functions, to have due regard to the need to promote equality of opportunity:

- Between persons of different religious belief, political opinion, racial group, age, marital status or sexual orientation;
- Between men and women generally;
- Between persons with a disability and persons without;
- Between persons with dependents and person without.

In addition, without prejudice to its obligation, the Ards and North Down PCSP shall, in carrying out its functions, have regard to the desirability of promoting good relations between persons of different religious belief, political opinion or racial group.