

The Office of Faith Based and Community Initiatives



FUNDING APPLICATION


Northamptonshire Police and Crime Commission is “Committed to putting victims first and making Northamptonshire the safest place in England.”

This Commission has set an ambitious police and crime plan containing 6 outcomes as follows:

- There will be a reduction of at least 40% in violent crime
- There will be a focus on eradicating drugs and reducing acquisitive crime
- Anti-social behaviour will be robustly and intelligently tackled
- Northamptonshire will have a more visible police force
- Northamptonshire will be a secure place
- Northamptonshire will have the safest roads

We must build a model of crime prevention and policing that meets the needs of the county and uses resources to deliver real value and outcomes. In this respect I have created the Office of Faith-based and Community Initiatives that will enhance the capacity of faith-based and community organisations and groups to design and implement successful initiatives and programmes of work to increase community safety.

I am committed to achieving sustainable improvements to crime prevention and community safety and I believe that by investing in faith-based and community initiatives we will see an increase in local community participation, an increase in creative and innovative activities on the ground and I believe that faith-based and community initiatives can and will make a significant contribution to the aforementioned outcomes and wider agenda.



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FUNDING APPLICATION FORM

The information on this form will help us to properly appraise your application so please do refer to the eligibility criteria and feel free to contact me (Helen Boardman) if there is anything that you don't understand - my mobile number is 07557 775998

Q1. Contact Details

Name of organisation: Church on the Heath

Organisation address: Welland Way, Kings Heath, Northampton.

Postcode: NN5 7NB

The first contact person should be someone from your organisation who can discuss the application. The second person's is somebody who is in support of your application and can vouch for your ability to deliver what you have proposed. . This could be an existing or previous funder, a trustee, somebody else in a professional office.

About your organisation

Q2. What type of organisation are you?

Constituted community group

Other (please state):

Unregistered community group/club/society

Registered charity

Registered charity number: Church of England/Baptist therefore excepted by the Charity Commission and doesn't have a specific local number

Q3. How long has your organisation been operating?

Please give date:
locally on the estate from its
inception, mid 1950's

ABOUT YOUR PROPOSED INITIATIVE

The initiative's name is: [Out There](#)

Q4. What police and crime plan outcome(s) will your initiative contribute towards?

Northamptonshire will be a more secure place

There will be a reduction in violent crime

There less drugs and less acquisitive crime

There will be less anti-social behaviour

Roads will be safer

Q5. How will your initiative help to achieve the above outcome(s) and will it be innovative in any way?

By investing trained personnel backed up by volunteers to provide:

1. Weekly Youth Drop in.

a safe place for young people to be together;

2. Weekly term time Homework Club

a positive context in which academic achievement can be enabled;

3. Mentoring by regular appointment

a trained person to talk over issues that cause young people to respond inappropriately in community, social and people environments;

4. Drugs Education through school and club presentations

a trained person to educate concerning addictive practices and the development of constructive relationships.

This is a heart, mind and body project that will encourage responsible behaviour, provide safe space for social interaction and nurture hope for the young person's future prospects.

What is innovative about this project is that none of this is happening, or to our knowledge has happened previously on the estate.

We don't have a particular gang issue on the estate, just too many young people without active guidance. The range of activity in this initiative will address this. ASB is generated by actions out of the immediate with little or no thought for consequences or others. This initiative encourages longer term thinking, being mindful of others, consequences of actions and behaviours; all vital antidotes to ASB.

Q6. Who will this initiative support and how many? (Beneficiaries)

The varying activities of the project will be aimed at older primary age children and young people up to the age of 16 years.

Older primary age children will number about 10 – 20 plus young people numbering 15 – 30 in managed environments plus larger class sized groupings.

This will support young people who have a chaotic family background out of which there is no realistic encouragement to better themselves in education or in life. This means that without the alternative that this initiative offers, the same negative traits of their adult models will be replicated in a new generation.

A local trader recently commented that if he concentrated on selling 'weed' and alcohol he would be a millionaire. This is the adult example many kids are presented with on the estate. A positive role model that encourages a safe, positive, alternative future is essential for the community.

Q7. For what duration and how frequently will the initiative be operational?

The project will run from Spring 2015 until Summer 2016 initially.

The project will comprise three regular weekly activities supplemented by monthly targeted presentations. This is expected to require 16 hours per week.

Q8. Where will the initiative's beneficiaries reside?

Town/city/village: Kings Heath and surrounding area.

District/Borough: Northampton

Q9. What crime(s) do you foresee the initiative will help to prevent?

The cumulative effect of educative, preventative and alternative safe activity for young people is expected to impact levels of anti-social behaviour and petty crime including vandalism.

The Kings Heath/Spencer area is acknowledged as one of social deprivation. We have continued examples of voluntary and statutory bodies seeking to extricate young people from the consequences and impact of their and parental life choices.

This initiative is an attempt to get education, better choices and opportunity earlier into young lives.

'X' is an immature young man bullied at school. His school was changed but issues continued.

Mentoring uncovered the truth which some lies were covering and a dangerous situation at home was dealt with by other bodies. 'X' is now more settled, truthful and maturing.

Lack of intervention could have led to exclusion, a broken family, a resentful self harming and disillusioned young man with all the accompanying life and community costs. One less person to need a gang to replace family.

Q10. How will your initiative help to increase community safety?

By encouraging a greater sense of personal responsibility for behaviour and also give groups of young people safe and positive environments that will encourage prospects for the future.

Young people tend to hang around, complain there is nothing to do, be influenced by other wrong behaviour and then get into trouble. There are community complaints about this and the Safer Community team are aware. The youth await somebody else to take responsibility for entertaining them.

This initiative will show them that others are interested in them, will provide positive activity and help focus them towards a more hopeful future. This change of atmosphere for, in and around a young person will be amplified when accompanied by similar change in their peers.

For example we have observed a young boy who would verbally lash out, get into fights and encourage similar behaviour in others. Mentoring has helped him deal with the inner anger at his life experience and given him techniques to better handle his response to situations. This benefit then 'seeps' into his circle of friends and their section of community. This is not an isolated example. This initiative will increase this possibility for others.

Q11. How many people will be involved in your initiative in delivering your initiative?

Management Committee members:

Full-time staff: One

Part-time staff: Nil

Volunteers (not including Management Committee): Six

Q12. How will you actively involve beneficiaries in design, delivery and evaluation of your initiative?

Weekly Youth Drop in.

Design and Delivery: Facilities will be made available and their use and the content of the time will be structured and influenced by the users.

Evaluation: seen in the number of regular attenders and popularity of the Drop In.

Weekly term time Homework Club. Pupils will be the immediate beneficiaries and the benefit to them will be seen in the numbers who voluntary attend. The feedback from secondary beneficiaries, viz: teachers and parents, will also be assessed.

Mentoring by regular appointment. This will be entirely beneficiary led as the issues presented by the young person will be the subject of the mentoring. Evaluation will be evidenced by the individuals response and personal progress.

Drugs Education through school and club presentations. Questionnaires will be completed by beneficiaries and assessed.

Q13. Will your initiative be inclusive of (and/or) collaborate with other faith groups and non-faith groups?

Provision of all services will be open to all. Volunteers will be drawn from all faiths and none.

We have partnered with the Residents Association and raised funds for a body camera for the local police team.

We sponsor an annual leaders meal that includes all the voluntary and statutory groups on the estate.

We have sponsored young people on residential adventure breaks. We have worked with other groups to provide sports and fun days on the estate.

We are currently working with the police etc towards a Community Fun Day in June.

Q14. Will your initiative add any social, economic and environmental value to your community?

It certainly should if young people are given time and opportunity to improve their life chances and take responsibility for their actions and choices.
The young person is more likely not to be involved in anti-social behaviour, to aspire to find a job and get along better with other people.
One young man, lacking family support and education and who has been in the mentoring programme has gained a job and become a junior leader at the youth club.

Damage through vandalism has reduced according to the local safer community team.

Q15. How will your initiative be sustained beyond the OFBCI funding award?

Grant funding remains a possibility, but we plan that the income generation from New 2 You, the local community charity shop and a supporting partner will also increase.

The initiative itself is aimed at personal and community benefit. The only way it could generate income is to charge for the services provided which, as young people are the target clientèle, doesn't seem viable.

Q16. Will this project be part of a wider partnership? (*Please describe the nature/level of partnership and who are your partners?*)

Yes. The income generation from the volunteer based New 2 You community charity shop on the estate has been mentioned above.

The existing youth and community work is regularly liaised with the Kings Heath Residents Association, local schools, church, Borough and County councillors and Police. Introducing eg the Police, can be a sensitive issue for many young people whose upbringing [or lack of] means they see them as the enemy. We have drawn the Police and Fire Brigade into the planning for the Community Fun Day in June. This alongside bouncy castles etc should provide a 'soft' introduction to young people.

Q17. How will monitor and evaluate your performance and what evidence could you use to demonstrate that the project has been successful?

The use of questionnaires, feedback from partners, particularly the school and Police, and the popularity of the project.

Evidence of success would be measured by a combination of:

1. Feedback from the school and parents.
2. Feedback from the local Safer Community team.
3. Attendance records from the various aspects of the project.
4. Signs of personal progress in the lives of young people.
5. Records of beneficiaries personal comments.

Q18. How could your local policing partners support you to ensure your initiative is a success?

As already in partnering to deal with antisocial behaviour or petty vandalism.
 Also there is partnership in Community Events.
 Commending the opportunity for either the Mentoring or Drugs Education to local schools and young people's groups.

Q19. When will your initiative take place?

Dates to-from March 2015 to July 2016.

Q20. Which of our Office of Police and Crime Commission overarching ambitions does your initiative most closely relate to?

- Support for victims
- Take a generation out of crime
- Turning offender's lives around
- Becoming a restorative practice county

Money

Q21. How much money do you wish to apply for?

£ 3,000.00

Q22. What aspects are you asking us to fund?

Item	Total Cost	Amount Requested
e.g. Sessional Hrs	£ 7,500.00	£ 3,000.00
e.g. Volunteer expenses	£	£
e.g. Equipment costs	£	£
	£	£
	£	£
	£	£
Grant totals:	£ 7,500.00	£ 3,000.00

Matched investment and/or in-kind contributions

Q23. Will you match fund with actual funding or in-kind contributions?

In kind contributions from the group of volunteers

£4,500.00

Q24. How would you describe the people who will primarily benefit from this project?

Victims	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Disabled	<input type="checkbox"/>	Specific faith	<input type="checkbox"/>
Youths	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	General public	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prisoners	<input type="checkbox"/>
Men	<input type="checkbox"/>	Women	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ex-offenders	<input type="checkbox"/>
On licence	<input type="checkbox"/>	BME groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	Refugees	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q25. Please indicate the main ethnic background of the people who will benefit from your project.

Race relations (Amendment) Act 2000

* I would describe their ethnic origin as:

Asian or Asian British

- Bangladeshi
- Indian
- Pakistani
- Any other Asian background

Black or Black British

- African
- Caribbean
- Any other Black background

Mixed

- White & Asian
- White & Black African
- White & Black Caribbean
- Any other mixed background

White

- British
- Irish
- Any other White background

Other Ethnic Group

- Chinese
- Any other ethnic group
- I do not wish to disclose this

Equality Act 2006

* Please indicate the religion or belief of your initiative?

<input type="checkbox"/> Atheism	<input type="checkbox"/> Jainism	<input type="checkbox"/> Hinduism
<input type="checkbox"/> Buddhism	<input type="checkbox"/> Sikhism	<input type="checkbox"/> Judaism
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Christianity	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> I do not wish to disclose this
<input type="checkbox"/> Islam		

Disability Discrimination Act 2005

* Will any of your beneficiaries have a disability?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> I do not wish to disclose this information
	<input type="checkbox"/> No	