

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 six 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:
Re:store Northampton

Organisation address:
Unit G3, Nene Enterprise Centre, Freehold Street, Northampton

Postcode: NN2 6EF

The first contact person should be someone from your organisation who can discuss the application. The second person 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 or someone 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:
1154625

Q3. How long has your organisation been operating?

Please give date:

6 years as part of Central Vineyard Church. 18 months as an independently registered charity

ABOUT YOUR PROPOSED INITIATIVE

The initiative's name is:

Re:store Hub

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 will be 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?

Re:store Hub has emerged out of Northampton Food Bank, which has been operating since 2009. In this time, we have met the immediate practical needs of over 20,000 residents of Northampton through food and home essentials, including items for children and babies as well as additional food and gifts at Christmas. We work closely with over 100 agencies and 20 faith communities in the town, including services which aim to reduce crime and offending behaviour and work with victims of crime, such as C2C (Crime 2 Christ), Substance2Solutions and Nene Valley Christian Family Refuge. These agencies have reported that the food and support provided by Re:store Northampton has prevented crime. In 2014, C2C informed us one woman had no money and told her worker that she would have to steal food, but instead she was able to receive a food box from Northampton Food Bank. Another report revealed that one woman felt forced into prostitution due to poverty, but our services enabled her to make positive choices and avoid criminal behaviour.

Clients can collect food parcels from 10 distribution points across the town, with Re:store Hub being the central location from which everything operates. This is a new initiative which aims to meet individuals physical, emotional, psychological and spiritual needs, through building relationships. Whilst they collect the food parcel, the client can also receive support and advice regarding the causes of poverty. Staff and volunteers have accessed basic training, but over the next year intend to improve their skills and qualifications in dealing with the myriad of problems with which these vulnerable adults present. This includes financial insecurity, debt, housing issues or homelessness, mental health problems, addictions and offending behaviour. Clients receive support in accessing specialist services, and we aim for this to be above basic signposting, but for mentors to be able to support them in directly attending appointments or meeting for 1:1 support outside of the Hub drop-in session.

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

In 2014/15 (April-March), 9,000 adults and children received support from Re:store Northampton. We expect over 10,000 people to benefit directly from Northampton Food Bank in 2015/16. As we develop Re:store Hub, we hope to see an increase in the number of people accessing our services, not just when they are in crisis, but for the additional support to prevent the need for emergency provisions in the future. We have begun this process and are now meeting 20 families per week at Re:store Hub. We aim to offer an additional session each week to accommodate more adults and offer services appropriate for families with young children. In addition to this, we are working on a partnership with specialist money and advice services, to provide drop-in sessions at Re:store Hub, to improve services for beneficiaries and increase the number accessing our service. We anticipate reaching 80 individuals weekly by the end of this year.

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

Re:store Hub aims to offer 200 sessions a year, which will average 4 sessions per week, for 50 weeks of the year. This will consist of the drop-in sessions described above, CAP Money course offered quarterly, CAP Release (addictions course), life skills, cookery, the allotment programme, employability workshops. This may well be exceeded by 2016, once volunteers are trained in mentoring individuals 1:1.

Q8. Where will the initiative’s beneficiaries reside?

Town/city/village: Borough of Northampton

District/Borough: Northampton

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

Theft (including shoplifting, breaking & entering, burglary, robbery), Assault, ABH, GBH, Domestic Abuse, Murder, Child Abuse, Neglect, Prostitution & Exploitation, Illegal substance misuse, Drunk & Disorderly, Anti-social behaviour, Begging, Sleeping Rough, Illegal street trading, Knife/Gun crime.

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

Through the provision of a safe space where individuals can seek advice and support for their whole family, we aim to increase community safety. Adults will be able to access services that deal with the causes of poverty, build skills and build positive networks, which will improve mental health, stability within the community, access to employment, positive money management, better physical health, and reduce levels of poverty. Families will be welcomed into a safe environment where practical and emotional needs can be met. Staff and volunteers will encourage positive behaviour and connections between this community, improving attitudes and safety both within this social group and the wider community.

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

Management Committee members: 5

Full-time staff: 0

Part-time staff: 5

Volunteers (not including Management Committee): 15

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

Clients have been consulted about the need for the delivery of the services outlined above. This has been conducted through a consultation event as well as verbally over 12 months across the Food Bank Distribution Point drop-in's. Beneficiaries are actively involved in service delivery as relationships develop, offering volunteering opportunities to clients as appropriate. These individuals will continue to be involved in the design, delivery and evaluation of services, and throughout the operation, beneficiaries will continue to shape the way in which we work. Being a small charity with minimal staff, we can adapt services to meet the needs of the clients.

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

Re:store Northampton works in partnership with over 20 faith communities, of all religions, as well as another 100 services that have no faith basis. The services offered are available to people of all or no faith.

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

Already Re:store Northampton has a dramatic impact on the economic and social environment of the town. We are a frontline agency providing emergency provisions for those in financial crisis, and seeking to address the causes of poverty. In 2013, it was reported that over 9,000 children are living in poverty in Northampton, at a cost of £98million to Northamptonshire County and Borough Councils. In providing a service which tackles the poverty of individuals and families, we aim to improve the economic climate within the town, improve opportunities, increase skills and employability, create volunteering opportunities, improve mental health and well as many other social benefits.

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

Re:store Northampton has several approaches to fundraising. We are supported by local churches, social groups and individuals through regular donations, which will continue without a fixed end. We seek support from charitable grants and trust funds, both locally and nationally, such as Comic Relief, Big Lottery Fund and Northampton Community Foundation. We have approached local businesses to support us regularly through charitable giving, nominated causes (token systems in supermarkets etc) or fundraising events. We are developing other fundraising opportunities, and have localgiving.com and justgiving.com pages, as well as a text-to-give number, which we promote through social media.

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

As previously mentioned we work in partnership with faith groups and agencies across the town, but effectively Re:store Hub will be the responsibility of Re:store Northampton.

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

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

Q19. When will your initiative take place?

April 2015-March 2016 (and ongoing subject to continued funding from other sources as above)

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

- Support for victims
- Taking 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

Q22. What aspects are you asking us to fund?

Item	Total Cost	Amount Requested
Refreshments, including hot meal one lunchtime a week	£5,000	£500
2 Computers to access jobs, housing etc	£1,200	£600
CAP Money course material	£480	£480
Staff & Volunteer training costs	£1,200	£420
Emergency food provision	£2,880	£1,000
	£	£
Grant totals:	£	£3,000

Matched investment and/or in-kind contributions

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

£3,000 in food contributions, volunteer hours and match funding from Central Vineyard Church

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

Victims	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Disabled	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Specific faith	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Youths	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	General public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Prisoners	<input type="checkbox"/>
Men	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Women	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ex-offenders	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
On licence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	BME groups	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Refugees	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
				Other	<input checked="" 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	Mixed	Other Ethnic Group
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bangladeshi	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> White & Asian	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chinese
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indian	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> White & Black African	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any other ethnic group
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pakistani	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> White & Black Caribbean	<input type="checkbox"/> I do not wish to disclose this
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any other Asian background	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any other mixed background	
Black or Black British	White	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> African	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> British	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caribbean	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Irish	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any other Black background	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any other White background	

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	