



CURV Knife Crime - Community Education Small Grants

May-June 2024

Introduction

In Cleveland, the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) is responsible for leading and co-ordinating the local response to serious violence through the establishment of a Violence Reduction Unit (VRU).

Funded by the Home Office, Cleveland's Unit for the Reduction of Violence (CURV) is responsible for delivering a 'whole system', public health approach to tackling violence, bringing together key partners to identify the local drivers and root-causes of serious violence and agree and implement a multi-agency response to them.

Tackling Knife Crime in Cleveland

A key priority of CURV is the reduction of knife/weapon enabled offences and hospital admissions. All interventions commissioned, funded or partnered by CURV ultimately seek to help reduce these figures which currently account for 22% of all serious violence offences across Cleveland.

The latest youth survey highlighted that 6% of young people indicated that they have carried a knife supported by previous analysis which highlights that this trend starts as early as primary school.

Working with community-based organisations and the education sector CURV plans to:

- Evaluate and build on existing commissioned interventions to reduce serious violence.
- Work with communities and young people to co-design place-based interventions.

- Develop an online education resource hub; bringing together recognised knife crime education lesson, workshops and teaching aids to assist education partners, parents, guardian and youth groups.
- Deliver a small grants fund to support Knife Crime Community Education activities and interventions.

CURV Knife Crime Community Education - Small Grants Fund

The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) with support from the CURV partnership has made available **£40,000** which is open to local charitable or voluntary community sector organisations to access a one-off grant that works towards reducing knife crime amongst young people by delivering against the following outcomes:

- Helping young people understand the potential consequences of picking up a knife.
- Supporting young people to make better choices if they ever consider picking up a knife.
- Providing young people with tools on what to do if they know someone is carrying a knife.

The intention is, where practicable, to distribute funding equally across Cleveland to ensure an equal distribution of provision. Applicants can apply for up to (but not exceeding) **£9,999** per project.

Applicants should ensure delivery between the periods 2nd September 2024 to 31st March 2025, clearly setting out these timescales within the application.

There is an expectation for all successful applicants to work with key CURV delivery partners within Cleveland, such as Cleveland Police, Local Authorities, VCS organisations and charities to ensure a coordinated and joined up delivery of knife crime reduction initiatives that strengthen and reinforce the ‘anti knife crime’ message across the whole of Cleveland.

Applicants are invited to submit bids for funding that support the delivery of:

Knife Education Programme

Applications are sought that provide community and education setting knife-crime reduction activities that are designed to reach young people aged 10–18 years (year 6 – 13).

Successful applications will be able to demonstrate how their provision can link in with education settings and other local schemes including; Holiday Activity and Food programmes, National Citizenship Service to provide their knife reduction activities to children and young people.

Delivery across Cleveland would be an expectation of the funding, but preference will be given to applicants that are able to prioritise delivery in hotspot locations:

- **Middlesbrough:** Central, Newport, North Ormsby, Hemlington, Longlands & Beechwood, and Park Wards.
- **Stockton:** Newtown, Parkfields & Oxbridge, and Mandale & Victoria.
- **Redcar & Cleveland:** Grangetown and Coatham.
- **Hartlepool:** Foggy Furze. Headlands and Harbour, Burn Valley

Crucial Crew

Applications are invited for an organisation to deliver a bespoke knife crime reduction awareness session for year 6 pupils during Hartlepool's 'Crucial Crew' programme that will run from the 7th – 18th October 2024.

The successful provider will be required to deliver an age-appropriate session lasting no more than 20 minutes for children in groups of 10-15. There will be approximately 12 groups a day for each of the 10 days, and each session must be the same to ensure each child has received a consistent message focused on the following outcomes:

- Helping young people understand the potential consequences of picking up a knife.
- Providing young people with tools on what to do if they know someone is carrying a knife

Funding Timeline

Activity	Date
Fund Launches	Week commencing 20 th May 2024
Deadline for applications	24th June 2024
Application Review Meeting	1st July 2024
Successful applicants confirmed	5 th July 2024

Who can apply?

The main aim of the fund is to support local projects delivered by charitable/voluntary community sector organisations that solely benefit the communities of Cleveland, this includes;

- Any registered **individual charity/voluntary community sector organisation** who is working to improve the lives of people in the Cleveland area.
- Any registered **charitable/ voluntary community sector** organisation working/operating in the Cleveland area.

We are unable to fund:

- Recurring expenditure
- Political activities
- Large scale projects, where a small grant would not make a difference
- Individuals and un-constituted groups

How to apply

To apply for the funding, it is important that you have thought through some basics.

These include the following:

- Are you a registered charity?
- Are you a voluntary community sector organisation?
- Has the project been funded previously by the PCC?
- How will your project address the requirements set out in the specification?
- What is the money for and how have you estimated the costs?
- What impact do you believe the intervention will make to the targeted cohort and how will you know that it has worked?
- How long will it take to implement and is everything and everyone ready to start?
- Who will be responsible for managing the money and how will you account for it?
- Is there anything that might stop the project from being successful that you think is important for us to know?

To submit an application please complete the fund application form that can be accessed here – [Funding application form](#)

If you would like any assistance in completing the form, although our resources are limited, we will do our best in helping you through this process.

Completed applications can be e mailed.

Email to: pcc.office@cleveland.police.uk

Enquiries should be e mailed to the address above or contact the OPCC on 01642 301861

Applications received by the deadline of 23:59hrs on 24th June 2024 will be considered. Any applications received after the deadline date and time will not be considered.

Safeguarding

All bidders' applications are required to have safeguarding policies in place including staff with up-to-date training. A copy of your safeguarding policy should be submitted along with your application.

Decision Making Process

All applications will be assessed by a small panel which will include a representative from CURV, and include (where possible) young people and community representatives.

Where appropriate the OPCC may consult with other specialist or technical professionals depending on the content of your application – this information will be used to inform decision making.

As advised above, the panel will meet on the **1st July 2024** to review applications – where possible any clarifications will be requested on the same day to enable final decisions to be communicated by no later than **5th July 2024**.

Your support with the swift reply to any clarifications would be greatly appreciated.

Successful applications

Here are a few things you need to prepare for:

1. We may make ethical assurance checks, particularly in relation to larger projects and initiatives. You may be asked to consent to us making enquiries with the police or regulatory bodies, for example or provide copies of your insurance certificates.
2. Payment will normally be made by electronic bank payment (BACS) which will be payable to the named organisation or if not a formal organisation, to the lead applicant, as soon as practicable.
3. You will need to acknowledge receipt of the money and agree any terms and conditions.
4. Depending on the type of funding you receive you may be required to sign a grant agreement.
5. You will need to provide feedback or progress reports on your initiative. The larger the award the larger the monitoring processes required.
6. Any changes to how money is spent **must** be agreed with the PCC using a change management form.

7. Based on your application, you should be able to confirm the best way to show how successful your project has been e.g. what will be the difference between now and after the money has been spent on your project.
8. Once the initiative or project is completed, within 28 days you will need to provide a report outlining the benefits that were achieved, and the impact it has had on the community.
9. All grant recipients should acknowledge the support of the PCC and use the PCC and CURV logo when producing any form of promotional or publicity material, including your website, press release, leaflets and reports.
10. Applicants need to be aware that payment terms will be made quarterly in arrears.
11. Applicants need to be aware that credit checks will be undertaken.

Please note the PCC is lawfully obliged to carry out regular audits on all of its grant recipients, and all individuals / organisations are selected at random. All recipients and/or evidence of expenditure must be recorded for these purposes and presented in the event of an audit.