



MEDIA STATEMENT

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Commissioner's Community Grant Scheme is Open

The South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner's Community Grant Scheme is now open for applications.

The grant scheme administered by the office of the police and crime commissioner is for grants of up to £5,000 from organisations that can demonstrate they work in helping the commissioner meet any of the three key priorities in his Police and Crime Plan. (The Plan can be viewed on the website.)

The three priorities are: protecting vulnerable people, tackling crime and anti-social behaviour and enabling fair treatment.

Over recent years, the Commissioner has awarded grants to organisations providing such things as: diversionary activities for young people; help to older people to keep them safe and secure; support services to young people to raise awareness of child sexual exploitation and how to understand the difference between healthy and potentially risky relationships.

Dr Alan Billings said: "As Police and Crime Commissioner I get the opportunity to meet many people across the districts of Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield who are using their time and ability to help others. This grant funding will enable this work to continue or new projects to start.

"I know that funding is becoming more difficult for organisations and many are struggling to continue. But I recognise that much of what they do reduces demands on the police service, which is why I am happy to fund them.

"I thank the organisations that are currently doing this good work and encourage others to apply for funding from the grant scheme."

The grant scheme will be open to applicants throughout the year, but the money will need to have been used completely before the end of the financial year.

For more information on how to apply, check eligibility and download a short application form, please visit the website here www.southyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/About/Grants-Information.aspx

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