

## **PCC - SAFER ROADS FUND**

LOCAL POLICING AND COMMUNITY AMBASSADOR'S FUND (LPCAF)

### Aim

The PCC wants to ensure that local Community Ambassadors (CA) and Local Policing Commanders have access to resources to support local road safety initiatives contributing towards the delivery of the Safer West Mercia Plan.

# **Policy**

- ➤ £20k is available, per annum, to each local policing area
- ➤ All applications will be subject to the abbreviated LPCAF Safer Roads form.
- Community Ambassador's (CA's) and Superintendent's will need to demonstrate support for the proposal, which should then be sent to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for formal approval.
- Value for money should always be sought by the Supt/CA
- ➤ No spend should be incurred on any initiative before PCC approval is given.
- There is no upper or lower limit to an application, but applications over £5000 need to be discussed with a PCC commissioning Officer
- ➤ The installation of road signs, speed indicator devices, vehicle activated signs and street furniture must be supplemented with evidence of authorisation from the local authority.
- ➤ The application form will be forwarded by the Commissioning team to the force for processing, including raising relevant orders, payments and financial monitoring.
- > The PCC will require financial monthly updates on individual initiatives and annual budget spend.
- There will be no commitment to renew, increase or continue funding beyond the approved terms.
- ➤ The release and management of the funds will be subject to the <u>LPCAF terms</u> and conditions

**Important** - the budget can only be utilised for initiatives/equipment that isn't already funded by the UK taxpayer. For example:

- Road safety awareness campaigns
- > Enhanced road safety initiatives, over and above operational policing
- > Targeted road safety education
- > Targeted road safety training
- Extending community speed watch areas
- Purchase of equipment used to promote or facilitate road safety for use by the public (outside of operational policing)

## LPCAF SAFER ROADS POLICY AND PROCEDURE

#### **Procedure**

All suitable requests will be subject to an LPCAF safer roads application and will follow this procedure:

- 1. The grant recipient will complete the appropriate <u>LPCAF form</u> and submit it to their local Supt or CA
- 2. If the CA and Supt are in agreement, the completed application will be sent to <a href="mailto:grants@westmercia.pnn.police.uk">grants@westmercia.pnn.police.uk</a> for processing
- 3. If approved by the PCC, the grant recipient, the relevant Supt/CA and Force finance contact will be notified.
- 4. The Force finance officer will allocate a grant reference number, will update the LPCAF financial year monitoring report template and will facilitate the ordering and payment process for the initiative.
- 5. On the first working day of every month, the PCC will be provided with an up to date version of the monitoring report from Force Finance, also triggering the update of the PCC engagement sheets
- 6. Each initiative will be relayed to the Communications and Engagement team who, working in partnership with the Supt and CA, may decide to promote the grant.

NB: There is no formal requirement to monitor the grant, but successful applicants will be contacted by the PCC's commissioning team for feedback at the end of the financial year