



Search and Rescue Policy & Procedures 2022-25

Policy

Aim

The PCC is committed to developing a partnership response with the relevant organisations to protect lives and saving those who may find themselves vulnerable or trapped in life threatening situations. This partnership will make improvements to the safety of everyone within West Mercia and protect those who are at risk.

General

- £60,000 to fund three years of support for operational Search and Rescue team(s) in West Mercia.
- All applications must be submitted to the 'grants@westmercia.police.uk' email address by 21st January 2022 along with all supporting paperwork.
- The funding will be available from 1 April 2022 until 31 March 2025.
- Grants will be scored and awarded based on the extent to which set criteria will be met. Successful grants will be sanctioned on the overall strength of the application in relation to the specified criteria.
- There will be a formal requirement to report back to the PCC through monitoring procedures managed by the commissioning and finance teams.
- All grants will be made subject to the Commissioner's Grant Scheme terms and conditions available to download from www.westmercia-pcc.gov.uk. Additional conditions may sometimes be applied to a grant, at the discretion of the Police and Crime Commissioner or his authorised officers.
- Payment will be distributed via agreed instalments on receipt of the grant acceptance form for the first payment.
- There will be no commitment to renew, increase or continue funding beyond the approved terms.



Procedures

W/C 13 December 2021 - The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) launches the Search and Rescue Fund, which is open to receiving new applications



CSP completes application form and returns to grants@westmercia.police.uk no later than 21 January 2022



PCC acknowledges receipt of application form



PCC scores each application



If necessary, the Commissioner and/or his Deputy and OPCC/police staff will meet to consider the application received and make decisions regarding funding and any specific conditions taking into account the available budget.



The PCC shall notify the applicant of a decision in writing by w/c 21 February 2022. If an offer of grant funding is made a grant offer letter will be issued (within 14 working days of submitting application or 14 working days of the closing date, whichever is appropriate).



The signed and completed acceptance form is returned.



Funds will be released after receipt of the completed acceptance form in accordance with the grant offer letter and the T&Cs.



Financial and performance monitoring will be implemented during the life of the project to ensure all outputs and outcomes are being met and the recipient is complying with the grant conditions.