



Cleveland Unit for the Reduction of Violence (CURV)

Funded Interventions

Guidance notes

July 2022

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.

Background

In April 2022, the Government announced that 20 police force areas across the country would receive funding to support existing Violence Reduction Units (VRUs), and also confirmed that the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland will receive a budget of £3.5m over the next three years to establish a local VRU.

Locally, the VRU will be named Cleveland's Unit for the Reduction of Violence (CURV). The work of CURV will be supported by a range of complementary partnership action, with £1.4m of investment in 'Grip' activity, which will support Cleveland Police to take additional enforcement activity in specific hotspot locations most affected by serious violence.

Cleveland Unit for the Reduction of Violence (CURV) – funding call

The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) with support from the CURV partnership has made available **£500,000** which is open to community groups, social enterprises, public sector bodies and non-profit organisations working in or across Cleveland who provide support to people affected by, at risk of or involved in serious violence.

Successful bids will be based on approaches as set out in the Youth Endowment Fund toolkit which can be accessed below:

[Youth Endowment Fund Toolkit](#)

In addition to this, bids will be considered that show creativity and innovation and that do not currently feature on the Youth Endowment Toolkit. However, these specific interventions will undergo enhanced monitoring to support the development of a robust evidence base.

Applicants should ensure delivery between the periods September 2022 – March 2023, clearly setting out these timescales within the application.

Funding Timeline

	Date
Fund Launches	21 July 2022
Deadline for applications	26 August 2022 at 23:55hrs
Application Review Meeting	w/c 29 August 2022
Successful applicants confirmed	w/c 5 September 2022

How to apply

To submit an application please complete the fund application form available on the PCC website.

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

Completed applications should be emailed to:

pcc.office@cleveland.police.uk

Enquiries should be emailed to the address above or contact the OPCC on 01642 301213.

Decision Making Process

All submitted applications will be assessed by a panel which includes representatives from the CURV group, and including (where possible) young people and members of the community.

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 w/c 29 August 2022.

Evidence and Evaluation

Evidence and evaluation is at the heart of CURVs approach including reviewing what we do and learning from it. We are committed to critically analysing our impact and taking steps to collect and analyse information about our activities including what outcomes are being achieved. In support of this we are in the process of procuring an evaluation partner who will become an integral part of the CURV team. Successful applicants to this fund will be required to engage with this partner (including the wider CURV team) to ensure strong data collection and recording from the outset of project delivery.

Results of all evaluations will be critical in informing the direction of travel for CURV from April 2023 onwards.

Safeguarding

All bidders 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.

Successful applications

Here are a few things you need to prepare for should your application be successful:

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 regulatory bodies and provide copies of insurance certificates including public liability (where applicable).
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.
3. You will need to acknowledge receipt of the money and agree any terms and conditions.
4. You will be required to sign a grant agreement.
5. You will need to provide feedback and progress reports on your initiative.
6. Any changes to how money is spent **must** be agreed with the CURV team in writing.
7. All grant recipients should acknowledge the support of CURV and use the CURV logo when producing any form of promotional or publicity material, including on your website, press release, leaflets and reports.

Please note as grant holder 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.