

THAMES VALLEY POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER
CYBER CRIME AND FGM GRANTS – SEPTEMBER 2017
APPLICATION PROCESS AND CRITERIA

The Police and Crime Commissioner maintains a fund for spending on local community safety initiatives. In 2017/18, 10% of this fund has been retained in order to facilitate local priorities and central commissioning of services, in line with the PCC's strategic aims.

This document describes the process and criteria for the Cyber Crime and FGM grants competition which opens 8th August 2017 and closes 16:00 hrs on 5th September 2017

Grant funding awarded **MUST** be regarded as one-off funding without guarantee that further funding will be available, or that services awarded grant funding will be formally commissioned by the PCC at a later date. Applicants should therefore consider the sustainability of services beyond the grant funding phase.

1.0 Application Process

The Police and Crime Commissioner has identified five strategic priorities in his published police and crime plan. <https://www.thamesvalley-pcc.gov.uk/police-and-crime-plan>

Funding is available in this round of grant funding to improve prevention and early intervention in the areas of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) and Cyber Crime. Specifically, bids are invited from organisations for projects which meet one or more of the following criteria:-

Tackling FGM

- (a) Training or other initiatives for key professionals (e.g. teachers, lawyers, health visitors, safeguarding leads) to encourage reporting and improve knowledge and the use of appropriate referral pathways.
- (b) Engagement and or education in key communities where there are cultures known to be at risk

Cyber Crime

- (c) To improve public awareness of measures to protect against cyber crime

- (d) To deliver targeted cyber-crime prevention activities to those at either end of the age spectrum

Bids should be submitted electronically using the application form, '2017 Grants Application Form' available on the Thames Valley Police and Crime Commissioner website (www.thamesvalley-pcc.gov.uk). Bids submitted after 16:00hrs on 5th September 2017 will not be considered. All applicants will receive a confirmation that their bid has been received online. Please contact the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner if you have not received this confirmation.

There is approximately £200,000 of funding available overall, and while no limitation is provided on the amount of funding that organisations can apply for, bidders should note that we intend to ensure funding is awarded proportionately across Thames Valley and value for money will be taken into account through the bid evaluation criteria.

The assessment panel's decision is final, although bidders may request verbal or written feedback if required.

1.2 Timescales

The following timescales may be subject to slight variation depending on the volume of submissions received.

Activity	Due Date
Grant Competition opens	8 Aug 2017
Grants Competition closes	5 September 2017 (16:00hrs)
Evaluation of bids complete	20 September 2017
Successful bids announced	26 September 2017
Funding awarded	6 October 2017

1.3 Bid Evaluation Criteria

Bids will only be considered that propose initiatives to support and prevent FGM and Cybercrime (the 'gateway criteria'). Bids that fail this validity test will not be considered further. Bids that pass the validity test shall subsequently be evaluated using quality and cost criteria, where 60% of the final score is based on overall quality of the submission, and 40% is based on price.

The questions that bidders are required to respond to are set out in the '2017 Grant Bids Application Form' available on the website (www.thamesvalley-pcc.gov.uk). The questions in the application form will not be individually scored and are therefore not individually weighted. The questions are intended to drive responses which meet the overall evaluation criteria, quality and cost. To assist bidders in completing the application form, examples of the sort of information expected are given in the table below.

Evaluation Criteria	Example(s) of Information Required	Maximum Score
Validity of bid:	Evidence that the bid proposes an initiative to prevent or support FGM or Cybercrime AND delivers on one or more of the additional criteria (see s1.0, a to d).	Pass/Fail
Quality of bid: (a) Knowledge and experience of the provider. (b) Quality of the proposal	Evidence that the provider has a good track record and experience in delivering services of this nature. Evidence of working to recognised service standards/using evidence-based practise. Evidence that service will develop innovative or practical solutions. Clearly stated outcomes	(a) 30% (b) 30%
Cost of the bid	Evidence that the service will provide value for money. Evidence that the geographical area or number of people the project will support is in line with the level of funding requested.	40%

Please note that we will be actively promoting the successful applicants to the fund and will be carrying out media publicity activities after we have awarded the funding.