

Community Safety Fund (CSF)

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. *Who is eligible to apply?*

- Existing community safety initiatives
- NGOs and community organisations working on issues relevant to community safety and youth justice
- Individual organisations, or a consortiums involving two or more organisations where the lead partner is a community organisation, not-for-profit, social enterprise or similar with a remit relevant to community safety and/or youth justice

Q. *Who is not eligible to apply?*

- Individuals or private sector businesses

Q. *What types of initiatives or projects are eligible for funding?*

- Applications may be for once-off initiatives or short to medium term projects limited to two years. Project activities must be additional to the usual business of the applicant organisation and should complement but not replace mainstream structures or funding streams at local level
- Allowable expenditure includes salaries as part of a wider proposal once costs are apportioned in relation to the overall proposal, would not duplicate existing roles and are for a defined and temporary duration. Applications *will not* be accepted for the creation or support of long-term positions. Duplication of funding is not permitted
- Applications for capital funding costs; e.g. high value items (vehicles, fixed assets) and infrastructure/building schemes will *only* be considered *if they are integral* to the proposal itself and appropriately apportioned; lower value items, for example equipment, will be considered on the same terms

Q. *What types of initiatives or projects are not eligible for funding?*

- Repeat or regular events and existing activities or repeat funding of projects previously funded by the Department of Justice or CSF except where the applicant

provides evidence of ongoing need or extenuating circumstances that the panel may wish to consider

- Activities which would properly be included in a Youth Diversion Project (YDP) Annual Plan, even if the application is by a different youth service to that already funded under the YDP programme
- Schemes that are already funded or delivered through another Service Provider
- Repeat funding of CSIF/CSF projects will not be considered.
- Statutory service delivery which should normally be undertaken within the remit of a statutory service delivery organisation
- Applications for new Community Safety Warden Schemes will not be considered in this round as the Department is currently undertaking a review of schemes previously funded through this funding stream.

Q. *What size are grants?*

- Grants will be in the range of €20,000 - €150,000. Smaller or larger grants may be considered on merit on an exceptional basis.

Q. *What timeframe must an eligible project or Initiative be completed within?*

- Projects must be completed by December 2027 or no later than two years after receipt of funding. Projects failing to observe these dates will be deemed ineligible, and funding returned.

Q. *How/where do I submit an application?*

- Applications must be emailed to Communitysafetyfund@justice.ie

Q. *When is the application deadline?*

- Applications must be received by 5pm on 16 May 2025

Any additional queries regarding the CSF can be directed to the CSF mailbox at:
Communitysafetyfund@justice.ie