



These guidelines are to assist you in completing your grant application to the High Sheriffs' Fund, managed by Essex Community Foundation (ECF). Please read them carefully and contact the Grants Team on 01245 356018 or grants@essexcf.org.uk if you have any questions.

About the Fund

Each year the High Sheriff of Essex makes awards to voluntary groups and gives recognition to those who are tackling local crime and safety issues.

To read more about the role of the High Sheriff in Essex please visit their [website here](#).

Aim of the Fund

To help local people, of all ages, feel safer in their homes, schools, towns and villages by supporting voluntary and community organisations addressing crime and anti-social behaviour.

Your application must demonstrate how your project or activity meets one or more of the following:

- Improve community safety
- Help local people feel safe in their communities
- Address anti-social behaviour and crime

The High Sheriff is particularly interested in hearing from smaller organisations that are actively working to improve community safety and also those who have not previously applied to the Fund.

You should demonstrate, in your application, how your work will meet the criteria outlined in these guidelines and provide at least two clear measurable outcomes.

When do we submit our application?

Your completed application, together with supporting documentation, should be submitted to ECF by close of business on **Monday 2**

December at the latest. Please contact the grants team if there are any delays with submitting your documentation.

How much can we apply for?

Grants of up to £5,000 are available, which must be spent within one year.

Who can apply?

- Voluntary and community organisations, registered charities and CICs
- Your organisation or project must benefit local people in Essex (including Southend and Thurrock).
- It may be helpful to read ECF's full [application guidelines](#) for further information

What can't be funded?

- Projects that do not meet the aim of the fund
- Applicants that have not stated clear outcomes
- Groups that do not meet ECF's standard eligibility criteria

How are grant decisions made and when?

ECF will assess all grant applications and present these to the High Sheriffs' Panel for decisions in February 2020.

What are outcomes?

Outcomes are the changes that occur as a direct result of your work. For example, 'Our project will ensure young people will know how to report knife crime effectively and safely by running practical teaching sessions with schools and youth groups across the district. These will be led by people who have first-hand experience'

Examples of Grants

- Yellow Door Youth Hub received a grant of £5,000 to help fund a drug and alcohol misuse worker supporting vulnerable young people from Canvey Island and the surrounding area.
- Epping Forest Community Safety Partnership received £2,000 to provide training courses to identify and help support victims of domestic abuse across West Essex.

How to apply

For the High Sheriffs' Fund online application form, [click here](#).

ECF always welcome a conversation to discuss your project in more detail before applying. Please call the grants team on 01245 356 018.