

Community Safety Fund

In 2013-14, in addition to Home Office Police Main Grant and other specific Home Office police grants (such as Counter Terrorism Policing Grant), Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) will receive funding from the new Home Office Community Safety Fund (CSF). The CSF will be un-ringfenced and PCCs will be able to use it to commission services that help tackle drugs and crime, reduce re-offending, and improve community safety in their force area.

The allocations of the CSF are based on the existing distribution of drugs, crime and community safety grants across police force areas. However the CSF is a new funding stream which PCCs have the freedom and flexibility to use as they see fit to support their wider crime prevention priorities.

Given the introduction of the CSF, the vast majority of existing Home Office drugs, crime and community safety funding streams will end in March 2013 (i.e. will not receive direct funding from the Home Office). This includes:

- Drug Interventions Programme (DIP)
- DIP Drug Testing Grant
- Community Safety Partnership Funding
- Youth Crime and Substance Misuse Prevention activities
- Positive Futures
- Communities against Gangs, Guns and Knives
- Ending Gang and Youth Violence programme
- Community Action Against Crime: Innovation Fund
- Safer Future Communities

PCCs are free to use the CSF to invest in existing programmes if they see a benefit in doing so. However, this is a decision for individual PCCs to take locally. PCCs are also free to pool funding with local partners.

Table 1 at the annex sets out the national levels of drugs, crime and community safety funding that the Home Office is providing in 2012-13. These funding streams will no longer receive direct funding from the Home Office from end March 2013.

Levels of funding

Allocations of the CSF in 2013/14 were set out in the Written Ministerial Statement that the Policing Minister laid on 4 February (available on the Home Office website). While funding for drugs, crime and community safety has been reduced from around £123m in 2012/13 to £90m in 2013/14, the Home Secretary has protected the police from reductions relating to pay restraint and further reductions announced in the 5 December Autumn Statement in 2013/14.

Partners

Schedule 9 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 provides PCCs with the powers to award crime and disorder grants to any organisations and

projects they consider will help them achieve their crime prevention and wider priorities.

We recommend that local partners wishing to access funds from the CSF should approach their PCC directly to make the case for resources.

Table 1: Home Office crime, drugs and community safety grants 2012-13

Funding stream	Budget	Purpose	Recipients
Drugs Interventions Programme Main Grant	£37m	Supports local drug action teams to reduce re-offending, and challenge offending behaviour	Drug action teams across England and Wales. Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) London; and City of London
Drug Testing Grant	£18m	Provided to 20 police forces to support drug testing of suspected drug-misusing offenders	Local policing bodies MOPAC (London)
Community Safety Partnership Funding: England Wales	£28.8m £1.2m	Home Office Community Safety funding to local areas	Local authorities via DCLG (England) Partnerships via local authorities (Wales) GLA (on behalf of) MOPAC
Youth Crime and Substance Misuse Prevention activities	£14m	Funding for youth crime prevention activities	Youth offending teams; and local policing bodies. MOPAC (London)
Positive Futures	£5m	Funds projects that provide prevention and diversionary activities for vulnerable 10 to 19 year-olds at risk of drug misuse and offending	VCSE and statutory partners via Catch 22
Communities Against Gangs, Guns and Knives	£3.75m	Funding for priority areas to stop gangs and youth violence	Greater Manchester PCC, West Midlands PCC, MOPAC (London); VCSE England and Wales
Ending Gang and	£10m	Allocated to priority	Local authorities

Youth Violence programme		local authority areas based on population of 10 – 24 year olds to stop gangs and youth violence	(50% on to VCSE)
Communities Against Crime Innovation Fund	£5m	Funding for voluntary and community groups to develop new ways of working to cut crime and keep communities safe	VCSE via the Community Development Foundation
Safer Future Communities	£0.550m	Funded Clinks, strategic national partners, and local VCSE projects to support roll-out of police and crime commissioners	VCSE via Clinks to support local infrastructure development
Total	£123m		

The Home Secretary has made a commitment to fund independent sexual violence and domestic violence advisers, and multi-agency risk assessment conferences co-ordinator posts until 2014-15. This funding (worth £5m in 2012-13) will continue to be administered by the Home Office during this period.