

Sent on behalf of CCJB Chair Colin Wilson.

Dear all,

Please find attached some documentation relating to the above scheme. The documentation contains application criteria and some suggested guidance on how the process may be organised locally. Additional advice from the centre suggests that amendments to the process can be made to suit local needs.

Community Cashback will see up to £4 million reinvested locally this year for the benefit of communities – ensuring local people benefit from the money the CJS has taken from criminals and giving them confidence in the criminal justice service and a say in how it works.

Each of the 42 criminal justice areas in England and Wales will have access to around £95,000 to use on suitable community projects suggested by local people, funding around 100 projects. Following contact with OCJR it would appear that the £95,000 allocated to Cleveland LCJB area is available to be split across the 4 Local Authority areas, although if areas wanted to make a joint bid, this would also be a possibility.

The public can nominate projects for funding through neighbourhood policing meetings, citizens' panels, local authority consultation meetings or through other local forums. In addition the Community Cashback website, where the public can suggest projects for funding in their area and have their say on projects nominated by others in their community at <http://cashback.cjsonline.gov.uk>, is also live and links to the CCJB website.

It is anticipated that local partners will draw on established community engagement and communications channels they use to gather community views. Neighbourhood Policing teams, as the cornerstone of community engagement activity locally, will have a key role to play in gathering and feeding in community views and feedback during the normal course of their community meetings. Joint working with CDRPs/CSPs and other local partners and groups will also be important and provide valuable sources of information. Other established mechanisms which might be used to gather views and feedback are Citizens' Panels; Community Impact Statements; Independent Advisory Groups; or other community engagement meetings or activities through which local people can have a say. This list is not exhaustive and any additional local mechanisms which can be used to gather views from local people and/or provide them with feedback are also welcomed.

The LCJB will work with local partners to assess the viability and relative priority of projects proposed by local communities via existing communication and consultation methods. LCJBs will provide the local gateway to the funding, working with the community and with local partners (including third sector organisations and Neighbourhood Watch and Home Watch groups) to identify the project proposals they wish to submit for funding.

The timescales involved are very tight, LCJB's are expected to return project proposals for central submission by 7th August 2009, this would mean that project proposals generated by your own community consultation mechanisms would need to be forwarded to the CCJB in advance of this date. Furthermore your involvement in the project proposal assessment process in partnership with CCJB would also need to occur in advance of this date. There is however an opportunity to make applications under the second round of the process, which would mean that project proposals would not need to be submitted until 30th September.

CCJB will be releasing some publicity of the scheme in the next week and your assistance in disseminating this information via your consultation and communication mechanisms would be much appreciated. Similarly your views on how best to take forward this process would be most welcomed and it may be helpful for you to nominate a single point of contact.

In the first instance please refer any questions, queries or comments to Jo Moore at Joanne.Moore2@cleveland.pnn.police.uk or 01642 303347.