

D O N N A J O N E S

THE COMMISSIONER'S EMERGING NEEDS FUND

H A M P S H I R E & I S L E O F W I G H T

Guide to applying for funding

Road Safety

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INTRODUCTION

The Commissioner is launching the third round of the Commissioner's Emerging Needs Fund, with a focus on the theme of **Road Safety**.

This funding opportunity is designed to support items or projects that contribute to improving road safety in our communities. It aligns with the Commissioner's commitment, as outlined in the Police and Crime Plan, to:

"Work with partners to continue to identify opportunities to promote road safety to reduce death and serious injury."

Applicants are encouraged to propose initiatives that reflect this priority and demonstrate a clear impact on reducing harm on our roads.

Things to consider before applying

Before submitting an application, please consider the following information regarding equipment eligibility and responsibilities.

Payments cannot be made to individual personal bank accounts.

Your organisation will be fully responsible for any equipment purchased through this grant. This includes storage, upkeep, servicing, and replacement of parts such as batteries.

Funding must be used **exclusively** to improve road safety within Hampshire and the Isle of Wight

Exclusions:

- Automatic Speed Indicator Devices are not eligible for funding under this opportunity.
- Speed Indicator Devices (signs which show the speed of a vehicle) are not eligible for funding under this opportunity.
- Applications for road infrastructure, which is the responsibility of the local authority, will not be considered.

Speedwatch

If your application is specifically for **Speedwatch**, the maximum funding available is **£8,000**.

Visual Speed Indicator Signs – that display positive / negative signs to drivers dependent on their speed – are eligible for funding to support Speedwatch activities.

[For more information on buying speedwatch equipment and the requirements of joining Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary's Community Speedwatch scheme.](#)

If you are applying for funding relating to Speedwatch, your Speedwatch group will be required to register as an official Speedwatch scheme with Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary before funding will be released.

If your application is successful and you are a Community Speedwatch group, the funding will be paid to your agreed local parish council or a similar organisation.

Funding

All funding must be spent by 31 March 2027.

The maximum amount of funding that can be applied for **per application** is **£20,000**. However, if your application is specifically for **Speedwatch**, the maximum funding available is **£8,000**.

One application per organisation

Each organisation may submit only one application in this round of funding.

Performance management

All successful applicants will be required to demonstrate how their funding has been utilised.

The level of detail expected will vary depending on what the funding was provided for and the amount of funding awarded. As the Commissioner's grant funding comes from central government, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) is accountable for how these public funds are used. This means we must be able to evidence the impact of funded projects, which forms a key part of the performance management process.

GRANT PROCESS

Applications to the Commissioner's Emerging Needs Fund are now open and will **close** on **Friday 28 November 2025 at 15:00 GMT**.

Application Submission:

- Applications must be submitted using the web-based application form via SUMs, available via the link on our [website](#) along with supporting documents.
- All questions must be answered in full. Incomplete applications will be considered invalid.
- Please avoid using "not applicable" in your responses. If a question is included, it is because we are seeking specific information.
- If you use acronyms, please ensure they are clearly explained.

If you are unable to complete the online form due to a valid reason, please contact the [Commissioning Team](#) by email to discuss alternative submission options.

Due Diligence:

If you are applying for funding for a project, please note that additional due diligence checks may be carried out after submission. As part of this process, your organisation may be required to join the Funding Network, which supports transparency and accountability in the use of public funds.

Notification of Outcome:

Applicants will be informed of the outcome of their application by the **end of February 2026**.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you require any help and support with this process or have any queries please contact the [Commissioning Team](#) by email and we will be happy to assist you.

We will also be hosting two drop-in sessions via Microsoft Teams for applicants to ask questions about completing their application and the OPCC grant-making process:

- Tuesday 4 November – 14:00
- Wednesday 5 November – 09:30

If you would like to attend one of these sessions, please email the [Commissioning Team](#) to request a link.