**DURHAM POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER**

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**Funding Application Process to Durham OPCC**

**Community Based Services Supporting Women Fund**

This document has been designed to assist you in navigating the funding application process to the Durham OPCC. This document aims to provide clarity and support to individuals and organisations seeking funding for various projects and initiatives.

**STEP 1:** The individual/organisation can download the funding application form from the Durham Office of Police and Crime Commissioner [website](https://www.durham-pcc.gov.uk/). If you have any issues, please contact the General Enquiries PCC inbox: [General.EnquiriesPCC@durham-pcc.gov.uk](mailto:General.EnquiriesPCC@durham-pcc.gov.uk).

**STEP 2:** The individual/organisation completes the funding bid application with all relevant information and returns the completed document to the General Enquiries PCC inbox ([General.EnquiriesPCC@durham-pcc.gov.uk](mailto:General.EnquiriesPCC@durham-pcc.gov.uk)) and copy in the Project & Strategy Officer(Violence Against Women and Girls) Stefanie.Hurren@durham-pcc.gov.uk

**The fund for applications will open on 29th August 2025.**

**Community Based Services Supporting Women – Fund Specific Guidance**

The Community Based Services Supporting Women Project will focus delivering community-focussed activities in a welcoming and safe space, to ensure equality and equity of support service provision for women, across County Durham and Darlington.

The Project **aims** to deliver community-focussed activities in a welcoming and safe space, to ensure equality and equity of support service provision for women, across County Durham and Darlington.

If a specific need is identified or disclosed by the service user, this Project encourages Providers to ensure signposting or referral to specialist services, which meets any unmet need. For example, those who are:

* a victim of crime,
* in contact with the criminal justice system,
* experiencing homelessness,
* engaging in survival sex or sexual exploitation,
* experiencing severe mental health problems,
* experiencing serious drug and/or alcohol problems
* experiencing gambling problems.

The funding envelope for the Community Based Services Supporting Women Project is a maximum of £70,000,

Funding will be awarded to one Provider in each of the 12 Local Network areas (formerly Area Action Partnerships) in County Durham and 1 area for Darlington Borough Council (13 areas in total).

The following areas will have a total of £5,000 each, of which can be applied for:

**Local Network A:** Aycliffe North and Middridge, Aycliffe South, Sedgefield

**Local Network B:** Bishop Auckland, Shildon and Dene Valley, West Auckland

**Local Network C:** Chester-le-Street North, Chester-le-Street South, Lumley and West Rainton, North Lodge, Sacriston and Witton Gilbert

**Local Network D:** Benfieldside, Consett North, Consett South, Delves Lane, Derwent and Pont Valley

**Local Network E:** Elvet, Gilesgate and Shincliffe, Framwellgate and Newton Hall, Neville's Cross, Pittington and Sherburn

**Local Network F:** Dalton and Dawdon, Easington and Shotton, Murton and Seaham

**Local Network G:** Blackhalls and Hesledens, Castle Eden and Passfield, Horden and Dene House, Peterlee, Thornley and Wheatley Hill, Trimdon and Wingate

**Local Network H:** Brandon, Crook, Deerness, Lanchester and Burnhope, Langley and Esh, Willington and Hunwick

**Local Network I**: Bowburn and Coxhoe, Chilton, Ferryhill, Spennymoor, Tudhoe

**Local Network J**: (amended) Annfield Plain, Tanfield, Craghead and South Moor, Stanley, Pelton

**Local Network K:** Barnard Castle, Evenwood, Lower Teesdale, Upper Teesdale

**Local Network L**: Weardale

The following area will have a total of £10,000, of which can be applied for:

**Darlington Borough Council**

**STEP 3: Your application will be held by the OPCC until the fund closing date of 10th October 2025.**

**STEP 4:** All funding bid applications will then be assessed and scored against a matrix.

* Proposals must score a 3 or above in all categories for approval by the OPCC.
* If a funding proposal has gaps within it, this will be sent back by the OPCC to the applicant for completion.
* If a funding proposal appears highly incomplete, the OPCC lead will have a conversation with the applicant to understand the reasons why.

OPCC panel members involved in the sifting and scoring process include Hailey Tinson (Policy & Commissioning Officer), and Stefanie Hurren (Project & Strategy Officer).

**STEP 5:** Following OPCC sift of all applications, the successful Provider will be notified of the outcome of their funding bid application via a ‘letter’ sent to the given email address, by **31st October 2025**.

If you require further support in completing the funding application bid, please contact General Enquiries at: [General.EnquiriesPCC@durham-pcc.gov.uk](mailto:General.EnquiriesPCC@durham-pcc.gov.uk)

**A ‘Community Based Services Supporting Women’ Engagement Event/Q&A Session is scheduled for Thursday 21st August 11:30am – 12:30pm.**

For further details on how to join, please contact Stefanie Hurren Project & Strategy Officer (Violence Against Women and Girls): Stefanie.Hurren@durham-pcc.gov.uk