Road Safety Budget - Full Application Form Guidance

Guidance and Eligibility

We are looking for innovative and imaginative ideas that will help to solve local road safety problems in Hertfordshire across the whole range of road users, including pedestrians. Your bids could be targeted towards a specific group or issue, or seek to cover a range of groups/ interlinking issues. You may want to run an educational project with children or other vulnerable road user group, start a local volunteer group, develop ways to stop antisocial driving or riding, or trial something new as a pilot project.

Please note that projects that prevent or reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured (KSI) will be prioritised.

If your bid involves speed related interventions, please talk to us first about how we can help you set up a **Community DriveSafe volunteer group** in your area. A Community DriveSafe scheme, in operation for a period of time in order to monitor and assess traffic, may help to inform any future bid. Find more information about Community DriveSafe here: Community Drivesafe (hertscommissioner.org) Speed Indication Devices (SIDs), or alternative hardware, will only be considered if evidence of need is apparent. We are taking this phased approach in order to ensure that speed interventions are necessary, effective, fit for purpose and provide good value for money.

The Road Safety Budget is open to any organisation that can contribute to improving road safety across the county. Public sector, voluntary sector, community groups and businesses can apply. Bids reflecting a partnership ethos are particularly sought. For bids to be successful, please consider how they address the strategic priorities of The Hertfordshire Road Safety Partnership.

Please note that where a successful bid involves any works to the Highways (including install of Speed Indicator Devices), funding will **always** be paid directly to the Highways authority, Hertfordshire County Council (HCC). Organisations are not allowed to commission their own research with grants from the Fund. Grants for initiatives that involve no changes to the highway can only be paid to an organisation; either a limited company, a registered charity, an organisation with a recognised legal status or an unincorporated association with its own bank account. **Grants cannot be paid to individuals**.

The Hertfordshire Road Safety Partnership may be asked to scrutinise bids for viability on behalf of the Police and Crime Commissioner. The partnership reserves the right to adapt bids or to commission an independent evaluation, in order to determine the most

sustainable solution. When bids are successful, we may work with you to refine them and find the most appropriate solution to your problem.

Funding is available to support bids that:

- are located within Hertfordshire
- can be delivered/implemented by May 2028
- put forward an innovative idea, even if you are not sure of the potential cost
- support preventative, educational and early intervention road safety activity
- help to change perceptions, attitudes and behaviour on the road
- support solutions and interventions around identified need that lead to social, environmental and / or behaviour change
- support **new** activity to address a persistent problem or an emerging issue
- have identified a local need and have support from other organisations /community groups / local councillors / schools
- have the explicit support of the local HCC Councilor for bids that may involve works to, or on the public highway
- are evidenced based, or you may want to develop pilot work / research to establish an evidence base

The Road Safety Budget will not commit funding for initiatives that:

- duplicate/replace existing activity or are considered HCC Highways responsibility including signs, traffic calming, crossings and proposed changes to speed limits
- are not based on evidence of need, or do not include a research element in order to build an evidence base
- are already subject to HCC Highways work planning / schedule
- are subject to an existing petition submission to HCC
- will not lead to sustainable outcomes and solutions
- require long term maintenance/contracts or continuing costs beyond May 2028, unless other funding (independent from the road safety budget) has been identified

Checks and due diligence

All bids will be subject to due diligence checks and verification before funding is provided. Any intervention or solution developed may be subject to feasibility checks in the local area, to ensure that the project is in the community's interest.

Please complete the online form with relevant details about your bid. If you require any advice or assistance in completing this form or in relation to the Road Safety Budget please contact the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner via e-mail at grants@herts-pcc.gov.uk. An incomplete application form will be rejected.