



The High Sheriff of West Yorkshire Fund

The Office of High Sheriff is an independent non-political Royal appointment for a single year. The origins of the Office date back to Saxon times, when the 'Shire Reeve' was responsible to the king for the maintenance of law and order within the shire, or county, and for the collection and return of taxes due to the Crown. Today, there are 55 High Sheriffs serving the counties of England and Wales each year.

The current High Sheriff of West Yorkshire, Dr Terry Bramall CBE, is honoured to open the latest round of The High Sheriff of West Yorkshire Fund and welcomes applicants from across West Yorkshire to apply for grants to prevent and combat crime to create safer communities. As part of this year's Fund the High Sheriff will look to nominate suitable applicants to put forward for the National Crimebeat Awards 2018.

Focus of the Fund

The Fund wants to encourage young people aged **5-25 years** to work together to prevent and combat crime to create safer communities. Applications are requested from existing projects or community groups looking for continuation funding, or projects wanting to expand and develop their current activities and remit. The idea for the project should either come from a young person (**youth led**), or where the project was developed by others (**adult led**) young people should have a significant role in its management and delivery.

Applying projects may also be considered for the National Crimebeat Awards in London in 2018 which has the same focus as The High Sheriff of West Yorkshire Fund and offers 3 cash prizes of up to £1,000.

Grant Amount

Grants of between £500 and £2,500 are available.

Grant Criteria – who can apply?

To be eligible to apply for a grant your organisation needs to meet all of the following criteria:

- You are a volunteer-led group, a registered charity or a not-for-profit organisation with charitable aims
- You have a governing document (e.g. set of rules, constitution, memorandum and articles of association, trust deed etc.)
- Your existing project is youth led or adult led but young people aged 5-25 years play a significant role in the management and delivery.
- You require continuation funding to continue your project or expand and develop your current activities.
- You can report on impact achieved to date.
- Activity needs to take place between **1 January and 31 December 2018** (monitoring will be required 31 December 2018)

Process – next steps

To apply, please visit the Leeds Community Foundation website:

www.leedscf.org.uk/high-sheriff-of-west-yorkshire-fund

You will need to complete an online application form; this involves answering questions about your organisation, the project you are applying for and impact achieved to date.



You will also need to attach the following supporting documentation to the form:

- List of names and addresses of management committee / board members / directors
- Audited accounts or approved management accounts that are no more than 15 months old
- Copy of governance document

All applications will be considered by an independent panel in a competitive process. Successful applicants will be required to submit Terms & Conditions and proof of your bank account details.

The deadline for the receipt of all applications is on **Thursday 9 November 2017, 12noon**. We aim to distribute funds to successful applicants by the end of December and any funding allocated should be spent by December 2018.

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