

Chance for community to apply for up to £20,000



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Julia Mulligan, the Police and Crime Commissioner for North Yorkshire, has launched her new community fund which will offer Scarborough residents the chance to apply for grants of up to £20,000.

Local community groups, individuals and organisations will be able to apply for grants of between £500 and £20,000 for one-off projects that help keep their local communities safer.

She said: "I am delighted to be able to launch my fund; I'm hoping to support a wide range of projects across the county.

"In fact, we've already had interest from nearly 50 people including for a skate park, alley gates in York, a group wanting to put offenders to work refurbishing a cycle park, anger management courses for domestic abuse offenders, activities to reduce hate crime and equipment to help keep young people busy over the summer holidays. If you have an idea or project then I'd very much like to hear from you."

She says prudent financial management and a better than expected financial settlement from the Government means there is a small budget surplus for 2013/14, which will finance the Community Fund. It is one-off funding for this financial year only.

"At the moment, I know money is hard to find for community projects so I am very pleased to be able to support people in this way. The fund is one of the things I promised to do in my police and crime plan, which is all about keeping people safe and helping them to feel safe," she added.

"I'm also making it as easy as possible for people to be successful in securing the money via a helpline and offering a single point of contact to help oversee each project."

People can access the helpline by calling 101 and asking for the Community Fund or visiting www.northyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk

Meanwhile, more than 1,100 people have applied for about 60 potential police officer jobs with North Yorkshire Police.

Since the police constable positions – which will replace officers moving to other forces or retiring – were advertised on April 24, the force has been inundated with applications, which will be considered over the next few weeks.

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