

# Community Safety Innovation Fund (CSIF)

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q. *Who is eligible to apply?***

- Existing community safety initiatives
- NGOs and community organisations working on issues relevant to community safety and youth justice
- Individual organisations, or a consortiums involving two or more organisations where the lead partner is a community organisation, not-for-profit, social enterprise or similar with a remit relevant to community safety and/or youth justice

**Q. *Who is not eligible to apply?***

- Individuals or private sector businesses
- Organisations that are not based in, or do not have an existing presence in Ireland.

**Q. *What types of initiatives or projects are eligible for funding?***

- Applications may be for once-off initiatives or short to medium term projects limited to two years. Project activities must be additional to the usual business of the applicant organisation and should complement but not replace mainstream structures or funding streams at local level
- Allowable expenditure includes salaries as part of a wider proposal once costs are apportioned in relation to the overall proposal, would not duplicate existing roles and are for a defined and temporary duration. Applications will not be accepted for the creation or support of long-term positions. Duplication of funding is not permitted
- Applications for capital funding costs; e.g. high value items (vehicles, fixed assets) and infrastructure/building schemes will only be considered if they are integral to the proposal itself and appropriately apportioned; lower value items, for example equipment, will be considered on the same terms

**Q. *What types of initiatives or projects are not eligible for funding?***

- Repeat or regular events and existing activities or repeat funding of projects previously funded by the Department of Justice or the CSIF
- Activities that would normally be funded by another Government Department or for initiatives that have previously been funded by another service provider of a Department
- Activities which would properly be included in a Youth Diversion Project (YDP) Annual Plan, even if the application is by a different youth service to that already funded under the YDP programme Schemes that are already funded
- Applications for statutory service delivery which should normally be undertaken within the remit of a statutory service delivery organisation
- Applications for schemes that are already funded or delivered through another Service Provider such as the following (this is not an exhaustive list):

[Department of Justice – Community Based CCTV Grant Aid Scheme Information and Documentation](#)

[Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media - Sports Capital and Equipment Programme](#)

[Department of Rural and Community Development - Community Centres Investment Fund](#)

- Applications for detached youth workers in the absence of an innovative element (Empower were successful in their application for funding in 2022 for a detached youth worker, as they also included the element of an innovative intercultural youth hub)
- Applications for the creation or support of any long-term paid positions.
- Applications for capital costs for sporting/ community centre grounds improvement in the absence of an innovative element.
- Applications for activities outside of Ireland or by organisations that are not based in, or do not have an existing presence in Ireland. Initiatives with a North-South cross-border component in Ireland may be considered based on merit, when the primary applicant organisation is based in Ireland.

**Q. *What size are grants?***

- Grants will be in the range of €20,000 - €150,000. Smaller or larger grants may be considered on merit on an exceptional basis.

**Q.     *What timeframe must an eligible project or Initiative be completed within?***

- Projects must be completed by September 2025 or no later than two years after receipt of funding. Projects failing to observe these dates will be deemed ineligible, and funding returned.

**Q.     *How/where do I submit an application?***

- Applications must be emailed to [CommunitySafetyInnovationFund@justice.ie](mailto:CommunitySafetyInnovationFund@justice.ie).

**Q.     *When is the application deadline?***

- Applications must be received by 5pm on 19 May 2023

Any additional queries regarding the CSIF can be directed to the CSIF mailbox at:  
[CommunitySafetyInnovationFund@justice.ie](mailto:CommunitySafetyInnovationFund@justice.ie).