

Police & Local Authorities given extra £23.5m for safer streets

- Successful bids from the third round of the Safer Streets Fund announced
- Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) and local authorities across England and Wales to receive a total of £23.5 million on top of the £18.4 million already awarded this year for the second round of the Fund
- Funding will go towards local projects aimed at increasing the safety of public spaces for all with a particular focus on tackling violence against women and girls

Police forces and local authorities across England and Wales, are to receive a share of £23.5million to make public spaces safer for all through projects to help women and girls feel safer on our streets as part of the Government's Safer Streets Fund.

Created with the objective of tackling local acquisitive crimes like car theft and burglary, the latest round of the Safer Streets Fund has a particular emphasis on the safety of women and girls. The investment will go to police forces and local authorities across England and Wales as well as the British Transport Police to spend in the 21/22 financial year.

Crimes which take place in public places such as sexual harassment disproportionately affect women. Recipients of funding have submitted bids for innovative plans to increase the safety of public spaces, including projects which emphasise changing attitudes and behaviours in local communities.

Since its inception, the Government has committed £70 million to the Safer Streets Fund to support local areas across England and Wales to introduce initiatives aimed at stopping offences happening in the first place.

Round two saw 50 projects across England and Wales awarded a total of £18.4 million to go towards measures proven to cut crime, including simple changes to the design of streets such as locked gates around alleyways, increased street-lighting and the installation of CCTV.

Safer Streets is just one of the ways Government is working to tackle violence against women and girls.

In August we published the Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy, which commits to radically changing how we stop violence and abuse using a whole system approach, focused on long term change alongside immediate practical action to improve women's physical safety in public spaces.

This includes funding new police lead Deputy Chief Constable Maggie Blyth, to set the policing strategy for tackling violence against violence towards women and girls across England and Wales and plans to launch a large scale

public campaign with the aim of challenging attitudes and changing behaviours.

Last month the Home Office and National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC) launched StreetSafe, an online mapping tool which allows all members of the public to flag areas where they don't feel safe and say why.

Primarily, but not exclusively, aimed at women and girls, the data collected from StreetSafe will allow police to understand specific concerns and use the information to make decisions on safety in the area.

More widely, since its inception last year, the Safer Streets Fund has allowed forces and local authorities to invest in transformative crime prevention initiatives.

For example, in Humberside, in one of the most deprived estates in the country, funding has gone towards upgrading 20 communal entrances to blocks that drive a high level of burglary and installing 18 secure storage facilities for bikes and motorbikes.

Alongside this, they have installed secure fencing and gates and there is now a dedicated community outreach programme to support residents and victims of crime on the estate.

Projects across the country have also focused on setting up Neighbourhood Watch groups, increased Automated Numberplate Recognition Technology and CCTV and introducing wardens to undertake community engagement and train members of the public in crime prevention.

£25m was allocated to this Safer Streets funding round, of which £23.5m is going to successful bidders. A full list of the successful recipients for Round Three of the Safer Streets is as follows:

North East

Lead bidder	Grant funding awarded(£)	Number of bids covered
Cumbria PCC	191,583.96	1
Durham PCC	453,813.00	1
Northumbria PCC	775,397.00	2
Total	£1,420,793.96	

North West

Lead bidder	Grant funding awarded(£)	Number of bids covered
Blackpool Borough Council	550,000.00	1
Cheshire PCC	1,100,000.00	2
Cleveland PCC	381,771.00	1
Greater Manchester Combined Authority	549,744.00	1
Merseyside PCC	269,931.00	1
Total	£2,851,446.00	

South East

Lead bidder	Grant funding awarded(£)	Number of bids covered
Essex PCC	550,000.00	1
Hampshire PCC	648,755.06	2
Kent PCC	741,548.00	2
Surrey PCC	174,772.49	1
Sussex PCC	976,781.80	2
Thames Valley PCC	939,940.00	2
Total	£4,031,797.35	

South West

Lead bidder	Grant funding awarded(£)	Number of bids covered
Cornwall Council	33,649.06	1
Dorset Council	379,766.00	1
Gloucestershire PCC	1,061,478.00	2
North Somerset Council	324,449.00	1
Plymouth Council	512,082.56	1
Swindon Borough Council	550,000.00	1
Total	£2,861,424.62	

Wales

Lead bidder	Grant funding awarded(£)	Number of bids covered
Dyfed Powys PCC	155,442.88	1
Gwent PCC	673,181.32	2
North Wales PCC	336,759.50	1
South Wales PCC	457,543.00	1
Total	£1,622,926.70	

West Midlands

Lead bidder	Grant funding awarded(£)	Number of bids covered
Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council	119,057.00	1
Staffordshire PCC	550,000.00	1
Warwickshire PCC	249,000.00	1
West Mercia PCC	1,027,895.00	2
West Midlands PCC	549,515.00	1
Total	£2,495,467.00	

Yorkshire and Humberside

Lead bidder	Grant funding awarded(£)	Number of bids covered
North Yorkshire PCC	306,802.00	1

South Yorkshire PCC	550,000.00	1
West Yorkshire Combined Authority	655,281.30	2
Total	£1,512,083.30	

East of England

Lead bidder	Grant funding awarded(£)	Number of bids covered
Bedfordshire PCC	550,000.00	1
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough PCC	471,314.00	1
Hertfordshire PCC	548,176.00	1
Ipswich Borough Council	124,391.11	1
Norfolk PCC	427,245.70	1
Total	£2,121,126.81	

East Midlands

Lead bidder	Grant funding awarded(£)	Number of bids covered
Derby City Council	550,000.00	1
Leicestershire PCC	550,000.00	1
Lincolnshire PCC	401,626.46	1
Northampton Borough Council	513,210.00	1
Nottinghamshire PCC	1,100,000.00	2
Total	£3,114,836.46	

London

Lead bidder	Grant funding awarded(£)	Number of bids covered
City of London Corporation	28,812.00	1
Lambeth Council	544,385.62	1
Southwark Council	353,661.00	1
Total	£926,858.62	

England and Wales

Lead bidder	Grant funding awarded(£)	Number of bids covered
British Transport Police	550,000.00	1
Total	550,000.00	