## SIA offers grants for good causes using cash confiscated from criminals

Press release

The Security Industry Authority (SIA) is calling on UK charities and community groups to register their interest for funds to support good causes.



Organisations will be eligible to apply if they are a registered charity or not for profit organisation and are able to clearly demonstrate the positive impact of the grant to public protection. The grants will come from a special fund that uses ill-gotten cash confiscated from individuals convicted of criminal offences within the private security industry.

Organisations can register their interest by completing the <u>form available</u> <u>here</u>. The SIA funds the grants from proceeds of crime confiscations orders following successful prosecutions.

Previous beneficiaries of the SIA grant for good causes include:

- The Prince's Trust Northern Ireland Get into Security initiative
- EY Foundation's Secure Futures initiative
- The Worshipful Company of Security Professionals Charitable Trust COVID-19 crisis fund

Pete Easterbrook, the SIA's Head of Criminal Investigations, said:

We are delighted to highlight the SIA grant for good causes. We welcome applications from charities and other not-for-profit organisations where they can demonstrate a grant will have a positive impact on public protection or the wider security industry.

He added:

We believe that crime should not pay, so it's fitting that illegally-acquired money should be removed from criminals and used for the benefit of the security industry.

The window for expressions of interest is now open and will close on 21 January 2022.

You can find guidance about the SIA grant for good causes here.

## Further information:

- The Security Industry Authority is the organisation responsible for regulating the private security industry in the United Kingdom, reporting to the Home Secretary under the terms of the Private Security Industry Act 2001. The SIA's main duties are the compulsory licensing of individuals undertaking designated activities and managing the voluntary Approved Contractor Scheme.
- For further information about the Security Industry Authority visit <a href="https://www.gov.uk/sia">www.gov.uk/sia</a>. The SIA is also on <a href="facebook">Facebook</a> (Security Industry Authority), <a href="https://www.gov.uk/sia">LinkedIn</a> and <a href="facebook">Twitter</a> (SIAuk).

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