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A new youth club and an allotment 'safe space' for young fathers experiencing difficulties are among projects tackling antisocial behaviour and substance misuse issues in Cornwall funded through the last round of the Police and Crime Commissioner's Community Grants.

Applications for this year's grants are now open, and charities and voluntary groups working to improve community safety can apply for grants of up to £5,000 for crime prevention measures and tackling drug and alcohol related antisocial behaviour in the county.

The grant scheme is being delivered in partnership with Cornwall Community Foundation (CCF) and aims to benefit small and medium-sized organisations whose work contributes to the Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan.

The Commissioner works to enable safer, more resilient communities and this scheme aims to empower smaller voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) organisations to play a role in both progressing and informing PCC priorities.

Alison Hernandez, Police and Crime Commissioner for Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly, said: "I am committed to creating safer communities and everyone has a part to play. This fund will help grassroots organisations carry out extra work which will improve the lives of people in Cornwall.

"I know that antisocial behaviour is a major issue for residents who regularly tell me about the negative impact it has on their lives, which is why I made it a priority in my Police and Crime Plan.

"I would like to urge any charity or voluntary group who provides education or

activities for people with antisocial behaviour issues to apply for funding, so they can continue to make a real difference in reducing the misery this issue can cause.

“I am also making this funding available to support groups who are working hard to tackle violence and road safety which are also priorities in my Police and Crime Plan. I urge any organisation that is working to create safe, resilient and connected communities to apply for a grant before the July 22 deadline.”

Tamas Haydu, Chief Executive at Cornwall Community Foundation, said: “It is hugely rewarding to see how local projects are benefiting from the Police and Crime Commissioner’s Community Grants and supporting their communities. The fund is vital to help in our vision of strong and resilient communities across Cornwall. We look forward to receiving applications and distributing this next wave of funding.”

The Commissioner has been working with Cornwall Community Foundation since 2021 to deliver grant schemes to benefit residents. To date, more than £196,000 has been distributed through 52 grants. Grants have been awarded to groups and charities working to connect communities, prevent and deter crime, and protect people at risk of abuse.

Applications to the Police and Crime Commissioner’s Community Grant are now open. To apply, visit <https://www.cornwallcommunityfoundation.com/grants/commissioner-community-grant-scheme-summer2024/> The deadline for applications is July 22, 2024.