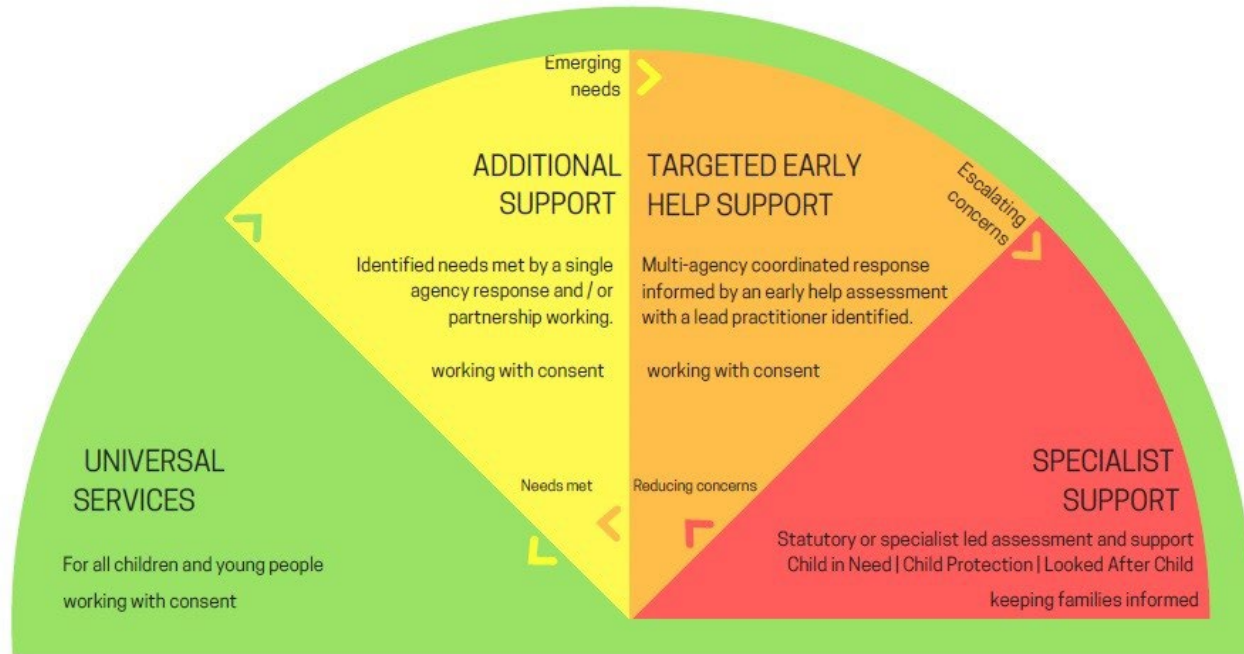


Safer Communities Fund

- £1m grant scheme to 31 March 2025. £500k from West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner, John Campion and £500k from Herefordshire Council.
- Focused on early prevention and tackling the root causes of crime, vulnerability and exploitation.
- Target audience is children and young people ages between 5 and 18 years (up to 25 for SEND).
- Open to not for profit orgs and schools across Herefordshire.
- Grants of between £25k and £300k
- Match funding not required but is given additional weighting.
- Closes to applications on 31.01.24. Funding will be awarded to successful project applications on a first come first served basis.

Project Outcomes

All projects must drive an increase in level 2 early help and team around the family support / activity that does not meet the threshold for targeted early help or statutory services.



Project Outcomes

- Children and young people's needs are met at the earliest point of presentation
- Protect and improve the lives of vulnerable children and young people
- Reduce levels of crime (both recorded and perceived)
- Effective prevention of harm and exploitation to children and young people (and other vulnerable groups)
- Reduce demand for reactive police and council response to incidents
- Improve outcomes for recorded crimes
- Improve relations between police, council and local communities
- Improve sharing of information and intelligence between agencies to enable improved services

What kind of projects can SCF support?

- Projects can be large or small and cover just one specific area or the whole county. Additional weighting will be added for projects delivering within Herefordshire's identified areas of deprivation.
- The grant can be used for a wide range of new and existing activities including but not limited to:
 - Events and activities
 - Support, mentoring and mediation
 - Educational activities
 - Access to training and employment
 - Activities that support improved mental health and wellbeing
 - Advocacy project and activities.

What kind of costs can be included?

- Staff costs linked to the project e.g. salary and training
- Overheads related to employing staff funded through the grant – capped at 15% of direct staff costs
- Transport costs
- Hiring of equipment / venues /rooms
- Small items of equipment linked to the project up to £1500 per item
- Marketing and publicity costs
- Translation and interpreting services
- Volunteer expenses
- Participant incentives up to £25 per person
- Insurance costs linked directly to the project

Completing your application

- Check your organisation is eligible to apply.
- Contact the Talk Community Team to discuss your project.
- Describe the Project purpose as clearly as possible.
- Project costs – use the separate spreadsheet provided to outline your project budget and the assumptions made to arrive at those costs.
- Be as accurate as possible to make sure you have enough money to run the project.
- Provide at least 2 like for like quotes to demonstrate best value.
- Show where costs are estimated or actual and when they are likely to occur.
- Outputs - Identify the outputs to be achieved by your project and provide baseline numbers and expected number to be achieved

What happens next?

- Your application will be appraised by an independent panel and if successful a grant funding agreement will be issued.
- You should not start your project until you have received and accepted a grant funding agreement.
- Any costs incurred prior to a funding agreement will not be eligible for payment.
- If anything changes with your project or costs, you must tell us. Don't assume its okay to carry on!

Useful information

- Additional information about the grant scheme can be found in the grant information leaflet. This can be found on the HC website: www.herefordshire.gov.uk/scf
- We are encouraging all applicants to contact the Talk Community Team to discuss your project. This will enable us to ensure that projects are joined up and linked to existing resources: TalkCommunityEnquiries@herefordshire.gov.uk