

Safer Kent

Great Giving Award

Describe the work of the organisation being nominated

Celebrating their 20th Birthday, Safer Kent is a registered charity who have awarded grants of over £1 million to community safety or crime reduction programmes in Kent and Medway, with many awards helping programmes become self-funding charities in their own right, and making a safer Kent for all.

What has the funder done to demonstrate a clear understanding of beneficiaries and the funding environment? Please be as specific as possible

Funding only projects that help community safety projects in Kent and Medway, they offer small grants under £500) and larger ones up to £2,500 to community projects run by local groups. These fund training, equipment and running expenses for the programmes

How was the funder able to demonstrate an understanding of the grant-making application process? Was guidance clear and support given?

The team visit many community group meetings, as well as using the trustees' knowledge to spread the work. The trust has strong links to Kent Police who offer advice to the community groups on the grants available to help the groups set up their projects.

What was the response to the applicant's needs or changes in the wider environment? If possible please include specific examples

With grants targeted at specific projects, there has been a significant increase in communities helping themselves combat minor anti-social behaviour and low level criminality, as well as support groups helping victims of crime, report crime.

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