



Kerry Joint Policing Committee



COMMUNITY CCTV
GOVT. FUNDING & PROCESS



Minister's Announcement

On April 13th, the Minister of Justice launched a fund to grant aid setup costs of Community Based CCTV.

See the DOJ website for more details:

<http://www.justice.ie/en/JELR/Pages/Community-Based-CCTV>



Amount of grant

The funding pot nationally is €1m each year for the next three years.

Funding up to 60% with a maximum of €40,000 for any one scheme – capital costs only.

“Projects will be funded, to the level that is considered necessary to establish successful and viable CCTV projects. Funding will not be spread thinly over all proposals that have potential merit.”



Deadline & Eligibility

There is no deadline for applications to the scheme which would suggest that being in early increases the possibility of receiving funding.

It is not intended to provide funding to upgrade or replace existing schemes although consideration may be given to applications to extend such schemes.

(There are legacy Pobal funded schemes in Killorglin and Tralee.)



Who can apply for grant funding?

Applicant organisations could apply include:

- existing community-based not-for-profit organisations that are broadly representative of the community e.g. Area Partnerships, Community Development Projects, Family Resource Centres, the Local Authority, Community Enterprise, etc.; and
- community-based, not-for-profit, consortium of private and community interests under the aegis of an existing lead organisation.

The Lead body must be a legally registered body.



Approvals required

1. The JPC (a letter of approval is required)
 - Propose that the Crime Prevention Sub-committee will deal with these as they arise (off-line), letter from Chair
2. The Local Authority (who must agree to act as the Data Controller)
 - Propose KCC Municipal District officers provide local liaison, MD manager and KCC Data Protection officer will be consulted
3. Garda Approvals (vetting of individuals with access as well as formal approval of the Commissioner)



Supporting Information & Proofs

Clear evidence of need.

There should be evidence of agreement of local stakeholders (residents, community groups, business groups).

Design with Privacy impact

Proof of sustained operational funding –
commitment for at least 5 years.



Technical Guidelines

Technical Specifications (PD004) describes technical requirements for cameras & recorders.

One of the potential issues is a requirement for all cameras to Pan Tilt and Zoom (PTZ cameras).

- Our own experience and consultant advice is that e.g. 3 fixed cameras covering an area of one PTZ camera will be both more effective and more reliable than the PTZ. We have petitioned the Dept & AGS on this point prior to submissions.



Roles for the Local Authority

Data Controller – all schemes

- In meeting this role we will be seeking that all CCTV recorders & playback equipment should be located in secure facilities – ideally in Garda District stations and in all cases should have access and download audit capabilities

Signoff that any works undertaken have been completed to a satisfactory standard.

Grant Payments will be made via the Council.

Lead some schemes



Recommendations

1. Engage with DoJ re PTZ vs fixed cameras.
2. JPC to agree that work at the sub-committee level will advance approvals.
3. Prepare communication for advanced scheme stakeholders (Killarney x2, Listowel, Tralee).
4. Submit any KCC originated applications as soon as possible.
5. Establish process to assist and quickly turnaround non-council based applications (Parallel Approvals process)
6. Consider hosting workshops for interested communities (via the MD officers, with AGS & JPC & PPN).