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REFERENCE: FOI/24/149

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your request for information dated 30th December 2024 and detailed below.

Can I please receive a copy of the application documents and corresponding assessment documentation of the following projects through the Assets Recovery Community Scheme:

*Poleglass Community Association @Sally Gardens
Safer Communities & Community Interventions*

*Artillery Youth Centre
Youth and Community Safety Project*

*Knocknagoney Area Forum
Summer football club*

I am pleased to attach the information requested.

The below list provides the name of the attachments for each of the application forms, signed declaration sheets and final agreed panel scores for each of the three projects.

- Document 1 – Poleglass Community Association @Sally Gardens ARCS Application Form
- Document 2 – Poleglass Community Association @Sally Gardens Signed Declaration Form
- Document 3 – Artillery Youth Centre ARCS Application Form
- Document 4 – Artillery Youth Centre Signed Declaration Form
- Document 5 – Knocknagoney Area Forum ARCS Application Form
- Document 6 – Knocknagoney Area Forum Signed Declaration Form
- Document 7 – Finalised Agreed Panel Scores & Comments

Separately to the above official assessment documentation, and in the interests of transparency, I have also included below the individual panel scoring sheets where these were available.

- Document 8 – Poleglass Community Association @Sally Gardens Scoring Sheet 1
- Document 9 - Poleglass Community Association @Sally Gardens Scoring Sheet 2
- Document 10 – Artillery Youth Centre Scoring Sheet 1
- Document 11 - Artillery Youth Centre Scoring Sheet 2
- Document 12 – Knocknagoney Area Forum Scoring Sheet 1
- Document 13 – Panel Member Combined Scoring Sheet & Comments

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Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Manager

ASSETS RECOVERY COMMUNITY SCHEME (ARCS)

Application Form

ARCS Scheme (1 April 2024 – 31 March 2025, 1 April 2025 – 31 March 2026 and/or 1 April 2026 – 31 March 2027)

Part 1: Applicant Details	
Name of Applicant / Organisation:	Poleglass Community Association @ Sally Gardens
Title of Project/Proposal:	Safer Communities & Community Interventions
Main contact for application –	Name: [REDACTED]
	Telephone number: 02890627250
	Email address: [REDACTED]
Type of Organisation/Group:	Community/Voluntary Group ☐ Registered charity ☐ Partnership Application ☐ Statutory organisation ☐ Other (please specify):
Is the project lead a fully constituted group?	Yes
If no, what is its status?	
Registered Address:	Sally Gardens Community Centre Belle Steele Road Poleglass BT17 0UJ
Council area in which the Project will operate?	Colin area of West Belfast
How long has the organisation been in existence? (if less than 12 months please supply a reference from an established organisation/body)	26 years
Have you previously applied for funding from ARCS or from the Department of Justice for this or any other project? (delete as appropriate)	If yes, please give details including financial year(s) and amounts(s). Yes 2018 to 2021 £ 37,200

Part 2: About the proposal

2.1 What will this proposal aim to deliver for the benefit of victims, communities, the environment, or any combination of these categories?

Provide a brief description of the key elements including any specific issues and problems it hopes to address. (500 words max – **exceeding the word limit will result in an application being rejected**) - *(Please refer to the Guidance notes for more information)*

The programme will continue to build on existing partnership work with PSNI, PCSP, Colin Safer Neighbourhood Project statutory agencies and community groups. Two fundamental aspects of the programme are preventative through early intervention programmes and restorative approaches to address conflict and build relationships with young people and the community/PSNI.

The project will be delivered from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2027. The project aims to deliver 90 qualifications and a mentoring programme to 30 young people aged 13-19 from the Colin area. Participants will complete:

- Level 1 or Level 2 Understanding Gangs & Knife Crime 10 participants
- Level 2 Young People & Youth Justice 20 participants
- Level 1 Community Safety 10 participants
- Level 1 or Level 2 Drugs & Alcohol Awareness 10 participants
- Level 2 Trauma Informed Practice 20 participants
- Level 1 or Level 2 Adverse Childhood Experiences 10 participants
- Level 2 Peer Mentoring Practice 10 participants
- One to One mentoring 30 participants

The project will be opened as referral for Youth Justice participants etc. The project will be delivered in partnership with Colin Safer Neighbourhood Project, PSNI NPT/PCSP and youth groups will assist in identifying young people that have been identified as “at risk”, this group of young people will become advocates, peer educators/champions to encourage their peer group to engage in positive activities. Referrals from Colin Safer Neighbourhood Project that have been involved or likely to become involved in offending behaviour will benefit from early youth intervention programmes. Issue based projects delivered at Sally Gardens will provide a venue to conduct diversionary work and tackle anti-social behaviour. The combination of accredited programmes and innovative approaches underpins acceptance and understanding of community/policing concerns, encouraging civic leadership. Each element of the programme links to making participants aware of the consequences of anti-social behaviour, awareness of knife crime, impact of drug & alcohol misuse etc and the need to embrace local policing. The proposed project aims to put in place a variety of interventions to engage with young people, their parent/s and youth teams around themes of personal development, community safety, personal safety, delivered in a safe and familiar environment where they will feel comfortable and confident enough to participate and express their views. Considering the high levels of reported anti-social behaviour it is vitally important that issue based projects are provided. Consultations with Colin Safer Neighbourhood, local youth groups and PSNI reinforce the need to provide focused work to tackle the complex issues. The programme will provide opportunities which engage marginalized young people including core NEET in learning that accelerates their personal and social development. The programme will be delivered in Sally Gardens Community Centre. Current referral contacts will primarily come from Colin Safer Neighbourhood project, Youth Justice and PSNI. Beneficiaries will be recruited through outreach and on a referral basis from youth groups operating in the Colin area. The overall programme will develop activities to challenge youth crime, drug & alcohol, knife crime and issue based work.

2.2 How does the proposal meet the ARCS essential criteria of preventing crime and/or reducing the fear of crime?

Describe how the project will meet the ARCS essential funding criteria – (500 words max – **exceeding the word limit will result in an application being rejected**) - *(Please refer to the Guidance notes for more information)*

The proposed project fits with ARCS essential criteria/priorities to prevent crime and reduce the fear of crime, we are committed to delivering an integrated service for victims, residents, young people and the wider community. The programme promotes and contributes to a safer Colin community through partnership working with statutory organisations, communities, the third sector and business. The programme is a co-ordinated effort to tackle youth based organised crime that affects victims and the community. The programme is about making communities safer by encouraging residents/young people to stop offending and reduce the likelihood of offending. The number of planned interventions can be categorised in the main priority area of making communities safer. The project directly relates to ARCS priorities and places immense focus on ensuring residents/young people are held to account for their offending behaviour and the impact their behaviour has on the community and wider society. Sally Gardens are committed to collaborative partnership work with other agencies, departments, the community and service providers particularly PSNI, PCSP and Youth Justice. The programme is an example of encouraging residents/young people to take ownership of their community, understand the social diversity of citizens in their own community and recognise the role of active participation in own community tackling forms of crime and community destruction. A drugs and alcohol programme seeks to encourage young people to address alcohol and substance misuse and educate parents. The programme has been designed to have a positive impact on the following objectives:

- Reduce the fear of crime
- Create a safe and resilient community
- To help young people to address their offending behaviour
- Divert vulnerable young people from offending
- Reintegrate young people that have offended back into their communities
- Increase community ownership
- Provide positive alternatives to risk taking behaviour
- Increase awareness of community policing
- Develop partnership working with CSNP, PCSP and PSNI
- Target the Colin area considering high/increasing levels of ASB
- Target hard to reach disaffected young people
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Sally Gardens proposed intervention initiative directly relates to ARCS priorities and complements existing practices to:

- Enhance the quality of life for the community
- To improve community engagement
- To build a safer, shared and confident community
- To focus on prevention and early intervention
- To divert young people away from crime and towards a positive role in the community
- An improvement in the percentage of people whose quality of life is affected by ASB
- Improve community safety by tackling anti-social behaviour
- Increase public confidence in policing

PSNI statistics also show there were 23 attempted murders using knives up to November last year, with 58 reported threats to kill involving knives or other sharp instruments. In the last year there were 102,399 crimes recorded — an increase of 4,674 (4.8%) on the previous 12 months. Crime levels in each of the months September 2022 to April 2023 were higher than the same months in September 2021 to April 2022., our project aims to reduce fear, prevent crime and reduce offending.

2.3 Please demonstrate how the proposal meets the ARCS desirable criteria i.e. it aligns with:

- **The draft Programme for Government outcome “Everyone feels safe – we all respect the law and each other”**
- **The Northern Ireland Organised Crime Strategy 2021 – 2024**
 - support programmes that tackle crime or reduce the fear of crime;
 - support the creation of safe and resilient communities;
 - send a message that crime does not pay;
 - seek to increase public confidence in the justice system;
 - reduce reoffending; and
 - divert vulnerable individuals away from engagement in criminal behaviour.

Where applicable, briefly describe how the proposal will help support the objectives and outcomes. (Up to 300 words max – **exceeding the word limit will result in an application being rejected**) (*Please refer to the Guidance notes for more information*)

Our programme strategically aligns with The draft PfG outcome “Everyone feels safe we all respect the law and each other” it is about ensuring residents have a safe community and feel respected. We aim to tackle crime, reduce reoffending, and divert young people from entering the justice system. The L2 Trauma Informed Practice addresses the legacy of the troubles and brings about transformational change. Our projects are preventative by design that provides a series of early intervention initiatives. Our project is an innovative initiative specifically designed to prevent and reduce the fear of crime and support residents/young people affected by crime. In addition, our project is developmental in nature, we have recently accredited L1 & L2 Knife Crime, Trauma Informed Practice and Adverse Childhood Experiences qualifications, to note we are the first and only organisation to have designed such qualifications highlighting our vision for a longer term strategic justice project. Early Intervention, reducing offending and supporting rehabilitation is the main strength of our programme, network of partners and programme concepts will successfully contribute to this. Our project aligns to the NI Organised Crime Strategy as we aim to work with individuals, and communities to build resilience against crime, reflected in the variety of training/interventions such as drug and alcohol awareness and much of our programme fits with Strategic Objective 5 as we will carry out effective work to deter and divert people from becoming involved or re-engaging in organised crime. Our programme will deliver a high quality curriculum to improve educational achievement and life chances by addressing underachievement. We aim to tackle the key issues that lead to inequality and disadvantage in terms of poverty, and providing support such as our mentoring programme and training initiatives. Vulnerable young people become more resilient and keep young people away from criminal gangs.

2.4 Outline Implementation Plan at Appendix 1.

Please outline in Appendix 1 what will be achieved, who will benefit and how. This should include measurable outcomes that can be reported on.

The Outline Implementation Plan is a clear plan of action that directly links to the ARCS criteria which is measurable and achievable.

See completed Implementation Plan Appendix 1

Part 3: Funding to deliver the proposal?

3.1 Please indicate the total amount you are applying for? (See Guidance Notes)

2024/25 (up to 12 months)	£ 15,300 (£25k maximum)
2025/26 (up to 12 months)	£ 15,300 (£25k maximum)
2026/27 (up to 12 months)	£ 15,300 (£25k maximum)
TOTAL	£ 45,900

It is possible to apply for only one, two or three of the periods.

The maximum available if applying over all periods is £75k.

Please only apply for funding for the period you can deliver the project.

Funding will be released on confirmation of project plans proceeding and, where applicable, satisfactory progress reports for the previous period.

3.2 Over what period do you intend to deliver the project?

If successful, expenditure can only be incurred after a letter of offer (detailing the funding award and any associated conditions) has been signed and returned to the Department. 31st Mar 2027 is the final date for eligible expenditure to be incurred and invoiced.

Start date: 1st April 2024

End date: 31st March 2027

Please note that you must provide a breakdown of funding requirements over all periods if required.

If **yes**, please provide details:

No funding has been secured for this project

TOTAL	£0
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If **yes**, please provide the URN - 14544

4.1 Briefly set out financial control and accountability arrangements for the funding, should the application be successful. (300 words max– exceeding the word limit will result in an application being rejected)

PCA @ Sally Gardens over the past number of years have invested significant time and effort to ensure its management structures and procedures are highly efficient and compliant to meet and exceed the requirements of a wide range of funding bodies, most recently the Urban Villages initiative as part of the Executive Office has assessed PCA @ Sally Gardens governance arrangements and financial controls. This assessment along with consideration of previous claims and project reporting history, has allowed the Executive Office to give a Robust Rating to PCA @ Sally Gardens governance arrangements and financial controls. In addition, Department for Communities have allocated a Robust rating for the organisation.

PCA @ Sally Gardens have developed robust management and administrative systems to deliver numerous public-sector government and European funded programmes. Our approach is based on:

- Governance and Accountability clearly documented financial procedures
- Highly, qualified trained and experienced staff in Finance and Administration

PCA @ Sally Gardens financial systems and procedures have been developed to ensure that corporate governance standards are understood and met.

Cash Flow

PCA @ Sally Gardens is fully aware that Programme Costs will be reimbursed in arrears and can confirm that they have sufficient cash reserves to manage the financial cash flow required for this project.

Recording and Documentation

Transactions are recorded, properly classified and accounted for in order to prepare timely accounts and reliable financial and other reports. The documentation for transactions, management controls, and other significant events are readily available for examination.

Accounting and Financial Control

PCA @ Sally Gardens have developed high level, quality financial management capacity. We manage our finances in a professional, transparent manner meeting the requirements of the Statements of Standard Accounting Practices, providing clear audit trails and accountable financial control.

4.2 Briefly set out how you will measure success (proportionately) should the application be successful. This should include clear, measurable outcomes/deliveries. (300 words max-exceeding the word limit will result in application being rejected)

Evaluation will be ongoing as part of recording and reporting to evidence the project. Statistical data such as attendance will be recorded. Registration forms, case studies and project evaluations will be used as part of recording and reporting. Staff and residents will be involved at each stage of the monitoring process either by self-evaluation or in consultation with relevant delivery partners or mentoring staff. Information gathered through qualitative impact evaluation will form part of the end of programme evaluation report. This report will provide a comprehensive assessment of the distance travelled based on both participant feedback and the delivery team's observations and interpretations. This assessment will be evidenced with client testimonials and tangible examples of where increased knowledge and capabilities are evident through actual application.

Specific evaluation methodologies include entry and exit questionnaires to demonstrate journeys undertaken by participants. Baseline Assessment and Rickter scale assessment. Outcome Star Assessments, Warwick-Edinburgh Mental Well-being) and baseline profiling will form the basis of measuring success. Outcome Star" Psychometric Barriers/Needs Assessment will provide us with unique and valuable data set around meaningful outcomes for service users and their distance travelled towards end outcomes. Looking at and analysing the innovative and holistic dataset collected by the Outcomes Star can be useful in a number of ways:

- Motivating for service users and for staff to see the change that has been achieved
- Demonstrating and evidencing the impact of services
- Learning about what is working well and what can be improved for the future

This assessment tool is based on a scaled measurement whereby participants score themselves, with un-biased guidance from staff, against key indicators. This snap shot approach will enable the subsequent measurement of progress made through real time, end of programme and post programme evaluation.

Appendix 1 (a) – ARCS Scheme 2024/25 (up to 12 months)

ARCS OUTLINE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

**FINANCIAL
YEAR:**

2024/25

Performance measures e.g. how much will we do; how many beneficiaries will there be?	Impact/benefit e.g. will anyone be better off; how will they benefit; what other benefits will there be?	Ownership	Timeline
1. Level 1 or Level 2 Award Understanding Gangs & Knife Crime	10 participants gain L2 Accreditation Recognition of the consequences of being involved in gangs, organised crime and knife crime Lower levels of crime and anti- social behaviour Skills & knowledge gained	PCA @ Sally Gardens	April-May
2. Delivery of Level 2 Young People & Youth Justice	10 participants gain L2 Accreditation Knowledge gained of the justice system Lower levels of crime and anti- social behaviour Skills & knowledge gained	PCA @ Sally Gardens	July-August
3. Delivery of Level 1 or Level 2 Community Safety Awareness	10 participants gain L2 Accreditation Recognition of the consequences of drug misuse Lower levels of crime and anti- social behaviour Skills & knowledge gained	PCA @ Sally Gardens	Oct-Nov
4. Deliver of mentoring programme to 10 young people	10 participants will complete one to one mentoring programme Improved resilience and better equipped to deal with personal challenges Lower levels of crime and anti- social behaviour Skills & knowledge gained	PCA @ Sally Gardens	April-March

(Add more rows if necessary)

Appendix 1 (b) – ARCS Scheme 2025/26 (up to 12 months)

ARCS OUTLINE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

FINANCIAL YEAR: 2025/26

Performance measures e.g. how much will we do; how many beneficiaries will there be?	Impact/benefit e.g. will anyone be better off; how will they benefit; what other benefits will there be?	Ownership	Timeline
1. Delivery of Level 1 or Level 2 Drugs & Alcohol Awareness	10 participants gain L2 Accreditation Recognition of the consequences of drug misuse Lower levels of crime and anti- social behaviour Skills & knowledge gained	PCA @ Sally Gardens	April-May
2. Delivery of Level 2 Trauma Informed Practice	10 participants gain L2 Accreditation Improved knowledge and understanding of the legacy of the troubles Lower levels of crime and anti- social behaviour Skills & knowledge gained	PCA @ Sally Gardens	July-August
3. Delivery of Level 2 Young People & Youth Justice	10 participants gain L2 Accreditation Knowledge of the justice system and consequences of ASB Lower levels of crime and anti- social behaviour Skills & knowledge gained	PCA @ Sally Gardens	Oct-Nov
4. Deliver of mentoring programme to 10 young people	10 participants will complete one to one mentoring programme Improved resilience and better equipped to deal with personal challenges Lower levels of crime and anti- social behaviour Skills & knowledge gained	PCA @ Sally Gardens	April-March

(Add more rows if necessary)

Appendix 1 (c) – ARCS Scheme 2026/27 (up to 12 months)

ARCS OUTLINE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

**FINANCIAL
YEAR:**

2026/27

Performance measures	Impact/benefit	Ownership	Timeline
e.g. how much will we do; how many beneficiaries will there be?	e.g. will anyone be better off; how will they benefit; what other benefits will there be?		
1. Delivery of Level 2 Adverse Childhood Experiences	10 participants gain L2 Accreditation Recognition of the consequences of not addressing ACEs Lower levels of crime and anti-social behaviour Skills & knowledge gained	PCA @ Sally Gardens	April-May
2. Delivery of Level 2 Trauma Informed Practice	10 participants gain L2 Accreditation Improved knowledge and understanding of the legacy of the troubles Lower levels of crime and anti-social behaviour Skills & knowledge gained	PCA @ Sally Gardens	July-August
3. Delivery of Level 2 Peer Mentoring Practice	10 participants gain L2 Accreditation Improved understanding and skills peer mentoring can bring to people and communities Know how to develop a peer mentoring programme with an individual including agreed aims Lower levels of crime and anti-social behaviour Skills & knowledge gained	PCA @ Sally Gardens	Oct-Nov
4. Deliver of mentoring programme to 10 young people	10 participants will complete one to one mentoring programme Improved resilience and better equipped to deal with personal challenges Lower levels of crime and anti-social behaviour Skills & knowledge gained	PCA @ Sally Gardens	April-March

(Add more rows if necessary)

Appendix 2 (a) – ARCS Scheme 2024/25 (up to 12 months)

ARCS PROJECT BUDGET PROFILE

FINANCIAL
YEAR:

2024/25

Project Title		Safer Communities & Community Interventions	
Budget Heading / expenditure category		Description or further breakdown of costs	Amount £
e.g. training / delivery costs		X beneficiaries @£x per person	£
Level 1 or Level 2 Award Understanding Gangs & Knife Crime		6 workshops @ £200 £1200 IV & Accreditation £900 Room Hire £300 12hrs @ £25 per hour Project Resources & Consumables £200 Total: £2600	£2600
Delivery of Level 2 Young People & Youth Justice		6 workshops @ £200 £1200 IV & Accreditation £900 Room Hire £300 12hrs @ £25 per hour Project Resources & Consumables £200 Total: £2600	£2600
Delivery of Level 1 or Level 2 Community Safety Awareness		6 workshops @ £200 £1200 IV & Accreditation £900 Room Hire £300 12hrs @ £25 per hour Project Resources & Consumables £200 Total: £2600	£2600
Deliver of mentoring programme to 10 young people		25 hours mentoring per participant @ £30 per hour 250hrs @ £30 per hour=£7500	£7500
Total			£15,300

Appendix 2 (b) – ARCS Scheme 2025/26 (up to 12 months)

ARCS PROJECT BUDGET PROFILE

**FINANCIAL
YEAR:**

2025/26

Project Title		Safer Communities & Community Interventions	
Budget Heading / expenditure category	Description or further breakdown of costs	Amount £	
e.g. training / delivery costs	X beneficiaries @£x per person	£	
Level 1 or Level 2 Drugs & Alcohol Awareness	6 workshops @ £200 £1200 IV & Accreditation £900 Room Hire £300 12hrs @ £25 per hour Project Resources & Consumables £200 Total: £2600	£2600	
Delivery of Level 2 Trauma Informed Practice	6 workshops @ £200 £1200 IV & Accreditation £900 Room Hire £300 12hrs @ £25 per hour Project Resources & Consumables £200 Total: £2600	£2600	
Delivery of Level 2 Young People & Youth Justice	6 workshops @ £200 £1200 IV & Accreditation £900 Room Hire £300 12hrs @ £25 per hour Project Resources & Consumables £200 Total: £2600	£2600	
Deliver of mentoring programme to 10 young people	25 hours mentoring per participant @ £30 per hour 250hrs @ £30 per hour=£7500	£7500	
Total		£15,300	

Appendix 2 (c) – ARCS Scheme 2026/27 (up to 12 months)

ARCS PROJECT BUDGET PROFILE

FINANCIAL
YEAR:

2026/27

Project Title		Safer Communities & Community Interventions	
Budget Heading / expenditure category		Description or further breakdown of costs	Amount £
e.g. training / delivery costs		X beneficiaries @£x per person	£
Delivery of Level 2 Adverse Childhood Experiences		6 workshops @ £200 £1200 IV & Accreditation £900 Room Hire £300 12hrs @ £25 per hour Project Resources & Consumables £200 Total: £2600	£2600
Delivery of Level 2 Trauma Informed Practice		6 workshops @ £200 £1200 IV & Accreditation £900 Room Hire £300 12hrs @ £25 per hour Project Resources & Consumables £200 Total: £2600	£2600
Delivery of Level 2 Peer Mentoring Practice		6 workshops @ £200 £1200 IV & Accreditation £900 Room Hire £300 12hrs @ £25 per hour Project Resources & Consumables £200 Total: £2600	£2600
Deliver of mentoring programme to 10 young people		25 hours mentoring per participant @ £30 per hour 250hrs @ £30 per hour=£7500	£7500
Total			£15,300

Part 5: Declaration

To be completed by the person responsible for the implementation of the project to whom further correspondence will be addressed.

(Print and scan this page and submit with completed application form)

On behalf of

I hereby declare that the information provided is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

I will ensure that data is submitted in the appropriate form as requested by the Department and within any stipulated timeframe/ period of the project.

I will ensure all receipts and expenditure information are retained for verification.

I will inform the Department of any future funding received that reduces the need for ARCS funding for this project.

Name (PRINT)	[REDACTED]
Signature	[REDACTED]
Role	[REDACTED]
Date	26/1/2024

Signature of the Chair or Finance Officer / Treasurer for the Group or Management Committee

Name (PRINT)	[REDACTED]
Signature	[REDACTED]
Role	[REDACTED]
Date	26/1/2024

Please return completed application form by 5pm on Wednesday 31st January 2024 to:

Email: OCB.enquiries@justice-ni.gov.uk

ASSETS RECOVERY COMMUNITY SCHEME (ARCS)

Application Form

ARCS Scheme (1 April 2024 – 31 March 2025, 1 April 2025 – 31 March 2026 and/or 1 April 2026 – 31 March 2027)

Part 1: Applicant Details	
Name of Applicant / Organisation:	Artillery Youth Centre
Title of Project/Proposal:	Youth and Community Safety Project
Main contact for application –	Name: [REDACTED]
	Telephone number: [REDACTED]
	Email address: artilleryyc@hotmail.co.uk
Type of Organisation/Group:	Registered charity
Is the project lead a fully constituted group?	Yes
If no, what is its status?	
Registered Address:	Artillery Youth Centre, Victoria Parade, Belfast BT15 2EL
Council area in which the Project will operate?	Belfast
How long has the organisation been in existence? (if less than 12 months please supply a reference from an established organisation/body)	Since 1969
Have you previously applied for funding from ARCS or from the Department of Justice for this or any other project? (delete as appropriate)	Yes We received funding (£2465) for equipment for a Gardening and community clean-up project from the ARCs scheme in March 2017 that worked with young people at risk of re-offending. We also received funding from the ARCs scheme in the 2021/2022 funding round of £6980 for a young men and violence programme that worked with at risk young men over a six month period. Most recently we have delivered a very successful programme with young people at risk addressing issues around crime,

violence and community and personal safety with young people at risk of offending. A significant part of this programme was helping the wider community build bridges with young people to undermine the fear and mistrust residents had of younger people and criminality. We were awarded £21,500 in the period 2022-2024.

Part 2: About the proposal

2.1 What will this proposal aim to deliver for the benefit of victims, communities, the environment, or any combination of these categories?

Provide a brief description of the key elements including any specific issues and problems it hopes to address. (500 words max – **exceeding the word limit will result in an application being rejected**) - *(Please refer to the Guidance notes for more information)*

With this proposal, we want to retain and integrate elements of our current programme that has had a significant impact on this community, its residents and young people in particular criminality, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime amongst young and old. At the same time we want to introduce innovative strands to this work and build upon the successes we have had over the past couple of years with the support of the ARCs programme.

Key strands of our work that have made a real impact include **weekend diversionary activities** every Saturday and Sunday aimed at young people who are most at risk in this community of engagement in crime and anti-social behaviour. Our proposed programme will incorporate clean-up of public space, graffiti removal and environmental improvements. On its own, this strand of the work has transformed how young people are viewed by the wider community and it is an element we would want to retain and develop.

We would also develop the **bike safety initiative** that would seek to engage with young people who are currently involved in criminality around the theft of bikes and vandalism of hire bikes. We want to develop a programme to support them to work with others to learn maintenance skills and develop peer education skills to promote bike safety for residents and local children as a way of encouraging into socially positive action and away from anti-social behaviour and criminality.

We want to deliver a **Healthy Relationships** programme to three groups of young men and women through this programme. The Healthy Relationships programme looks at issues around domestic violence, violence in relationships, controlling behaviours and the consequences of unhealthy relationships. It is an accredited programme and was designed by young people from Artillery as a result of research we had completed.

We also want to deliver a **life skills programme** with young people at risk that supports them through mentoring, building self-worth and confidence through empowering and building skills such as money management, employability, cooking and DIY skills, communication and developing strategies to address substance misuse and non-violence.

Other strands of our proposal include **sports and fitness** programmes for young people who have disengaged from sport and a programme of relationship building with parents to mentor and provide **family support** to those families struggling with challenging behaviours of their teenage children.

The purpose of the programme is to work with the wider community from perpetrators to victims and parents and young people to develop positive programmes that promote learning, encourage healthy choices around criminality, engage and involve the wider community and re-enforce the idea that solutions to criminality, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime involve everyone.

2.2 How does the proposal meet the ARCS essential criteria of preventing crime and/or reducing the fear of crime?

Describe how the project will meet the ARCS essential funding criteria – (500 words max – **exceeding the word limit will result in an application being rejected**) - *(Please refer to the Guidance notes for more information)*

The programme directly meets the essential criteria for the ARCs funding in that it will reduce anti-social behaviour and criminality. It will build relationships between staff at Artillery who will work on this programme and those at-risk young people who will participate and their families. Equally it will reduce the fear of crime amongst the wider community by improving the local environment and by publicising the positive work of young people (many of whom would have quite a negative profile in the area) in the district.

The programme will also equip young people to make better choices, empower them to play a much more positive role in the life of this community and challenge the narrative that labels young people as problematic. We will provide opportunities for young people and their families at the same time as building local partnership between residents and young people.

2.3 Please demonstrate how the proposal meets the ARCS desirable criteria i.e. it aligns with:

- **The draft Programme for Government outcome “Everyone feels safe – we all respect the law and each other”**
- **The Northern Ireland Organised Crime Strategy 2021 – 2024**
 - support programmes that tackle crime or reduce the fear of crime;
 - support the creation of safe and resilient communities;
 - send a message that crime does not pay;
 - seek to increase public confidence in the justice system;
 - reduce reoffending; and
 - Divert vulnerable individuals away from engagement in criminal behaviour.

Where applicable, briefly describe how the proposal will help support the objectives and outcomes. (Up to 300 words max – **exceeding the word limit will result in an application being rejected**) *(Please refer to the Guidance notes for more information)*

Yes, it meets the desirable criteria by providing an opportunity for young people to play a more positive role in the community and to better understand the impact of anti-social behaviour and crime on the residents of this area. The programme will be both diversionary, empowering and educational in nature and provide a positive outlet for young people who would otherwise be hanging around outside shops and beside resident's homes. It will be a youth work led initiative that supports young people, their families and the wider community with a focus upon those young people who are excluded from other provision.

Through this programme we aim to mentor and support at-risk young people to contribute to;

- A safe and resilient community
- Reducing re-offending
- Diverting vulnerable young people away from criminality.
- Reducing crime and the fear of crime in the community.

And in doing so will align with government strategies mentioned above.

2.4 Outline Implementation Plan at Appendix 1.

Please outline in Appendix 1 what will be achieved, who will benefit and how. This should include measurable outcomes that can be reported on.

Part 3: Funding to deliver the proposal?

3.1 Please indicate the total amount you are applying for? (See Guidance Notes)

2024/25 (up to 12 months)	£ 15,164.00 (£25k maximum)
2025/26 (up to 12 months)	£ 15,922.20 (£25k maximum)
2026/27 (up to 12 months)	£ 16,718.30 (£25k maximum)
TOTAL	£ 47,804.50

It is possible to apply for only one, two or three of the periods.

The maximum available if applying over all periods is £75k.

Please only apply for funding for the period you can deliver the project.

Funding will be released on confirmation of project plans proceeding and, where applicable, satisfactory progress reports for the previous period.

3.2 Over what period do you intend to deliver the project?

If successful, expenditure can only be incurred after a letter of offer (detailing the funding award and any associated conditions) has been signed and returned to the Department. 31st Mar 2027 is the final date for eligible expenditure to be incurred and invoiced.

Start date: 01st April 2024

End date: 31st March 2027

3.3 Please complete the project budget profile at Appendix 2.

Please note that you must provide a breakdown of funding requirements over all periods if required.

3.4 Please indicate if funding has been secured or applied for from other funding sources for this or a similar project – No (Delete as appropriate)

If yes, please provide details:

2024/25 (up to 12 months) £

2025/26 (up to 12 months) £

2026/27 (up to 12 months) £

TOTAL £

3.5 Is your organisation registered on the Government Funding Database (GFD) – Yes (Delete as appropriate)

If yes, please provide the URN - 360

Part 4: Monitoring and Evaluation

4.1 Briefly set out financial control and accountability arrangements for the funding, should the application be successful. (300 words max– exceeding the word limit will result in an application being rejected)

We are governed by a fairly robust system of financial control and accountability in line with accepted best practice within the voluntary sector. Approval is needed for all expenditure and evidence of spend in the form of receipts and bank statements that correspond is required at all times. Our accounts are independently verified and audited annually and submitted to the Charities Commission in line with SORP.

4.2 Briefly set out how you will measure success (proportionately) should the application be successful. This should include clear, measurable outcomes/deliveries. (300 words max—exceeding the word limit will result in application being rejected)

We will measure the success of this project against the clear targets (outputs and outcomes) that we will set for the programme. This will include attendance and participation in decision making, clarity around the aims of the project and clear communication with the wider community as to its impact and effectiveness, a reduction in anti-social behaviour as determined by the opinions and views of local residents and stakeholders.

We will retain records of participation, document the changes and improvements in the local environment, evaluate the impact on the opinions of participants and keep a visual record of the project. We will record the numbers of young adults and residents in take part in different elements of the programme including completion of Healthy Relationships accredited training; numbers of participants on the bike safety programme; records of mentoring and engagement with young people and parents and numbers participating in the various strands of the life skills programmes.

Appendix 1 (a) – ARCS Scheme 2024/25 (up to 12 months)

ARCS OUTLINE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

FINANCIAL
YEAR:

2024/25

Performance measures e.g. how much will we do; how many beneficiaries will there be?	Impact/benefit e.g. will anyone be better off; how will they benefit; what other benefits will there be?	Ownership	Timeline
1. We will deliver a bike safety event that will involve teaching of maintenance, safety and security awareness with basic repairs to young people's bikes.	6 at risk young adults will act as peer educators, showing residents and young people to secure their bikes, maintain and repair them. At least 25 residents and young people will participate in the event.		April 2024 – March 2025
2. Six young adults will participate in a weekly community clean up with a focus of engaging residents and showing the capacity of young people for positive community action.	At least 20 locations in the New Lodge will be cleaned up with young people in partnership with residents. Young people will be seen to be playing a positive role in the improvement of this community. A significant focus of the clean ups will be summer months and areas of anti-social behaviour.		April 2024 – March 2025
3. 12 at risk young people will participate in weekly sports and fitness activities	Sports activities and fitness opportunities will be delivered weekly with at least 48 activities over the course of the year.		April 2024 – March 2025
4. 20 young women will gain an OCN qualification in Healthy Relationships.	Young women will participate in a ten-week training programme looking at domestic violence, violence against girls and women and controlling behaviours so that they can identify risks and make informed choices about their safety.		April 2024 – March 2025
5. We will help foster a culture of cooperation and engagement with young people and the wider community.	We will help remove the fear of crime and help residents better engage with young people.		April 2024 – March 2025

6. We will build an on-going positive relationship with at risk young people and their parents over the throughout the year.	Weekly contact with at risk young people in the community to foster a supportive mentoring relationship. Monthly updates and contact with parents to help to establish a good relationship with key adults in these young people's lives.		April 2024 – March 2025
7. Over the year we will work with 16 at risk young people and deliver a life skills programme to them that will provide skills, self-confidence and encourage positive behaviours.	A weekly youth led initiative will develop skills such as communication, cooking, anger management, money skills and employability will help tackle destructive behaviours and criminality.		April 2024 – March 2025

(Add more rows if necessary)

Appendix 1 (b) – ARCS Scheme 2025/26 (up to 12 months)

ARCS OUTLINE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

FINANCIAL
YEAR:

2025/26

Performance measures e.g. how much will we do; how many beneficiaries will there be?	Impact/benefit e.g. will anyone be better off; how will they benefit; what other benefits will there be?	Ownership	Timeline
1. We will deliver a bike safety event that will involve teaching of maintenance, safety and security awareness with basic repairs to young people's bikes.	6 at risk young adults will act as peer educators, showing residents and young people to secure their bikes, maintain and repair them. At least 25 residents and young people will participate in the event.		April 2025- March 2026
2. Six young adults will participate in a weekly community clean up with a focus of engaging residents and showing the capacity of young people for positive community action.	At least 20 locations in the New Lodge will be cleaned up with young people in partnership with residents. Young people will be seen to be playing a positive role in the improvement of this community. A significant focus of the clean ups will be summer months and areas of anti-social behaviour.		April 2025- March 2026
3. 12 at risk young people will participate in weekly sports and fitness activities	Sports activities and fitness opportunities will be delivered weekly with at least 48 activities over the course of the year.		April 2025- March 2026
4. 20 young women will gain an OCN qualification in Healthy Relationships.	Young women will participate in a ten-week training programme looking at domestic violence, violence against girls and women and controlling behaviours so that they can identify risks and make informed choices about their safety.		April 2025- March 2026
5. We will help foster a culture of cooperation and engagement with young people and the wider community.	We will help remove the fear of crime and help residents better engage with young people.		April 2025- March 2026

6. We will build an on-going positive relationship with at risk young people and their parents over the throughout the year.	Weekly contact with at risk young people in the community to foster a supportive mentoring relationship. Monthly updates and contact with parents to help to establish a good relationship with key adults in these young people's lives.		April 2025- March 2026
7. Over the year we will work with 16 at risk young people and deliver a life skills programme to them that will provide skills, self-confidence and encourage positive behaviours.	A weekly youth led initiative will develop skills such as communication, cooking, anger management, money skills and employability will help tackle destructive behaviours and criminality.		April 2025- March 2026
8. A review and evaluation will take place in cooperation with parents and young people.	The evaluation will form part of the planning of this current year's targets and programme emphasis.		April 2025

(Add more rows if necessary)

Appendix 1 (c) – ARCS Scheme 2026/27 (up to 12 months)

ARCS OUTLINE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

FINANCIAL
YEAR:

2026/27

Performance measures e.g. how much will we do; how many beneficiaries will there be?	Impact/benefit e.g. will anyone be better off; how will they benefit; what other benefits will there be?	Ownership	Timeline
1. We will deliver a bike safety event that will involve teaching of maintenance, safety and security awareness with basic repairs to young people's bikes.	6 at risk young adults will act as peer educators, showing residents and young people to secure their bikes, maintain and repair them. At least 25 residents and young people will participate in the event.		April 2026-March 2027
2. Six young adults will participate in a weekly community clean up with a focus of engaging residents and showing the capacity of young people for positive community action.	At least 20 locations in the New Lodge will be cleaned up with young people in partnership with residents. Young people will be seen to be playing a positive role in the improvement of this community. A significant focus of the clean ups will be summer months and areas of anti-social behaviour.		April 2026-March 2027
3. 12 at risk young people will participate in weekly sports and fitness activities	Sports activities and fitness opportunities will be delivered weekly with at least 48 activities over the course of the year.		April 2026-March 2027
4. 20 young women will gain an OCN qualification in Healthy Relationships.	Young women will participate in a ten-week training programme looking at domestic violence, violence against girls and women and controlling behaviours so that they can identify risks and make informed choices about their safety.		April 2026-March 2027
5. We will help foster a culture of cooperation and engagement with young people and the wider community.	We will help remove the fear of crime and help residents better engage with young people.		April 2026-March 2027

6. We will build an on-going positive relationship with at risk young people and their parents over the throughout the year.	Weekly contact with at risk young people in the community to foster a supportive mentoring relationship. Monthly updates and contact with parents to help to establish a good relationship with key adults in these young people's lives.		April 2026- March 2027
7. Over the year we will work with 16 at risk young people and deliver a life skills programme to them that will provide skills, self-confidence and encourage positive behaviours.	A weekly youth led initiative will develop skills such as communication, cooking, anger management, money skills and employability will help tackle destructive behaviours and criminality.		April 2026- March 2027
8. A review and evaluation will take place in cooperation with parents and young people.	The evaluation will form part of the planning of this current year's targets and programme emphasis.		April 2026

(Add more rows if necessary)

Appendix 2 (a) – ARCS Scheme 2024/25 (up to 12 months)

ARCS PROJECT BUDGET PROFILE

**FINANCIAL
YEAR:**

2024/25

Project Title		
Budget Heading / expenditure category	Description or further breakdown of costs	Amount £
e.g. training / delivery costs	X beneficiaries @£x per person	£
1. 2 x P/T youth workers/ mentors	2 p/t workers at 6 hours per week x 52 weeks @ £11 per hour	£6,864.00
2. Young people and violence Programme Healthy Relationships	20 young people per year @£47.50 per person training and accreditation costs	£950.00
3. Bike Safety Programme	2 programmes each year supporting up to 25 young people at £150 per programme for small items	£300.00
4. Sports and Fitness Programme	50 weeks at £25 per week venue hire supporting up to 600 young people to participate in sports	£1,250.00
5. Life Skills Programme	Cooking Money Management Self-confidence & Assertiveness Anti-drug programme Work Experience	£1,200.00
6. Community Clean-up Project	20 clean ups per year @£75 per event to cover overheads and refreshments	£1,500.00
7. Small Items of Equipment	Items such as hand tools, black bags, brushes etc.	£650.00
8. Transport	Minibus hire	£950.00
9. Activities and Entrance Charges	Entrance charges and activities 10 per year @£50 per activity supporting at least 80 young people	£500.00
10. Overheads	Printing, photocopying, venue hire, HLP £20 per week @ 50 weeks	£1,000.00
Total		£15,164.00

Appendix 2 (b) – ARCS Scheme 2025/26 (up to 12 months)

ARCS PROJECT BUDGET PROFILE

**FINANCIAL
YEAR:**

2025/26

Project Title		
Budget Heading / expenditure category	Description or further breakdown of costs	Amount £
e.g. training / delivery costs	X beneficiaries @£x per person	£
1. 2 x P/T youth workers/ mentors	2 p/t workers at 6 hours per week x 52 weeks @ £11.55 per hour	£7,207.20
2. Young people and violence Programme Healthy Relationships	20 young people per year @£49.86 per person training and accreditation costs	£997.50
3. Bike Safety Programme	2 programmes each year supporting up to 25 young people at £157.50 per programme for small items	£315.00
4. Sports and Fitness Programme	50 weeks at £26.25 per week venue hire supporting up to 600 young people to participate in sports	£1312.50
5. Life Skills Programme	Cooking Money Management Self-confidence & Assertiveness Anti drug programme Work Experience	£1,260.00
6. Community Clean-up Project	20 clean ups per year @£78.75 per event to cover overheads and refreshments	£1,575.00
7. Small Items of Equipment	Items such as hand tools, black bags, brushes etc.	£682.50
8. Transport	Minibus hire	£997.50
9. Activities and Entrance Charges	Entrance charges and activities 10 per year @£52.50 per activity supporting at least 80 young people	£525.00
10.Overheads	Printing, photocopying, venue hire, HLP £21 per week @ 50 weeks	£1,050.00
Total		£15,922.20

Appendix 2 (c) – ARCS Scheme 2026/27 (up to 12 months)

ARCS PROJECT BUDGET PROFILE

**FINANCIAL
YEAR:**

2026/27

Project Title		
Budget Heading / expenditure category	Description or further breakdown of costs	Amount £
e.g. training / delivery costs	X beneficiaries @£x per person	£
1. 2 x P/T youth workers/ mentors	2 p/t workers at 6 hours per week x 52 weeks @ £12.13 per hour	£7,567.56
2. Young people and violence Programme Healthy Relationships	20 young people per year @£52.35 per person training and accreditation costs	£1047.06
3. Bike Safety Programme	2 programmes each year supporting up to 25 young people at £165.38 per programme for small items	£330.75
4. Sports and Fitness Programme	50 weeks at £27.56 per week venue hire supporting up to 600 young people to participate in sports	£1378.13
5. Life Skills Programme	Cooking Money Management Self-confidence & Assertiveness Anti-drug programme Work Experience	£1,323.00
6. Community Clean-up Project	20 clean ups per year @£82.69 per event to cover overheads and refreshments	£1,653.75
7. Small Items of Equipment	Items such as hand tools, black bags, brushes etc.	£716.82
8. Transport	Minibus hire	£1,047.38
9. Activities and Entrance Charges	Entrance charges and activities 10 per year @£55.12 per activity supporting at least 80 young people	£551.25
10. Overheads	Printing, photocopying, venue hire, HLP £22.05 per week @ 50 weeks	£1,102.50
Total		£16,718.30

Part 5: Declaration

To be completed by the person responsible for the implementation of the project to whom further correspondence will be addressed.

(Print and scan this page and submit with completed application form)

On behalf of Artillery Youth Centre

I hereby declare that the information provided is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

I will ensure that data is submitted in the appropriate form as requested by the Department and within any stipulated timeframe/ period of the project.

I will ensure all receipts and expenditure information are retained for verification.

I will inform the Department of any future funding received that reduces the need for ARCS funding for this project.

Name (PRINT)	
Signature	
Role	
Date	17 th January 2024

Signature of the Chair or Finance Officer / Treasurer for the Group or Management Committee

Name (PRINT)	
Signature	
Role	
Date	18 th January 2024

Please return completed application form by 5pm on Wednesday 31st January 2024 to:

Email: OCB.enquiries@justice-ni.gov.uk

Part 5: Declaration

To be completed by the person responsible for the implementation of the project to whom further correspondence will be addressed.

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Name (PRINT)	[REDACTED]
Signature	[REDACTED]
Role	[REDACTED]
Date	17 th January 2024

Signature of the Chair or Finance Officer / Treasurer for the Group or Management Committee

Name (PRINT)	[REDACTED]
Signature	[REDACTED]
Role	[REDACTED]
Date	18 th January 2024

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ASSETS RECOVERY

COMMUNITY SCHEME

(ARCS)

Application Form

ARCS Scheme (1 April 2024 – 31 March 2025, 1 April 2025 – 31 March 2026 and/or 1 April 2026 – 31 March 2027)

Part 1: Applicant Details

Name of Applicant / Organisation:	Knocknagoney Area Forum
Title of Project/Proposal:	Summer football club
Main contact for application –	Name [REDACTED]
	Telephone number [REDACTED]
	Email address: [REDACTED]
Type of Organisation/Group:	Community/Voluntary Group
Is the project lead a fully constituted group?	Yes
If no, what is its status?	
Registered Address:	% Knocknagoney Primary School Knocknagoney Road, Belfast, BT4 2NR
Council area in which the Project will operate?	Belmont District
How long has the organisation been in existence? (if less than 12 months please supply a reference from an established organisation/ [REDACTED])	More than 10 years
Have you previously applied for funding from ARCS or from the Department of Justice for this or any other project? (delete as appropriate)	No

Part 2: About the proposal

2.1 What will this proposal aim to deliver for the benefit of victims, communities, the environment, or any combination of these categories?

Provide a brief description of the key elements including any specific issues and problems it hopes to address. (500 words max – **exceeding the word limit will result in an application being rejected**) - *(Please refer to the Guidance notes for more information)*

Description:

The proposal aims to reduce antisocial behaviour in the local Knocknagoney area by providing a summer football scheme. This will be undertaken by an accredited football coach with refreshments by the local community garden. It is over 3 years and through this will enable local residents and community stakeholders to become involved in its running, especially the refreshments.

Key elements & problems it hopes to address:

In years previous there has been a rise in antisocial behaviour and there have been various organisations seeking to find ways to alleviate this issue. KAF (Knocknagoney Area Forum) undertook a listening exercise and found that many of those who were involved in the antisocial behaviour were members of football clubs and when these clubs stopped over the summer months they were at a loose end and got involved in various acts of vandalism and antisocial behaviour. A football scheme was undertaken, but with limited resources it was only able to operate at a low level. It is proposed that the scheme is undertaken in the summer months from 2024-26 with accredited coaches which will appeal to those already involved in football clubs. This proposal will be undertaken with the local community garden which has been vandalised on numerous occasions. It is proposed that working in unison with them will grow understanding and ownership of the local area in which young people live through these summers and prevent further incidents.

2.2 How does the proposal meet the ARCS essential criteria of preventing crime and/or reducing the fear of crime?

Describe how the project will meet the ARCS essential funding criteria – (500 words max – exceeding the word limit will result in an application being rejected) - *(Please refer to the Guidance notes for more information)*

In the Knocknagoney area there have been undercurrents of criminal activity, antisocial behaviour, vandalism, fear and intimidation. The community police have been involved in the work of KAF but budget constraints have prevented the police having a positive impact in the area. People remain frightened by fear of antisocial behaviour, vandalism, and intimidation and in many cases the teenagers have been at the forefront of this activity. Through the good relations of the school, relationships have been built with local families and opportunities have enable KAF to have a positive impact in the area. The proposal provides an opportunity for young people to be engaged, parents to be engaged through the partnership with the community garden, and a positive impact to be made. The proposal seeks to provide a positive influence and prevent these young people becoming involved in these activities. The partnership with the community garden will foster good relations with local people and the area, and enable these young people to see that criminal activity, antisocial behaviour, vandalism is destroying their own area and hurting the people who live close to them. It will also provide a time for these relationships to reduce fear by breaking down generational barriers between young and old, and enable the fear of crime to be reduced.

2.3 Please demonstrate how the proposal meets the ARCS desirable criteria i.e. it aligns with:

- **The draft Programme for Government outcome “Everyone feels safe – we all respect the law and each other”**
- **The Northern Ireland Organised Crime Strategy 2021 – 2024**
 - support programmes that tackle crime or reduce the fear of crime;
 - support the creation of safe and resilient communities;
 - send a message that crime does not pay;
 - seek to increase public confidence in the justice system;
 - reduce reoffending; and
 - divert vulnerable individuals away from engagement in criminal behaviour.

Where applicable, briefly describe how the proposal will help support the objectives and outcomes. (Up to 300 words max – **exceeding the word limit will result in an application being rejected**) (*Please refer to the Guidance notes for more information*)

The proposal provides an opportunity for young people to be engaged, parents to be engaged, and local residents through the partnership with the community garden. The proposal seeks to foster good relations with local people and the area, and enable these young people to see that criminal activity, antisocial behaviour, vandalism is destroying their own area and hurting the people who live close to them. It would be intended that the community police might be able to attend and provide more than response policing and by attending seek to foster these relationships also. The proposal will provide a direct opportunity to divert individuals from engagement in criminal behaviour.

2.4 Outline Implementation Plan at Appendix 1.

Please outline in Appendix 1 what will be achieved, who will benefit and how. This should include measurable outcomes that can be reported on.

Part 3: Funding to deliver the proposal?

3.1 Please indicate the total amount you are applying for? (See Guidance Notes)

2024/25 (up to 12 months)	£ <u>750.00</u>	(£25k maximum)
2025/26 (up to 12 months)	£ <u>750.00</u>	(£25k maximum)
2026/27 (up to 12 months)	£ <u>750.00</u>	(£25k maximum)
TOTAL	£ <u>2250.00</u>	

It is possible to apply for only one, two or three of the periods.

The maximum available if applying over all periods is £75k.

Please only apply for funding for the period you can deliver the project.

Funding will be released on confirmation of project plans proceeding and, where applicable, satisfactory progress reports for the previous period.

3.2 Over what period do you intend to deliver the project?

If successful, expenditure can only be incurred after a letter of offer (detailing the funding award and any associated conditions) has been signed and returned to the Department. 31st Mar 2027 is the final date for eligible expenditure to be incurred and invoiced.

Start date: 3rd July 2024

End date: 26th August 2026

3.3 Please complete the project budget profile at Appendix 2.

Please note that you must provide a breakdown of funding requirements over all periods if required.

3.4 Please indicate if funding has been secured or applied for from other funding sources for this or a similar project – No

If **yes**, please provide details:

2024/25 (up to 12 months) £

2025/26 (up to 12 months) £

2026/27 (up to 12 months) £

TOTAL £

3.5 Is your organisation registered on the Government Funding Database (GFD) – No

If **yes**, please provide the URN -

Part 4: Monitoring and Evaluation

4.1 Briefly set out financial control and accountability arrangements for the funding, should the application be successful. (300 words max– exceeding the word limit will result in an application being rejected)

KAF is a fully constituted group and so has a treasurer who will control the funding. The funding is for an accredited coach and refreshments and so these will be invoiced and paid at the end of each summer. There are no overheads and no payments other than this, and so the small amount of funding will be controlled through KAF and released by it each summer.

4.2 Briefly set out how you will measure success (proportionately) should the application be successful. This should include clear, measurable outcomes/deliveries. (300 words max– exceeding the word limit will result in application being rejected)

Success will be dependent on the number of young people involved in the football scheme, the number of parents who stay and are engaged, and also the number of local residents who get involved in providing refreshments and in dialogue with young people and parents. Numbers will be important for success and the measure of it.

Also, the success will be measured by the number of antisocial incidents, and incidents of vandalism to the community garden and to local residents. This is not something that is measured by the police and local residents do not report it, but it will be something that is measured by those who run the community garden and the engagement they get.

Success will also be measured by the involvement of community stakeholders and reports from all those involved at the end of each summer. Forms will be provided to get feedback, and to ask for areas people would like to be involved in, and the ultimate aim by 2026 is to have some of those who are attending and participating to come into involvement in local organisations and the football scheme itself.

Success would be, that by the summer of 2027, no further funding or accredited coaches are needed as the local young people and residents are organising and running the summer football scheme having seen its importances over the summers of 2024-26.

Appendix 1 (a) – ARCS Scheme 2024/25 (up to 12 months)

ARCS OUTLINE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

FINANCIAL
YEAR:

2024/25

Performance measures e.g. how much will we do; how many beneficiaries will there be?	Impact/benefit e.g. will anyone be better off; how will they benefit; what other benefits will there be?	Ownership	Timeline
1.Attendance at football scheme	Preventing young people becoming involved in antisocial behaviour, vandalism and intimidation	KAF	July/Aug 24
2. Communication with accredited coaches and feedback from them in relation to youth engagement and potential improvements	Preventing young people becoming involved in antisocial behaviour, vandalism and intimidation	KAF	July/Aug 24
3. Attendance by parents	Engaging with whole families to prevent generational breakdown	KAF	July/Aug 24
4. Partnership with the community garden and both young people and parents entering the garden and building relationships with those community stakeholders	Increase understanding about the local area and increase ownership of it	KAF	July/Aug 24

(Add more rows if necessary)

Appendix 1 (b) – ARCS Scheme 2025/26 (up to 12 months)

ARCS OUTLINE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

FINANCIAL
YEAR:

2025/26

Performance measures e.g. how much will we do; how many beneficiaries will there be?	Impact/benefit e.g. will anyone be better off; how will they benefit; what other benefits will there be?	Ownership	Timeline
1.Attendance at football scheme including young people from previous year	Preventing young people becoming involved in antisocial behaviour, vandalism and intimidation	KAF	July/Aug 25
2. Communication with accredited coaches and feedback from them in relation to youth engagement and potential engagement of these young people in coaching	Preventing young people becoming involved in antisocial behaviour, vandalism and intimidation	KAF	July/Aug 25
3. Attendance by parents and increased involvement	Engaging with whole families to prevent generational breakdown	KAF	July/Aug 25
4. Partnership with the community garden and both young people and parents entering the garden and building relationships with those community stakeholders	Increase understanding about the local area and increase ownership of it	KAF	July/Aug 25

(Add more rows if necessary)

Appendix 1 (c) – ARCS Scheme 2026/27 (up to 12 months)

ARCS OUTLINE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

FINANCIAL
YEAR:

2026/27

Performance measures e.g. how much will we do; how many beneficiaries will there be?	Impact/benefit e.g. will anyone be better off; how will they benefit; what other benefits will there be?	Ownership	Timeline
1.Attendance at football scheme including young people from previous year	Preventing young people becoming involved in antisocial behaviour, vandalism and intimidation	KAF	July/Aug 26
2. Communication with accredited coaches and increased responsibility for these young people in coaching	Preventing young people becoming involved in antisocial behaviour, vandalism and intimidation	KAF	July/Aug 26
3. Parents taking on roles to run the scheme	Engaging with whole families to prevent generational breakdown	KAF	July/Aug 26
4. Partnership with the community garden and both young people and parents entering the garden and building relationships with those community stakeholders	Increase understanding about the local area and increase ownership of it	KAF	July/Aug 26

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Appendix 2 (a) – ARCS Scheme 2024/25 (up to 12 months)

**FINANCIAL
YEAR:**

2024/25

ARCS PROJECT BUDGET PROFILE

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Appendix 2 (b) – ARCS Scheme 2025/26 (up to 12 months)

ARCS PROJECT BUDGET PROFILE		FINANCIAL YEAR:	2025/26
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Appendix 2 (c) – ARCS Scheme 2026/27 (up to 12 months)

ARCS PROJECT BUDGET PROFILE

FINANCIAL
YEAR:

2026/27

Project Title		
Budget Heading / expenditure category	Description or further breakdown of costs	Amount £
e.g. training / delivery costs	X beneficiaries @£x per person	£
Accredited coaches using Kickabout Kidz, a professional football coach	50 @ £11/person	550
Refreshments and provisions for use in the community garden	75 @ £2.66/person	200
Total		2250

Part 5: Declaration

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number	Organisation Name:	Title of Project :	Amount Applied for: 2024/25	Awarded 2024/25	Amount Applied for: 2025/26	Awarded 2025/26	Amount Applied for: 2026/27	Awarded 2026/27	Agreed Panel Score	Comments	Council Area	Category
	Poleglass Community Association @Sally Gardens	Safer Communities & Community Interventions	£15,300.00	£13,800.00	£15,300.00	£13,800.00	£15,300.00	£13,800.00	15	Possibly reduce mentoring sessions	Belfast	community safety/preventing ASB
12	Artillery Youth Centre	Youth and Community Safety Project	£15,164.00	£15,164.00	£15,922.20	£15,922.20	£16,718.30	£16,718.30	14	Strong application, wide range of programmes. high staff costs	Belfast	Youth diversionary/preventing ASB
165	Knocknagoney Area Forum	Summer football club	£750.00	£750.00	£750.00	£750.00	£750.00	£750.00	13		Belfast	

ARCS 2024/25, 2025/26, 2026/27 – Panel Scoring Sheet

Applicant Name <i>Bleasdale Community Assoc</i> <i>and Self Funded</i>		Applicant Number <i>19</i>	
Amount req. 24/25 £ <i>15300</i>	Amount req. 25/26 £ <i>15300</i>	Amount req. 26/27 £ <i>15300</i>	
		Met (tick box)	Not met (tick box)
(2.1 of application)	Clear purpose to address need – for the benefit of victims, communities, the environment or any combination of these categories	☒	
(2.2 of application)	Essential criteria – prevent crime, reduce the fear of crime	☒	
(2.3 of application)	Desirable criteria – alignment to PFG outcomes and OC Strategy	☒	
(Implementation plan – Appendix 1A and B)	Clear outcomes, impact, benefits	☒	
Panel Member overall Score (out of 20)	<i>17 1/2</i>		
Comments (optional)	<i>check resources £2hr @ £25/hr.</i>		

ARCS 2024/25, 2025/26, 2026/27 – Panel Scoring Sheet

Applicant Name	Poleglass Community Association @ Sally Gardens		Applicant Number	019
Amount req. 24/25 £ 15,300.00	Amount req. 25/26 £ 15,300.00	Amount req. 26/27 £ 15,300.00		
		Met (tick box)	Not met (tick box)	
(2.1 of application)	Clear purpose to address need – for the benefit of victims, communities, the environment or any combination of these categories			
(2.2 of application)	Essential criteria – prevent crime, reduce the fear of crime			
(2.3 of application)	Desirable criteria – alignment to PFG outcomes and OC Strategy			
(Implementation plan – Appendix 1A and B)	Clear outcomes, impact, benefits			
Panel Member overall Score (out of 20)	13			
Comments (optional)				

ARCS 2024/25, 2025/26, 2026/27 – Panel Scoring Sheet

Applicant Name	Artillery Youth Centre		Applicant Number	12
Amount req. 24/25 £ 15104	Amount req. 25/26 £ 15922	Amount req. 26/27 £ 16718		
			Met (tick box)	Not met (tick box)
(2.1 of application)	Clear purpose to address need – for the benefit of victims, communities, the environment or any combination of these categories		✓	
(2.2 of application)	Essential criteria – prevent crime, reduce the fear of crime		✓	
(2.3 of application)	Desirable criteria – alignment to PFG outcomes and OC Strategy		✓	
(Implementation plan – Appendix 1A and B)	Clear outcomes, impact, benefits		✓	
Panel Member overall Score (out of 20)	16			
Comments (optional)				

ARCS 2024/25, 2025/26, 2026/27 – Panel Scoring Sheet

Applicant Name	Artillery Youth Centre		Applicant Number	012
Amount req. 24/25 £15,164.00	Amount req. 25/26 £15,922.20	Amount req. 26/27 £		
		Met (tick box)	Not met (tick box)	
(2.1 of application)	Clear purpose to address need – for the benefit of victims, communities, the environment or any combination of these categories			
(2.2 of application)	Essential criteria – prevent crime, reduce the fear of crime			
(2.3 of application)	Desirable criteria – alignment to PFG outcomes and OC Strategy			
(Implementation plan – Appendix 1A and B)	Clear outcomes, impact, benefits			
Panel Member overall Score (out of 20)	14			
Comments (optional)	Lack of detail in application			

ARCS 2024/25, 2025/26, 2026/27 – Panel Scoring Sheet

Applicant Name	Knocknaganny Area Forum		Applicant Number	165
Amount req. 24/25 £ 750	Amount req. 25/26 £ 750	Amount req. 26/27 £ 750		
			Met (tick box)	Not met (tick box)
(2.1 of application)	Clear purpose to address need – for the benefit of victims, communities, the environment or any combination of these categories		☒	
(2.2 of application)	Essential criteria – prevent crime, reduce the fear of crime		☒	
(2.3 of application)	Desirable criteria – alignment to PFG outcomes and OC Strategy		☒	
(Implementation plan – Appendix 1A and B)	Clear outcomes, impact, benefits		☒	
Panel Member overall Score (out of 20)	11			
Comments (optional)				

number	Organisation Name:	Title of Project :	Funded by ARCS last year	Category	VH comment	YES/NO	VH SCORE	Overall Panel Score
12	Artillery Youth Centre	Youth and Community Safety Project	yes	Youth diversionary/preventing ASB	Wide range of programmes; are they spread too thin. Community clean up, bike safety, DA healthy relationship, like skills, sports & fitness. Strong application.	MAYBE	14	14
19	Poleglass Community Association @Sally Gardens	Safer Communities & Community Interventions	yes	community safety/preventing ASB	Range of accredited courses and one to one mentoring. Trauma informed practice, drug and alcohol awareness, young people and youth justice & mentoring. 40 participants. Tackle youth based organised crime and stop offending. Partnership working with LEA. early intervention and supporting rehabilitation.	YES remove or reduce mentoring	16	15
165	Knocknagoney Area Forum	Summer football club			Could we grant given the small sums involved. Very little outlay and could have positive impact. Community engagement to find out what the issue is and how to resolve.	?	?	