**Have you got a project idea to help fight loan sharks in your area?**

**Is it Innovative ~ Engaging ~ Effective ~ Enduring ~ Value for Money?**

**We have £4,000 available to fund initiatives that raise awareness about the dangers of illegal lending in the North Yorkshire, Kirklees, East Riding, Humberside, north Lincolnshire and West Yorkshire areas.**

**Applications are now open!**

Stop Loan Sharks (the England Illegal Money Lending Team) has a pot of funding available this year for community organisations to help in the fight against loan sharks.

The money has been seized from convicted loan sharks, and we want to see it used to help protect people from illegal lenders in the future.

This funding could make a real difference in your community. If your project meets our five key criteria, then we want you to apply.

1. ***Innovative***

What makes your project different?

1. ***Engaging***

Who will this project reach and how many people will be involved? Will you help get the Stop Loan Sharks message to a new audience?

1. ***Effective***

What impact will your project have? How will it affect and influence people and how will it change their actions and understanding?

1. ***Enduring***

What will be the legacy of your project and how is it sustainable?

1. ***Value for Money***

How does this project represent value for money?

If your project meets these aims, then please complete the application form and email it to: Please note the closing date for applications is June 27th 2005 with the project being complete by 30th April 2026

We hope these FAQs will answer any queries you have, but if not, please contact your local LIAISE officer **Aidan Wheller** by emailing aidan.wheller@birmingham.gov.uk

***FAQs:***

***Who can apply?***

*Residents’ groups, charities, private companies, social enterprises, community and voluntary groups, schools and statutory agencies can submit an application.*

***How much can you apply for***

*Up to £4,000.*

***What can you spend the money on?***

*Funds can be spent on any worthwhile community project that meets the following criteria:*

* *Contributes to raising the awareness of the dangers of using loan sharks*
* *Prevents crime and disorder and publicises the Stop Loan Sharks message*
* *Promotes the work of the Illegal Money Lending Team (IMLT) in communities*
* *Encourages reporting of loan sharks*

***What can’t you spend the money on?***

*Stop Loan Sharks must be the main focus of the project and expenditure.*

*As such funds cannot be spent on:*

* *Staff training, presentation slides, posters and other publicity materials which can all be provided free of charge by your local IMLT LIAISE Officer. We do not provide funding for translation services or translated literature.*
* *Staff salaries, day to day running costs of your organisation or vehicle costs. We can, however, pay for additional sessional staff costs or for current staff to deliver activities that are out of their normal remit*
* *Producing freebies, publicity merchandise or distribution costs*
* *Film production (unless niche and with a guaranteed audience)*
* *Office or home working equipment including laptops and filming equipment*
* *Plays – we will only fund plays that have a guaranteed audience of 50 people. If significantly fewer people attend we will ask for some funding to be returned*
* *Food – we can fund tea and coffee for projects but not food*
* *Any costs you incur whilst putting together your application.*

*If your project idea involves working with a school/schools you must have agreement and engagement from the schools before submitting your bid. The same is true of partner agencies.*

*We can help your organisation deliver a social media campaign free of charge. Please* *contact our press office* *to find out more.*

*For great project ideas see the Illegal Money Lending Team (IMLT) newsletter for previous successful bids or speak to your local LIAISE Officer.* ***Remember, your project bid must cover the 5 main objectives outlined above and have Stop Loan Sharks at its core***

*Please note that we will require evidence of spend and outcomes. If you have received previous funding from us, you are welcome to apply again.*

***What happens now?***

*The application period is open till XXX, so please ensure applications are submitted by that date.*

*Invoices should be received by XXX or the money will be re-allocated. Our local LIAISE Officer will need to meet you and any partner agencies before money will be paid.*

*Your application will be checked to ensure all the information provided is correct and that the practical aspects of the project are covered to make sure that it can be delivered successfully. We may be in touch with you at this stage to ask for further information. Applicants will be notified by XXX if they have been successful or not. All successful applicants must be able to invoice us to claim the funding.*

*The project needs to be delivered by XXX. All successful applicants, when notified, will be forwarded a project evaluation sheet which will need to be returned to the IMLT upon completion of the projects.*

*Successful applicants will also be expected to book free Stop Loan Sharks training which will be delivered by a member of the IMLT for staff and/or volunteers (if they have not already had this). We would also like an article and text about your project for our newsletter - this goes out to thousands of contacts across the country so will give your project further publicity.*

*If you require any further information, help or assistance with this form please contact your local LIAISE Officer Aidan Wheller -* *aidan.Wheller@birmingham.gov.uk*

**Application Form**

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| **About you or your group:** |
| How do you hear about this fund? |
| A | Name: |  |
| B | Address: |  |
| C | Contact Telephone Number: |  |
| D | Email address: |  |
| E | Are you applying on behalf of a group of people? | YES |  | NO |  |
| F | Is your group formally constituted? | YES |  | NO |  |
| G | Are you a:School? | YES |  |
| Charity? | YES |  |
| Statutory agency?  | YES |  |
| Other (please state) |  |
| H | Does your group/school/charity have its own bank account? | YES |  | NO |  |
| I | If no, is there an organisation that can act as banker? E.g., church, school, residents’ association, mosque  | If yes please tell us who | NO |  |
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| J | Have you received funding from us before? | YES |  | NO |  |
| K  | How much are you applying for? |  |
| L | Have you been awarded Stop Loan Sharks Partner Recognition Status in the last year? If yes, which level – Partner or Partner Plus? |  |
| M | If your project depends on match funding – please detail how. If this project is linked to another application to the Stop Loan Sharks Community Fund please state so here. |  |
| N | Do you have social media accounts?  |  |
| O | Do you have an in-house photographer? |  |
| **Your Project:** We want to know about your proposed project: Please continue on a separate sheet if more space is needed. |
| 1 | Describe your project and how it meets the criteria of the grant. Please be specific about what you will do, how you will do it and what you would spend the grant on. |
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| 2 | What is the change or difference your project is going to make? How will the Stop Loan Sharks message continue after your project has ended? |
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| 3 | Who will be involved in the project? Please state names if other organisations are helping you deliver the project. By listing them here you must have got their agreement to work together on this project. |  |
| 4 | Where is your project going to happen? |  |
| 5 | How will you ensure no one is excluded from the project? |
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| 6 | How will you measure the outcomes? |
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| 7 | What are the risks involved in this project? What could go wrong and how will you mitigate for this? |
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| **Safeguarding:** |
| 8 | If your project will be dealing with children, young people under 18 or vulnerable adults, please let us know that you have safeguarding policies in place: |
| * That are appropriate for your organisation and work
* That are reviewed at least once a year
* That you conduct relevant Criminal Record Checks with staff
* That you secure extra insurance cover (e.g. Public Liability Insurance) if appropriate
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| Please tick to say that your organisation meets these requirements: |  |

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| **How much will your project cost?** |
| 9 | Please provide a description and break down of total costs below. Please include descriptions of all items that you are applying for and also any other costs that are to be funded from grants received from other organisations, or that you are funding. |
| **ITEM OR ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION** | **COST** |
| *e.g. paint for mural* | *£120* |
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| **TOTAL COST OF PROJECT:** |  |

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| Your name |  |
| Your signature |  |
| Your job title (if you are applying on behalf of your employer) |  |
| Named contact in your organisation/group (for any enquiries if you’re not available, therefore must be someone other than you) |  |
| Named contact email or telephone number |  |
| Date |  |