



Fly tipping grant fund

What is the funding for?

In partnership with the local authorities in Northamptonshire, the Office of the Police Fire and Crime Commissioner have allocated some funds to support the removal of items that have been fly tipped on private land, and subsequently support the target hardening of these sites where possible to reduce the incidents of future fly-tipping.

The project will also work with the Environment Agency, National Farmers Union and will support the #letsscrapflytipping campaign.

Who can apply?

After reporting the fly tip to their local authority, the landowner will be sent an application form to complete for funds to be granted to remove the waste from their land. The application should include any relevant photographs to show how the land has been affected, and as much information as possible to provide the local authority representative enough evidence to show if the landowner is eligible for the grant. Please refer to the application form and checklist for more details of what information is needed.

Once approved and all required documentation has been received, the local authority will then submit the application with all supporting evidence to the OPFCC for their consideration.

Sites of both urban and rural locations will be considered, although a balance between the two will be needed.

Photographs of the Fly-Tip

Your application will need to include photographs of the fly-tip. To get the best possible photographs to support your application and any future Council investigations of the fly-tippers, please follow the guidance below:

- There is no limit to the number of photographs that you can include but generally 5 to 10 good photographs are sufficient;
- Include photographs showing the extent of fly tipping in comparison and context of its surroundings;
- Include a selection of pictures that show the size, amount and type of waste involved from different angles. It can be helpful to use reference objects like a pen, a hand, a person, a fence etc. to show the size of the waste pile or individual items;
- Fly tipping is a criminal offence, so if you find evidence with names and addresses contained within the fly tip, please contact the local authority representative as soon as practicable for advice and guidance on the next steps.



What is the application process?

1. Landowner contacts their local authority (LA);
2. An officer from the LA sends the landowner an application pack and asks them to complete and return it to the LA with supporting evidence, including photographs and quotes for the clearance work;
3. Once the LA has received the application form and supporting evidence, they will assess the application to see if the landowner is eligible for funds. Suitable applications will then be sent to the Project Support Officer at the OPFCC;
4. The Project Support officer and OPFCC Director will assess the application and either approve or decline the application giving reasons why;
5. Applicants will be informed if they are (not) successful by the LA. If successful, the landowner will arrange to have the waste cleared by the approved contractor, the landowner will pay the contractor then submit their invoice for the clearance to the LA officer, for reimbursement via the OPFCC;
6. Once the site is cleared and where appropriate, a crime prevention officer from the Police or from the OPFCC may visit the site and compile a list of recommendations for suitable target hardening approaches;
7. Any target hardening recommendations will need to be costed by a suitable contractor, and an application made to the LA for consideration by the OPFCC. Any funded measures will be actioned by the landowner, and if approved by the OPFCC will be reimbursed in the same way as the waste clearance.

Making your application

In order to apply for the fund, landowners will need to contact their local authority (LA) to request an application pack, which can be sent by email or in the post. All information required by the application form needs to be submitted or your application will not be accepted.

The application process may take up to 2 weeks from receipt of your application form by the LA. You will receive an acknowledgment of receipt.

How much funding is available?

The OPFCC will contribute a maximum of £1,500 toward the costs associated with clearing each site.

Any application for target hardening measures will be considered on a site by site basis.

Can I apply more than once for any land in my ownership?

Yes but more than 1 application for the same piece of land may be rejected if the applicant does not seek support from and implement target hardening measures recommended by the Crime Prevention Officer.

What are target hardening measures?

There are things that make it harder for your lands to be subject to fly-tipping. For example, secure gates and fences, off putting signage or CCTV. More advice can be found on the guidance document in the application pack.

Who is the local authority contact?

West Northamptonshire Council covers the former districts of Daventry, Northampton and South Northants. If the land is within this area contact the local authority representative via

Environmentallmprovement.ddc@westnorthants.gov.uk

North Northamptonshire covers the former districts of East Northants, Kettering, Corby and Wellingborough. If the land is within this area contact the local authority representative via Waste.ENC@northnorthants.gov.uk

If you would like any more information or assistance with your application please the relevant local authority on the emails above and we will be in touch with you.