



Vulnerable Faith Institutions Scheme

The recent attacks in Manchester and Finsbury Park have understandably left many faith communities concerned about the safety and security of their faith institutions. That is why on 22 June the Home Secretary announced a £1 million fund for faith institutions who are concerned that they are vulnerable to attack on the grounds of race, religion or ideology. The aim of the new scheme is to provide physical protective security measures such as CCTV cameras, locks and fencing to places of worship and faith based community centres who may feel vulnerable to such attacks.

To be eligible for the scheme you must provide reasonable evidence that **your Mosque is vulnerable to and/or has been victim of an attack on racial, religious or ideological grounds.**

The value of the scheme is £1m. There is no cap on the amount of money that can be bid for. However, costs must be proportionate to the security measures needed and successful applicants will be required to meet 20% of the total cost of the security equipment.

The scheme opens on **30 June 2017** and closes on 17 August 2017. Bids for funding will be considered by an independent panel who will meet twice. First at the end of August for bids received by 20 July and again in mid-September to review the remaining bids for funding.

How to apply for funding

You are encouraged to apply for funding if you can show that your mosque is vulnerable to attack on racial, religious or ideological grounds.

To find out more about the fund and your eligibility to apply please visit <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/vulnerable-faith-institutions-scheme>
Please ensure you read the guidance in full before starting your application.

Assistance

If you have any questions or need support in completing the application please email VFI@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk