

National Vehicle Crime Reduction Partnership – Funding Proposal v2

Funding of £360,000 is sought for the establishment and ongoing operation of the National Vehicle Crime Reduction Partnership (NVCRP) for a period of 18 months (starting 6th April 2024). The NVCRP will bring together police, government and industry to reduce vehicle crime. Building on the work of the National Vehicle Crime Working Group, the response to vehicle crime and support for partner organisations will be enhanced through a dedicated lead, improved data and coordinated operational activity focussed on thefts and the disposal of stolen vehicles and parts.

The NVCWG has helped to build and maintain relationships across police, government, manufacturers and other organisations. This has contributed to the development of supportive legislation (currently going through parliament) and enhanced training for police (including training provided by JLR). Whilst this has helped to improve the response to vehicle crime, experience in the UK and beyond has shown that vehicle crime is an increasing concern, with organised crime groups operating across national and borders. This requires an enhanced response.

Improved partnership work and dedicated resources have been effective in addressing other types of acquisitive crime e.g. the National Infrastructure Crime Reduction Partnership (NICRP) addressing catalytic converter theft and the wider theft of metal. This approach has also been implemented to address retail crime with the recently launched retailer-funded Pegasus.

The NVCRP will:

- Provide a full-time lead and point of contact for policing, industry and government.
- Collate and disseminate information, with partner access to reporting dashboards (including information from daily open-source research).
- Provide tactical assessments for police and industry.
- Work across existing partnerships (e.g. National Vehicle Crime Intelligence Service (NaVCIS) and Opal (National Serious Organised Acquisitive Crime Team)) to reduce offences, bring offenders to justice and increase recovery of stolen vehicles.
- Identify and share best practice.
- Direct, coordinate and conduct operational activity e.g. online research and police operations.

Costs:

Crime intelligence services – Research, analysis and products -	£135,000
Management (National lead – Salary and hosting) -	£120,000
Coordination and support (incl. website hosting/management) -	£57,000
Operational/Investigations support -	£48,000

Total: **£360,000**

Funding request:

As detailed above, £360,000 is requested to run the NVCRP for 18 months. Any underspend will be used to fund operational/investigative activities.

18 months will provide sufficient time to demonstrate the value of the partnership. As an initial partner and principal contributor, JLR will be influential in shaping the partnership. The partnership lead will work to secure further partners and funding streams to secure the partnership for years to come and have the greatest impact on vehicle crime.

Objectives:

Improved intelligence to guide preventative and reactive work of police and partners.

Reduction in vehicle theft

Increase in recovery of stolen vehicles.

Increase in operational activity targeting vehicle crime e.g. targeted operations and days of action.

Increased visibility of partnership working – use of social and traditional media.

Increased trust and confidence in partners work to combat vehicle crime.

Improved identification and dissemination of best practice.

Improved access to, and response from, tactical vehicle crime lead.

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