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UK Community Renewal Fund webinar: Q&A

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Q1:

Current risk for young people is the transition from education to work. Though 16-18 NEET rate has only had slight growth we have a big increase in 18-24 claimant caseload. Will Kickstart be the answer? Will it just delay the issue - or will the economy be sufficiently robust by 2022? What will the bounce back look like for young people's employment pathways - particularly apprenticeships?

HERTFORDSHIRE LEP:

A focus on young people transitioning from education to employment/apprenticeships has been included within the local priorities.



Q2:

Does evaluation have to be completed by March 2022?

If will not have opportunity to measure impact. MHCLG Supporting Families approach is to look at impact 6 months after the support has been provided.

MHCLG:

We will verify this with the internal team leading on CRF, the guidance states "All project outputs will need to be completed and accounted for by 31 March 2022", which we believe would include the evaluation.

We will feed this back into the central team. Where the guidance states outputs completed, we believe this is measuring solely the delivery of outputs rather than the long term impact of these, however we will check with the team as MHCLG will of course be keen to assess the long term impacts of the scheme.



Q3:

The form only provides space for three specified places where activity will take place. Is there a possibility for a project to cover the entire county?

It seems like the form has been restricted so you can't add additional lines but we will make this explicit in the outputs section.

MHCLG:

That should be possible and in the form we believe you would just need to explain in the outputs section how the project is to be implemented across the whole county. We will get confirmation from the central team to check if there is a specific process for this.



Q4:

Would you (Hertfordshire LEP) provide a platform for the VCS to create a consortium for bidding purposes?

HERTFORDSHIRE LEP:

Hertfordshire LEP cannot provide a platform to create a consortium, but we can share details of those VCSs so they can contact each other regarding collaboration.



Q5:

Will you give feedback on the EOI we have submitted?

HERTFORDSHIRE LEP:

We are not scoring the EOIs and will not provide feedback. The EOIs were intended to understand the level of interest and value of potential bids.



Q6:

Bid of over £500K are encouraged. Will HCC collate bids into one to reach this total?

HERTFORDSHIRE LEP:

Hertfordshire County Council will not collate bids to reach the total but will encourage collaboration.



Q7:

If the bid is for multiple places, would the total project amount be divided by the number of places in terms of how this counts towards the £3m?

HERTFORDSHIRE LEP:

The total project amount would be divided, however not necessarily in equal amounts amongst those places. The total cannot exceed £3m per place.



Q8:

If bids come into the LEP/HCC that dovetail, will LEP/HCC look to bring projects together?

HERTFORDSHIRE LEP:

Subject to agreement from EOI applicants, we can share details from the EOIs so that similar projects can seek to submit collaborative bids.



Q9:

Should bidders factor in the HCC project management costs in addition to their costs of delivery?

HERTFORDSHIRE LEP:

Yes, the management costs should be factored into the overall project costs.



Q10:

Given the deadline for bids is 21st May, when will HCC introduce parties that wish to collaborate?

HERTFORDSHIRE LEP:

Details will be shared on 11th May. We are seeking to share details of EOIs and contact details of those who attended the webinar, however both are subject to our receiving agreement from EOI applicants and webinar attendees.



Q11:

As there are only 2 weeks left for the deadline, how soon we can start the application?

HERTFORDSHIRE LEP:

The application form is already available. You do not need any feedback from the EO1 in order to submit an application.



Q12:

How many EOIs did you get?

HERTFORDSHIRE LEP:

We received 20 EOIs with a value of circa £4.5m.

