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## **The Mayor's Skills For Londoners Community Outreach Programme**

Please find below answers to questions asked during the Online Webinar that took place on Tuesday 27 June 2023.

### **Questions and Answers**

**Q1. Could funding be used to distribute grants/bursaries to allow adults to access education courses?**

**A.** The funding should be used to increase Londoners' participation in adult learning and should not be used to deliver training or employment support activity directly or to fund individual fees.

**Q2. Would an organisation which works with beneficiaries in London, but with a location outside of London be eligible to apply?**

**A.** Organisations must be based within a London borough to apply for funding through the programme.

**Q3. Is there a maximum amount that one company can apply for? In the presentation it mentions £27k to approximately 40 organisations, can you clarify?**

**A.** Each organisation can apply for grants between £15,000 - £27,000. The maximum funding available per grant is £27,000.

**Q4. The presentation suggests a consortia approach is welcomed, are there any partnerships you would particularly welcome - e.g. young people 19-25 and older people 55+?**

**A.** There are no target partnerships for organisations wishing to form consortia for this round of funding. Organisations may wish to consider their geographical reach alongside their target cohort in their consideration of forming a consortia.

**Q5. How much is the total fund worth?**

**A.** The total fund the GLA had for the programme is approximately £700,000

**Q6. Does that training have to be at a formal accredited education centre or can it be community based non accredited training**

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- A.** Different types of provision are in scope for referrals for the programme including skills provision, community learning and independent training providers. A full list of the adult education providers funded by the Mayor of London can be found on our website.

**Q7. What is the criteria for a track record? if you are in your first year or two of existing would that rule you out**

- A.** Successful organisations will need to provide:
- an annual account or report for last year, plus current bank
  - statements.
  - confirming registered company/charity name;
  - confirming registered address;
  - confirming company/charity registration number;
  - confirming VAT registration number; and evidence of public
  - liability and employer's liability insurance. In order to be considered for a grant. Further information can be found in the Prospectus.

**Q8. The programme is targeted at small organisations, how small is small?**

- A.** The organisation must have an annual income under £500,000 to be eligible for the programme.

**Q9. Is it possible to discuss applications with one of the team in advance if submitting?**

- A.** Unfortunately not, we cannot assist or offer any consultation on individual bids.

**Q10. Is there any word count on the application form?**

- A.** There is a 5000 character count for the application form. Please ensure the responses are succinct and relevant to the question.

**Q11. How many grants are being offered?**

- A.** The programme will fund up to 40 London-based community groups and grassroots organisations.

**Q12. Do the projects have to last for 8 months or can it last 6 months?**

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- A. Delivery of projects should be between August and April 2024. Whilst there may be periods where delivery is more intense than in other periods, it i

**Q13. Does the funding need to be spent before April 24?**

- A. Funding will need to be spent by organisations by April 2024.

**Q14. Can the project be for 15–18-year-olds?**

- A. This programme is aimed at 19+.

**Q15. Do you have a guideline for the number of referrals expected? Is there a value for money calculation you will be using? E.g. if a total grant of £20,000 delivered 2,000 referrals would that be good value for money or not?**

- A. The GLA has not set targets for this round of funding, including value for money of individual referrals. Organisations should consider the associated costs of this work as part of their project budget and provide a clear rationale for the numbers they propose based on the Community they will engage.

**Q16. Is there a save function on the application form to go back to it?**

- A. Yes.

**Q17. Can adult education also cover wellbeing courses - e.g. building personal resilience and confidence to go on to access education**

- A. Yes, all types of adult education courses in London are in scope as part of this programme. More information on local providers and the types of courses they offer can be found on the [Adult Learning Providers Near Me webpage](#).

**Q18. Please specify total number of referrals for the entire programme.**

- A. The GLA has not set targets for this round of funding, bidders should provide a clear rationale for the numbers they propose based on the Community they will engage.

**Q19. Can we apply if we don't have a VAT registration number?**

- A. The GLA is open to awarding grants to organisations that are not registered for VAT, subject to due diligence checks. When considering the costs to

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deliver the Project, please remember when calculating how much grant is needed, to factor in the full VAT inclusive cost

## **Q20. What is the email for clarification questions?**

- A.** The email to submit general queries is to the Community Outreach Team: [sflcommunityoutreachprogramme@london.gov.uk](mailto:sflcommunityoutreachprogramme@london.gov.uk)

The email to report technical issues on OPS is [skills-ops@london.gov.uk](mailto:skills-ops@london.gov.uk)

If emailing OPS, please ensure you cc in the Community Outreach team and provide a brief description and screenshot evidence of error(s) and/or error message(s).

We will only review reported issues submitted before 17:00 on the day of the deadline (7 July 2023). Issues reported after this time will be considered late submissions.

## **Q21. We are a training provider in green skills trying to target more women in heat pump engineering industry. Can we participate in this outreach programme and refer adults for our own programme?**

- A.** Training providers are not in scope to receive funding under the programme. To be eligible, groups must be community organisations with an annual turnover >£500k.

## **Q22. How can training providers get onto the Provider List that could be used during Onboarding?**

- A.** Successful Providers will not be provided a Provider list for referrals, the provision the participant of the programme will be referred to will depend on the needs, locality etc of the individual. The GLA will however aim to enable networking with GLA funded provision.

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