

# **Mentoring and Mental Health Support Programme 2026–27 Funding Prospectus**

## **Key information**

Publication type: Funding guidance

Who can apply: Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) organisations or consortia with strong knowledge of youth work, mentoring and mental health.

What this fund supports: Providing mentors and youth professionals with the skills and knowledge to deliver quality mentoring and helping professionals better support young people’s emotional resilience, mental health and wellbeing.

Project duration: March 2026 to March 2027

Award range: One grant of up to £140,000 is available for 12 months delivery of this pilot programme; with an option retained for extended delivery until March 2028

Application deadline: 12 noon on Monday, 2 February 2026

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## 1. Summary

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The Mental Health Training Pilot (MHTP) will build on existing work delivered through the Mayor's £34m New Deal for Young People to improve the quantity, quality and sustainability of the mentoring and youth sector through a package of training and support for volunteer mentors and youth professionals focused on mental health and emotional wellbeing.

The Mentoring and Mental Health Support Programme is a key part of the Mayor's Mental Health Training Pilot (MHTP) and will provide mentors and youth professionals with the skills and knowledge to deliver quality mentoring, based around the Mayors Mentoring Quality Framework, and help professionals better support young people's emotional resilience, mental health and wellbeing, and contribute towards the Mayors commitment to deliver 250,000 positive opportunities for young Londoners.

A grant of up to £140,000 is available for 12 months delivery of this pilot programme, with an option retained for extended delivery until March 2028 (subject to decision and available budget).

**The deadline for applications is 12 noon on Monday 2 February 2026.**

## 2. Background, aims and objectives?

The Mayor of London is committed to making London the greatest city in the world to grow up in. A city where every young person is safe and has the support and opportunities they need to get on and get ahead. As part of his dedication to support and inspire young Londoners the Mayor wants to make sure London is the healthiest city to grow up.

The Mental Health Training Pilot (MHTP) will build on existing work delivered through his £34m New Deal for Young People scheme, to improve the quantity, quality and sustainability of the mentoring and youth sector through a package of training and support for volunteer mentors and youth professionals focused on mental health and emotional wellbeing. This will in turn lead to better quality support for young people, including their mental health and well-being and contribute to the Mayoral commitment to provide access to 250,000 positive opportunities for young Londoners.

This Mentoring and Mental Health Support Programme is a key part of the Mayor's Mental Health Training Pilot (MHTP) and will provide youth professionals with the skills and knowledge to deliver quality mentoring and better support young people's emotional resilience, mental health and wellbeing. Outside of this funding prospectus the MHTP also includes the following delivery modes:

- a Peer Mentoring Pilot being delivered in colleges with a mental health and wellbeing focus; and
- the Virtual Mentoring Academy Platform, which supports the recruitment, training and retention of diverse volunteer mentors by connecting youth organisations with key London anchor institutions, to include mental health training modules.

The successful delivery organisation for this programme will be expected to work in partnership with the above delivery programmes and any partners delivering them and other youth capacity building and mental health focused City Hall programmes, including:

- a) The Violence Reduction Unit's [Rise Up programme](#).
- b) The Mayor's [Mental Health in Schools pilot](#).

## **New Deal for Young People**

The Mental Health Training Pilot (MHTP) builds on existing successful work delivered through the Mayor's New Deal for Young People programme to improve the quantity, quality and sustainability of the mentoring and youth sector. Through the Mayor's £34 million investment in the New Deal for Young People (NDYP), over 100,000 disadvantaged young people were supported to access high quality mentoring. Outcomes include improved mental health and well-being, improved relationships and engagement and reduced risky and harmful behaviour.

Alongside investment in over 150 mentoring projects the NDYP also invested in improving the quality of mentoring and the youth sector through the Mayor's highly successful [NDYP Mentoring Quality Framework](#).

## **Mental health needs**

Recent studies indicate that one in five of those aged 8–25 has a probable mental health problem (NHS Digital, 2023). Anxiety, depression and behavioural disorders are among the most common, with children from disadvantaged backgrounds and racialised communities often bearing a disproportionate burden. Statutory services are overwhelmed, and voluntary sector organisations and youth mentors often lack the necessary resources and expertise to support these young people appropriately. Additionally, mentors and youth professionals face stress, burnout and secondary trauma, particularly those with lived experience.

### **2.1 Aims and objectives**

The new Mentoring and Mental Health Support Programme will build on the success of the NDYP Mentoring Support Programme. It will deliver a core package of training and support that improves the quality of mentoring for young people, shaped by the [Mentoring Quality Framework](#). However, it will also expand to include an increased focus on mental health training and support.

The key objectives of the programme are to:

- Provide high quality mentoring training for mentoring and youth organisations based around the Mayors Mentoring Quality Framework
- Provide high quality mental health training and support, that includes (but not exclusively) mental health first aid training, tools and resources for supporting young people's mental health and wellbeing
- Support youth professionals own mental health and well-being, secondary trauma and burnout, especially for those with lived-experience e.g. Peer-to-peer support and knowledge-sharing sessions, trauma informed workshops
- Improved knowledge of signposting and referral pathways to specialist services and mental health support for young people (that considers the high levels of need and limited capacity of the mental health system)

The programme and activity should adhere to the principles below:

1. We want to see proposals that are informed by evidence of what works, this evidence may have come from previous projects that you have run, or from elsewhere.
2. Applicants must demonstrate how they involve young people and youth / mentoring professionals in the design and delivery of their project.
3. Training and support should provide opportunities appropriate for different levels of expertise, from specialist to universal, be culturally competent, and be adaptable to the diverse needs of young people. It may include options for accreditation and should avoid one-off sessions by offering follow-up guidance to help implement learning.
4. Any mental health training and support should be conscious of the context of a wider mental health system that is experiencing high levels of need and has very limited capacity. There should not be any confusion or conflict with clinical or crisis provision and therefore explicitly consider the trainees of this programme to be 'facilitators of support' rather than experts or therapists.
5. Applicants consider how training operates, and delivers positive outcomes, that reflects the realities of local mental health support systems across London.
6. Applicants must be willing to work in partnership with other elements of the Mentoring and Mental Health Support Programme and be able to be sufficiently flexible to maintain some capacity to adapt to changing demands.

### **3. Available funding**

A grant of up to £140,000 is available for 12 months delivery of this pilot programme; with an option retained for extended delivery until March 2028 (subject to future funding decisions and available budget).

One grant is available to Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) organisations or consortiums with strong knowledge of youth work, mentoring and mental health to apply.

We encourage applications from partnerships and consortia; as a partnership or consortium you must clearly identify in your application the roles and specialisms of each of your partners and how the lead partner will coordinate delivery and capacity building support.

We also encourage applications from smaller and grassroots organisations, and those majority led by equalities groups (at least 75 per cent board or committee members and 50 per cent management and staff). This includes Black, Asian and minority ethnic Londoners, Deaf and disabled Londoners, LGBTQ+ Londoners, women, or people from a lower social economic background.

## **4. Who the funding aims to support?**

We are looking to fund a programme that supports mentors and youth professionals and the organisations they work for.

Organisations or individuals offered training must support young people that are aged 8–24 years old, that live, work, or go to school, college or university in London.

The focus should be on those mentors, youth professionals and organisations supporting young people most in need and/or facing multiple disadvantage including (but not limited to) care experienced young people, young people with SEND, young refugees and asylum seekers, young carers, those excluded or at risk of exclusion from school, young people affected by violence, and young people that are experiencing poor mental health and wellbeing (including those on CAMHS waiting lists). The programme should also be accessible and take into consideration the needs of those youth professionals with lived experience and be culturally competent reflecting London's diverse population and workforce.

We anticipate that annually a minimum of 250 youth professionals are supported/trained including 150 completing Mental Health First Aid Training.

It's important that this programme supports youth professionals across London; however, given the variation in delivery, network and approach across Boroughs, it is also important that the programme can adapt and reflects local context. This is particularly important when considering local mental health support pathways.

## **5. What?kind of activity?will?the grant?support?**

There are four suggested work strands to deliver this work. The content and focus of what we want to see included is set out below. We expect at least 50% of delivery to focus on delivering mental health training, workshops and support sessions (Strand B) with the remainder of delivery split between other strands. However we are open to hearing about the best ways of delivering this to meet the objectives, outcomes and outputs of the programme:

1. Promotion of the [Mentoring Quality Framework](#) and providing training, quality assurance support and advice.
2. Mental Health training, workshops and support sessions.
3. Mental health signposting and support for youth organisations.

4. Help the Mayor to champion and celebrate organisations who show excellent commitment to developing their mentoring and mental health practices.

## **5.1 Activities**

### **5.1.1 Promoting the Mentoring Quality Framework and providing training, quality assurance support and advice**

Essential activities and examples of activities to deliver this are (but not restricted to):

Activities must include (Essential):

- Delivering specific training and support aligned to the MQF standards and core indicators

Activities could include:

- Supporting ongoing promotion and relevant iteration of the Mentoring Quality Framework
- Test toolkits and resources within the Mentoring Quality Framework (to include those targeted at supporting specific groups of young people e.g. care experienced young people, young men and those with disabilities)
- Introduction to the framework sessions - Running mentoring framework introduction and induction sessions for London's youth sector to increase uptake
- Review your framework sessions - Providing one to one support to help organisations refresh their Framework and embed its use where needed

### **5.1.2 Mental Health training, workshops, and support sessions**

Activities must include (Essential):

- Delivery of Mental Health First Aid Training

Activities could include:

- Delivery of alternative mental health focused workshops and training that includes consideration of local mental health context
- Support sessions for youth organisations delivering mental health support, this could include peer to peer support.
- Workshops and training could include: Trauma informed practise workshops; Cultural competency; Strategies for supporting practitioners' own mental health; Practical guidance on facilitating mental health conversations with young people and integrating mental health inclusivity within mentoring programmes.

### **5.1.3 Ongoing mental health signposting and support for youth organisations**

Activities could include:

- Localised mental health support and signposting to relevant mental health networks/resources.

#### **5.1.4 Help the Mayor to champion and celebrate organisations who show excellent commitment to developing their practice**

Activities could include:

- Supporting delivery of Mentoring and Mental Health Recognition Event/s with guidance from City Hall
- Newsletter or e-bulletin and case studies
- Supporting organisations/individual mentors to apply for Awards (e.g., CYP Now Awards, Jack Petchey Leaders Awards)
- Distributing bespoke training certificates and badges

## **6. Outputs and outcomes**

### **6.1 Outputs**

By outputs, we mean the number of organisations and / or youth professionals reached or what has been produced through your project activities:

- the number of youth professionals meaningfully supported / trained (including demographics such as ethnicity, gender, those with lived experience) – note the minimum number annually is 250
- the number of youth professionals mental health first aid trained – note the minimum number annually is 150
- the number of positive opportunities provided to youth professionals (e.g. there might be more than one capacity building / training opportunity accessed by each participant)
- the number of organisations that are supported meaningfully (including types of organisation e.g. size of organisation)
- the number of young people that will benefit from improved support
- other outputs specific to your project

### **6.2 Outcomes**

We want to understand the impact of your proposal on the programme's aims and objectives. You must show how your project activities will have a positive impact on the professionals and organisations this grant aims to support.

By project outcomes, we mean the result, or to what extent the project has led to the desired change. At a programme level we want to achieve the following outcomes:

- Youth professionals receive high quality training and can demonstrate how this has been applied in practice
- Youth professionals and organisations embed mental health-conscious approaches beyond the programme
- Improved connections between youth professionals, organisations and mental health services for young people (including signposting)
- Improved mental health and well-being of youth professionals

Applicants will need to clearly explain:

- what will change for the professionals and organisations you are supporting?
- how will you measure that change and ensure training is applied in practice (e.g. implemented beyond the training)?
- What is the anticipated impact on young people and how will this be measured?

## **7. What will we fund and who can apply**

### **7.1 What will we fund**

We will fund:

- operational delivery costs
- core staff and volunteer costs
- monitoring and evaluation costs
- marketing and publicity costs
- associated overhead costs (for example heating, lighting, stationery etc.)
- low value equipment costs (up to £1,000) for audio-visual, sports equipment etc.

We will not fund:

- capital items
- items or services covered by statutory funding

### **7.2 Who can apply for funds**

To be eligible organisations need to meet the following criteria:

- The lead applicant organisation is a voluntary, community and social enterprise sector organisation.
- The lead applicant organisation must be legally constituted.
- Your organisation must have a bank account, with two separate signatories, (registered in the name of the applicant organisation) into which the grant can be paid.
- The annual grant proposed should not normally constitute more than 50 per cent of your annual turnover.
- Your lead applicant must be able to provide audited/examined accounts for at least one year which comply with the relevant regulatory body.
- You must have a proven track record in the work your organisation does.



- You must have all necessary insurances and safeguarding policies in place and be committed to carrying out DBS checks and safer recruitment processes where required.

## 8. Instructions for applicants

### 8.1 Application process

The grant will be allocated via an open and competitive application process. A Funding Application Form will be completed by all applicants. These will be assessed by a GLA panel including a young person.

### 8.2 Submission requirements

The deadline for applications is 12pm Monday, 2 February 2026.

You must complete the Funding Application Form including attaching the following supporting documents and email to [NewDealforYoungPeople@london.gov.uk](mailto:NewDealforYoungPeople@london.gov.uk):

- A copy of the most recent audited accounts or copy of the most recent accounts signed by an independent and qualified accountant.
  - A copy of the organisation's Financial Regulations.
  - A statement of the organisation's cash flow forecast for the current year.
  - The organisation's budget for the current year.
  - Evidence of Public and Employer's Liability Insurance.
  - Name and contact details of bank.
  - Your organisation's child safeguarding and vulnerable adults policy.
  - Your organisation's data protection policy.

If relevant, please also supply:

- Written Parent Company Guarantee (to be submitted by Parent Companies only).
- Consolidated Financial Accounts for the consortium (to be submitted by the Lead Partner from Consortiums only).
- Details of previous GLA contracts/grants and values over the last 12 months.
- Where applicable, details of your organisation and/or any of your directors/partners/proprietors' bankruptcy, insolvency, compulsory winding up, receivership, composition with creditors, or subject to relevant proceedings.
- Where applicable, details of any pending or actual investigation by a consultative committee of accounting bodies in relation to accountancy standards or professional conduct for which your organisation and / or any of its director(s)/partners/proprietor(s) is/has been subject to, including actions taken to put things right.
- The GLA also reserves the right to require further information upon request.

If you have any questions around the application process please contact us by email at [NewDealforYoungPeople@london.gov.uk](mailto:NewDealforYoungPeople@london.gov.uk)

## 9. Award criteria and evaluation process

The weighting applied to each assessment area is detailed below:

Assessment area	Weighting	Key questions/Requirements
<b>Strength of rationale and evidence for proposal</b>	30%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clear understanding of the project scope, objectives and desired outcomes</li> <li>• Evidence of how the proposed project is informed by the needs of the prospective participants, including evidence of co-design and how you will recruit and retain them.</li> <li>• Provide information about the types of organisations you will support through your capacity support programme</li> <li>• Clear evaluation plan</li> </ul>
<b>Clear delivery and impact</b>	30%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clear outline of the proposed structure and content of the project. This should include a timeline of all key activities</li> <li>• Clearly structured delivery plan with reference to the outlined project stages.</li> <li>• Strong project management skills, including an awareness of risks associated with the project</li> <li>• Use of qualitative and quantitative data to track progress.</li> </ul>
<b>Impact and value for money</b>	20%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What outputs will your project deliver</li> <li>• What outcomes will your project deliver</li> <li>• What percentage of your grant you are planning to allocate to each strand and why</li> <li>• Your budget by cost category</li> <li>• Explain why your project provides value for money</li> </ul>
<b>Previous Expertise and Experience</b>	20%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• About the organisation/s delivering your project</li> <li>• Examples of when you have delivered mental health &amp; wellbeing and mentoring capacity building support to youth workers and young people</li> <li>• A proven track record of collaborating with the youth and mental health sectors.</li> <li>• Evidence of supporting youth organisations with implementing mental health support for young people.</li> <li>• Qualification and expertise of staff delivering the project</li> </ul>

Each of the above areas will be assessed in accordance with the following scoring criteria:

<b>Score</b>	<b>Description</b>
0: No response	No response
1: Unsatisfactory	No real evidence
2: Poor	Requirement not met and unacceptable
3: Satisfactory	Not met exactly but acceptable
4: Good	Most aspects of requirement are met
5: Excellent	Meets requirement exactly

## **9.1 Timetable**

<b>Milestone</b>	<b>Date / Period</b>
Request for Proposal published and information session	w/c 5 Jan 2026
Closing date for applications	Monday 2 February 2026
Assessment of grant applications	By Friday 27 February 2026
Due diligence and appointment	w/c 2 March 2026
Initiation meeting and signing of grant agreements	w/c 9 March 2026
Delivery to commence and 1st payment	w/c 16 March 2026
Quarterly performance updates	Ongoing
Mid-project review	September 2026
Year 1 delivery ends; future years funding agreed	31 March 2027

## **9.2 Due diligence**

We will carry out financial due diligence checks before we offer funding. Successful applicants must provide the required documentation on notification. Local authorities and local authority-maintained schools are exempt from this process.

## **10. General requirements**

## **10.1 Monitoring and reporting**

Delivery organisations must collect standard data on the organisations taking part (including starts, completions and demographic data) and report this on a quarterly basis. This data is in addition to any measures your individual project will have to monitor. The grantee will also submit an end-of-project report with details of the impact of the project, as well as quarterly case studies.

The successful applicant will also be expected to make themselves available for an inception meeting and may be asked to contribute to future good practice activities being undertaken by the GLA as part of wider policy activity.

## **10.2 Evaluation**

We are committed to promoting the highest standards of evidence and evaluation. All applicants will be expected to demonstrate how they will evaluate the impact of their project on the anticipated outcomes.

We will also require successful applicants to participate or feed into any internal or external evaluation or learning from the Mental Health Training Pilot.

## **10.3 Payment**

In recognition of the fact that we want to encourage applications from grassroots organisations, we are committed to paying an upfront payment to support project mobilisation. Thereafter, future payments will be based on achievement of key milestones and outputs as set out in the applicant's grant funding agreement.

We will take a proportionate approach to setting these milestones and will act as a responsive funder as per the [IVAR Open and Trusting Grant-making principles](#).

# **11. Frequently Asked Questions**

## **11.1 Questions from emails and Information Session**

### **General Queries**

#### **How can I get in touch with further questions?**

Please contact [newdealforyoungpeople@london.gov.uk](mailto:newdealforyoungpeople@london.gov.uk) if you have any further queries. Frequently asked questions will continue to be updated on this page.

#### **I missed the Information Session, is there a recording I can watch?**

Unfortunately there is no recording of this meeting, but please get in touch with [newdealforyoungpeople@london.gov.uk](mailto:newdealforyoungpeople@london.gov.uk) for the slides from the presentation. FAQs have been added to this list. If you have any further questions, please do get in touch.

### **Can I have a word version copy of the application form?**

Yes, please email our team at [newdealforyoungpeople@london.gov.uk](mailto:newdealforyoungpeople@london.gov.uk) to request one.

### **Funding**

#### **How many grants will be awarded?**

One grant of up to £140,000 is available for 12 months delivery of this pilot programme; with an option retained for extended delivery until March 2028 (subject to decision and available budget).

#### **Are applicants expected to provide match funding?**

There is no expectation for applicants to provide match funding. The availability of match funding will not influence the outcome of the application.

#### **What documents will applicants need to provide for due diligence?**

The following documents will be needed for due diligence:

- Copy of the most recent audited accounts
- Evidence of public and employer's liability insurance
- Copy of the organisation's financial regulations/procedures
- Statement of the organisation's cash flow forecast for the current year
- The organisation's budget for the current year
- Budgeted allocation of funding within the project
- Name and contact details of bank

- Details of previous GLA contracts/grants and values over the last 12 months
- Grant Amount
- Project Title
- Company or charity registration number
- Safeguarding policy for children and young people

### **Can funding be used in onward granting?**

No, funding from this grant is for the delivery of training and related activities. However, we are open to applications that include funding for cover arrangements to enable staff from small organisations to participate in the training, provided this is clearly justified and detailed in both the budget documentation and supporting rationale.

### **Given the Delivery Partner must recruit the mentors to train, is part of this grant set aside for the suitability / safeguarding / DBS checks to be undertaken?**

Organisations may put forward a budget proposal that includes using part of the grant for these checks. Applications will be scored according to the criteria set out in the Funding Prospectus, including value for money.

### **E-Form**

#### **I can't upload documents to my application, what should I do?**

We're currently experiencing a temporary technical issue with document uploads and are working to fix it as quickly as possible. Please do not submit your application without the necessary documents. We recommend saving your progress and returning later to complete your submission once uploads are available.

#### **What activities must be included in the programme?**

There are four suggested work strands to deliver the programme listed in the Prospectus. We expect at least **50% of delivery to focus on delivering mental health training, workshops and support sessions** with the remainder of delivery split between other strands. However, we are open to hearing about the best ways of delivering this to meet the objectives, outcomes and outputs of the programme.

There are two essential activities which must be delivered.

1. Delivering specific training and support aligned to the MQF standards and core indicators

## 2. Delivery of Mental Health First Aid Training

### **Will this programme be delivered directly to young people?**

No, this work is a capacity building programme for the sector. The delivery partner must be able to deliver large-scale training programmes, including Mental Health First Aid (MHFA), train other organisations and professionals effectively and operate across all London boroughs.

### **Is there a minimum number of youth professionals the programme must reach?**

Yes. At least 250 youth professionals per year, including 150 completing Mental Health First Aid training.

### **Does the mental health training need to be clinical?**

No. Training must not replicate clinical or crisis services. Trainees should be positioned as “facilitators of support,” not therapists, and training should reflect the limited capacity of statutory mental health services.

### **Why is this work focusing on Mental Health First Aid (MHFA)?**

This work focuses on MHFA because it strengthens the skills and knowledge of youth professionals to confidently recognise and respond to mental health issues. Mental Health First Aid is an accredited and widely recognised training programme that is currently in high demand and oversubscribed. While other complementary approaches may form part of your wider application, delivering Mental Health First Aid training to a minimum of 150 mentors is essential.

### **Can an application opt to provide Youth Mental Health First Aid training rather than Youth Mental Health First Aid training?**

Applicants may propose Youth MHFA or Adult MHFA but should explain which is most appropriate for their target group.

### **Must an organisation be operating in all Boroughs in order to apply?**

No, the organisation/s may be operating in any number of London’s Boroughs and remain eligible to apply for this grant. However, we expect the training offered through the project to be open to youth professionals and mentors from all Boroughs. Delivery does not need to take place in every borough, but the offer must be accessible pan?London.

### **Why is the Mayor not working with existing NHS Mental Health Services instead?**

The Mayor continues to collaborate with London’s existing mental health services, including through his new Mental Health in Schools project. This is a new initiative intended to support the youth sector to develop the confidence and skills they need to better support young people’s mental health and emotional wellbeing.

### **Must the delivery provider recruit the mentors and youth professionals to train?**

Yes, we are expecting the successful delivery provider to recruit the mentors and youth professionals to attend the training. We expect applicants to illustrate their expertise in reaching a wide range of youth professionals across London in their applications.

**The Funding Prospectus states “Organisations or individuals offered training must support young people that are aged 8–24 years old”, will allowances be made for professionals working with young people with SEND who are over 24 and transitioning out of youth services?**

Yes, we would make allowances in that case. However, we would not expect professionals working with young people with SEND who are over 24 and transitioning out of youth services to make up the majority of professionals participating in this training.

**The start date for this work is March 2026, is there any allowance for a mobilisation period?**

We understand that organisations will require time to mobilise for this work. Applications should demonstrate the ability to move quickly into the delivery phase following the March 2026 start date.

**Do the mentors and youth professionals participating in the training need to be working with young people face-to-face?**

No, we recognise that London’s mentors and youth professionals work with young people in a variety of ways, including online, face-to-face and other formats. This project is not limited to professionals who work with young people using any single method of engagement.

**What are your expectations for the breakdown of training delivery between online and face-to-face?**

We are open to a blended delivery model. Applicants should propose a breakdown that is realistic, accessible across London and aligned with programme objectives. There is no required ratio, but applicants should justify their approach.

**What monitoring and evaluation will be taking place for this programme?**

We would expect the delivery partner to submit quarterly monitoring forms which demonstrate clear outputs and outcomes for the programme.

**What impact tracking will need to take place by the delivery provider?**

The Funding Prospectus outlines the expected outputs and outcomes for this work. Applicants are welcome to add outputs and outcomes which are specific to their proposed programme. All agreed outputs and outcomes will need to be monitored and tracked by the Delivery Partner throughout delivery.

**How do you define youth professional? Does this include those employed via statutory services?**

Yes. Youth-facing professionals from statutory services may participate, provided they support young people aged 8–24.

**What is your definition of youth professional and mentor?**

A youth professional is someone working with young people, primarily in a paid role, such as a youth worker, support worker, key worker, coach. A mentor is defined as someone that builds a trusted relationship with a young person over time, this could also include volunteer mentors if they have the capacity to engage but we do not anticipate the primary target to be volunteers.

**Could you please clarify whether “the current year” in the prospectus refers to 2025/26, or to 2026/27.**



In relation to Statement of the organisation's cash flow forecast it is 2026/27

**We know that one the programme's objectives is to deliver mental health first aid (MHFA) training to youth professionals across London. Our organisation doesn't currently offer MHFA training, but we do offer an equivalent course called mental health awareness training. Are you able to clarify whether equivalent courses will be considered/accepted for this programme?**

While other complementary approaches may form part of your wider application, delivering Mental Health First Aid training to a minimum of 150 mentors is essential.

### **Consortium Applications**

**Will we accept applications from consortiums of organisations?**

Applications will be accepted from consortiums of organisations as long as every organisation within the consortium meets the entry requirements.

**Do the Consolidated Financial Accounts for consortiums need to be audited? If so, does this mean only consortiums with existing track record are viable?**

The consolidated accounts for the consortium do not need to be audited as it is assumed each entity that is part of the consortium would have had their separate accounts audited (if appropriate). But we would expect a qualified accountant to sign off the consolidated accounts. The overall financial strength of the consortium will be considered – but the strengths and weaknesses of each consortium member will have a bearing on the overall financial strength of the consortium.

**Is this grant open to one organisation only?**

Only one grant will be awarded. Organisations can apply on their own, as part of a partnership or as part of a consortium. We are open to different delivery configurations as long as the lead partner is a voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) organisation. The structure of any partnership or consortium will not be weighted as part of the scoring process.

**Are local authorities eligible?**

Local authorities cannot apply as lead applicants but may participate as delivery partners or consortium members.

### **Assessment Process**

**How will applications be assessed?**

Applications will be assessed against the criteria set out in the Funding Prospectus on this page.

**Who will assess the applications?**

Applications will be assessed by the Greater London Authority (GLA) or its appointed assessors.

**When will applicants be notified of the outcome?**

Indicative decision timelines are included in the Funding Prospectus. All applicants will be informed of the outcome.

## 12. Appendices

### 12.1 Appendix 1: Due diligence requirements

The GLA will carry out financial due diligence checks prior to the offer of funding to ensure success and manage risks.

- Checks include: liquidity, profitability, return on capital employed, debtors/creditors cycle, Credit Safe reports, Charity Commission checks, and a review of governance arrangements.
- Due diligence is only performed on shortlisted organisations meeting the funding criteria.
- **Sole Deliverers/Lead Applicants:** Provide documentation for the Lead Applicant only.
- **Consortiums:** Provide documentation for all members to establish the strength of the consortium as a whole.

#### Financial due diligence documentation

Applicants must provide the following documentation **with their initial application**:

- Audited accounts for the past 2 years (or accounts signed by an independent qualified accountant if exempt from audit).
- Evidence of public and employer's liability insurance.

Applicants must provide the following **only when notified they are successful** (pending final checks):

- Copy of the organisation's financial regulations.
- Statement of the organisation's cash flow forecast for the current year.
- The organisation's budget for the current year.
- Name and contact details of bank.

**If relevant, also provide:**

- Details of previous GLA contracts/grants and values over the last 12 months.
- Details of any bankruptcy, insolvency, winding up, or subject to relevant proceedings for directors/partners.
- Details of any pending or actual investigations by accountancy bodies regarding professional conduct.

#### Specific Entity Requirements

- **Charities:** Details will be verified against the Charity Commission website to ensure filings are up to date and there are no regulatory concerns.
- **New/Small Organisations:** If you lack full financial statements, a **guarantor** will be required to provide a full performance guarantee. The guarantor will also undergo due diligence.
- **Exemptions:** Local authorities, local authority-controlled schools, and government bodies are exempt from this process. Please highlight this status on your application.

## 13. Other formats and languages

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