

## Holiday Activities and Food programme 2019 - Q&A

### **Which area(s) should my bid cover?**

We are not specifying which areas we want grant recipients to work in and are asking bidders to set out which area they want to work in, and why. Ideally we want to achieve a good spread of areas in terms of geography, LA structure and levels of deprivation.

### **Can my bid cover more than one LA area?**

Bidders are able to bid for funding to cover up to two upper-tier local authorities but they must complete a separate application form for each area.

We realise this means that those who want to work in more than one LA area will have to apply twice, but we feel this is the best way to ensure we can assess bids fairly. One thing that we are conscious of is not disadvantaging any potential bidder – as we have word limits for each of the questions in the applications form, we would not want to place an organisation at a disadvantage if they had to provide details of work in two LA areas within the same word limit as an organisation bidding to work in one LA area.

### **Will there be more than one project in each English region?**

We want to establish local coordinator projects in up to 9 local authority areas across England, ideally one in each region.

### **How much should I bid for?**

We haven't set a minimum or a maximum bid for the programme. Our list of LA areas ranges from the Isles of Scilly with 12 FSM pupils to Birmingham with almost 50,000 and we wanted to give the flexibility to bidders to bid for the amount that they need to deliver their programme in their area. It's also worth noting that the total funding of £9million is intended to fund a project in each of the nine English regions, so we need bidders to be mindful of this when putting together a bid. While we want holiday provision to be *available* to all FSM eligible pupils within a Local Authority area, we don't expect 100% take-up so bids should be realistic and carefully considered when looking at how many pupils their bid will be able to reach. The specification also includes a new set of minimum standards that providers will need to meet in order to receive funding from the local coordinators. These new minimum standards are aimed to improve the quality of the provision available and bidding organisations will need to reflect the additional costs of this their bids.

### **What is the difference between a consortium and a partnership?**

By partnership, what we envisage is a lead organisation who is working with others to deliver their programme. One example could be a Local Authority who are the lead organisation and have a partner who specialises in the food distribution side and another who deliver the activities, but with the Local Authority still being the lead (and being the recipient of funding, etc).

Following feedback from the 2018 funding round, we also wanted to give a more formal option of a small group of organisations forming a consortium, with a maximum of five

members. There would still be a single, lead organisation (who we'd have the grant funding agreement with) and there are one or two additional requirements for consortiums that we set out in the application form.

There's no advantage or disadvantage to partnerships, consortiums or sole bidders – we just wanted to provide options.

**We're running a week long, residential summer camp – are we eligible to bid?**

We want to maximise the benefits to children by enabling them to access a good “dose” of provision in terms of frequency and duration. Ideally we would want local coordinators to fund provision which can offer, as a minimum, 4 hours of provision a day, for 4 days a week and for 4 weeks of the holiday. However, we understand that this may be aspirational for some holiday club providers and therefore we will consider bids which want to award funding to holiday club providers who cannot meet this level of provision, as long as overall, eligible children can access provision for this frequency and duration (i.e. not every club has to deliver the 4:4:4 but eligible children should be able to access this amount of provision).