



Drug Misuse (Pilot) Prevention & Intervention Support Fund **TO STEER YOUNG PEOPLE AWAY FROM DRUG USE, DRUG-RELATED CRIME** **AND RISKY BEHAVIOUR.**

Potential One Year Funding.

1. Introduction

The Home Office intends to award up to £175,000 grant funding, through open competition to a single bidder that can deliver a pilot evidence-based prevention and intervention programme in schools and Pupil Referral Units (PRUs) in England. The purpose for funding this intervention is to equip young people with the specific skills, resilience and resources needed to critically address risky behaviour and develop a core set of values that enable them to make the right decisions to avoid drug misuse.

To enable the Home Office to determine the market's interest, capability and capacity to deliver an evidence-based prevention and intervention programme to equip at-risk young people with the resilience to live a life free from drugs, we are seeking to engage with interested organisations to refine our approach before we formally commence the competition.

In your answers to this questionnaire please consider that schools should include mainstream schools and PRUs but can include Alternative Provision Free School and Academies.

Please note that any costs borne through involvement in this exercise will be met by your organisation. Involvement will not result in preferential treatment once the tender goes live to open competition. However, as an interested bidder or organisation interested in informing the approach for this open competition, we welcome your feedback on your ability to deliver a programme that can deliver our intended outcomes. Your response will be considered when the Authority defines the questions and criteria used in this future grant funding competition.



2. Background

The Government is clear that programmes that are least effective in preventing substance misuse are those focused on scare tactics and knowledge-only approaches. This grant funding will support the aims of the Drug Strategy to invest in evidence-based programmes which involve a universal approach focused on children and young people, with more targeted intervention for at risk groups, such as those who are not in education, employment or training, the homeless, or people with entrenched intergenerational substance misuse problems. In seeking to reduce demand for drugs, it will also support the Serious Violence Strategy's aim to use early intervention and prevention to tackle the misuse of drugs as the changing drugs market has been identified as one of the drivers contributing to the recent increase in violent crime.

3. General

The winning bidder who delivers this pilot will have demonstrated their ability to deliver outcomes across England (or specific areas in England), that steer at-risk young people of a secondary school age away from becoming involved in drug use, drug-related crime and risky behaviour.

4. Further information to support completion of questionnaire

Please see further information on the Government's **2017 Drug Strategy** which sets out how the government and its partners, at local, national and international levels will take action to tackle drug misuse and the harms it causes.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/628148/Drug_strategy_2017.PDF

Please see further information on the Government's **Serious Violence Strategy** which set out the government's response to serious violence and increases in knife crime, gun crime and homicide.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/698009/serious-violence-strategy.pdf



Please see HM Treasury guidance on **how to appraise and evaluate programmes, projects and policies**. It also provides guidance on how the design and use of monitoring and evaluation before, during and after implementation.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-green-book-appraisal-and-evaluation-in-central-government>

Please see further information on **an evaluation of the Government's Drug Strategy 2010**, which summarises the activity for evidence base prevention/early intervention programme.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/628100/Drug_Strategy_Evaluation.PDF

5. Process for completion of questionnaire

Due to the time constraints, the Authority is unable to operate a clarifications process but if during the completion of your return you make an assumption can you please highlight this so the Authority may consider this during their final considerations.

Deadlines for questionnaire submissions is 12 noon on Friday 03 August 2018. All submission must be in English and submitted via the Authority's designated email address of DrugStrategyGrant@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk

Due to anticipated interest from the market the Authority will be unable to acknowledge each submission. However, our planning assumption is that this opportunity should be formally made available to open competition during late August/early September 2018. The competition will be advertised through Contract Finder but the actual opportunity will be managed electronically via the Crown Commercial Service's eSourcing Suite.

6. How to apply to use Crown Commercial Service's eSourcing Suite

This following is provided for information only. It is purely designed to assist interested parties, not already registered on CCS eSourcing, understand how to gain access to this system prior to the formal competition commencing September – October 2018.

- Interested organisations must first be registered as a 'Supplier' on the eSourcing Suite to participate: If you have not already done so, please use the following link <https://gpsesourcing.cabinetoffice.gov.uk>. Be aware that registration can take up to 10 working days.



- To register, you must have a valid DUNS number (as provided by Dun and Bradstreet) for the organisation which you are registering, who will be entering into a contract if invited to do so.
- If you do not have a DUNS number, please contact D&B UK directly on 0870 243 2344 (option 3), or online at <http://www.dnb.co.uk/duns-form.asp>.
- If you have any technical difficulties concerning the CCS eSourcing portal, the Authority will be able to offer any assistance. Please contact the CCS eSourcing Team for help.

Home Office Commercial Grants Team

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