



# Home Office

## YOUTH ENDOWMENT FUND

Prospectus: December 2018

### Introduction

1. In October, the Home Secretary announced a £200m Youth Endowment Fund. Delivered over 10 years, the Fund will deliver transformative change by focussing on those most at risk of involvement in serious violence, diverting young people away from becoming serious offenders.
2. The YEF will be key in supporting delivery against the ambition of the serious violence strategy: providing funding for early intervention, working with the grain of effective local partnerships, whilst improving the evidence base for what works. The Fund will also act as a centre of expertise, expanding the body of evidence and driving academic research to build understanding of the interventions and approaches that are most effective in tackling serious violence.
3. The Fund will be administered by an independent organisation that will award funding to support early interventions that prevent young people from becoming involved in serious violence; and building the evidence base on what works to effectively reduce the numbers of young people who later become involved in serious violence. As such, YEF is open to organisations with the capability to deliver the identified functions either itself or in collaboration.

### Background

4. The Serious Violence Strategy sets out a comprehensive analysis of the trends and drivers of serious violence, (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/serious-violence-strategy>). It sets out the risk and protective factors likely to increase the likelihood of an individual becoming involved in serious violence. It also sets out the available evidence of what is effective in preventing a person becoming involved in violent crime.
5. The £200m YEF will be aimed at young people and focus on those most vulnerable to becoming involved in crime and serious violence. It will encourage a public health approach, looking to provide grants in a way that builds the sustainability of local partnerships.

## Purpose

6. The Fund's single, overriding objective will be to prevent a cohort of children and young people most at risk of involvement in serious violence from becoming involved in crime and serious violence, including reoffending.
7. The core purpose of the Fund will be to:
  - a. deliver a programme of grant funding enabling interventions diverting children and young people at most risk away from involvement in crime and violence. This will involve attracting and selecting the most promising interventions for support, based on best available evidence and information about most effective approaches, and ensuring rigorous and robust evaluation of these; and
  - b. act as a centre of expertise; generating, disseminating and promoting new knowledge and practice that will transform local and national responses to tackling serious violence.

## What we are looking for

8. The successful organisation will have responsibility for managing the Fund itself. That is, delivering a programme of grant funding that will enable organisations working locally to deliver interventions, diverting children and young people away from serious violence.
9. We are seeking to identify a suitably experienced organisation or consortium to:
  - a. deliver a programme of grants enabling interventions targeted at the desired cohort of children and young people in England and Wales;
  - b. act as a centre of expertise, generating, disseminating and promoting new knowledge and practice that will transform local and national responses to tackling serious violence;
  - c. ensure that evidence and knowledge is accessible to policy makers, service commissioners and front-line professionals on a free of charge basis;
  - d. leverage impact by generating and securing additional funding and resources from appropriate sources and individuals to allow additional, longer term activity post the ten-year period;
  - e. provide annual reports to the Home Office covering take-up, quality of evidence produced and financial management including a cost benefit analysis of successful interventions; and
  - f. set out how the objectives of the Fund will fit within existing organisational purposes. We require the bidding organisation to hold charitable status and expect the Fund to be transferred to a Charitable Trust to provide appropriate governance and assurance over purpose and use.
10. It is not aimed at organisations who may subsequently be interested in bidding for funding to support interventions once the Fund becomes operational. Further information for those with an interest in bidding for funding to deliver interventions will be made available once the Fund is operational, at an appropriate time.

11. The external provider can contract for services, such as evaluation, with organisations identified to deliver interventions.
12. Our desired core outcome would be a reduction in proven offending with a particular focus on serious violent offending, in comparison to an appropriate control group. We also recognise that there would be value in also measuring intermediate outcomes such as school exclusions and other known risk factors. Bidders should demonstrate their approach to ensuring the interventions are focused on these key outcomes and have arrangements in place for the collection and processing of relevant data.
13. The Home Office expects the Fund to deliver truly robust, rigorous evaluations of interventions to ensure that maximum learning is derived from the Government's investment.

## **Eligibility**

14. A third-party organisation capable of delivering the identified functions either itself or in collaboration will be eligible to bid.
15. The decision of the assessment panel is final.

## **Essential Criteria**

16. Bidders must submit their proposals through the YEF eSourcing event. Proposals will need to demonstrate how they meet the following essential criteria:
  - a. Details of an evidence-based approach to delivery against the Fund's objectives including how they intend to attract, evaluate and select the most promising interventions for support based on best available evidence and information and demonstrate value for money.
  - b. The structure of the organisation including the organisational delivery structure and accompanying management structure setting out the roles and responsibilities of personnel required to successfully deliver the project.
  - c. Experience of building capacity in local areas including working in partnership with local communities, ensuring the views of communities and young people are taken into account through genuine consultation and involvement in design of interventions.
  - d. How they would seek to attract additional contributions to the Fund including philanthropic donations and match funding ('Supplementary Funding'). Including the approach to ensuring the Fund's sustainability to continue its operations and maximise impacts beyond its minimum ten-year operating period.
  - e. A track record in generating, disseminating and promoting new knowledge and best practice.
  - f. Demonstration of a robust investment management and financial planning strategy and details regarding how they will invest, manage and administer the Fund.
  - g. Provision of a Mobilisation Plan, including accompanying narrative, which will be used from commencement of the Grant, setting out key milestones, resources and associated risks.
  - h. Demonstrate delivery of robust, rigorous ongoing monitoring and evaluation of projects awarded YEF.

## Application process

1. 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>.
2. Instructions on how to use the portal can be found online in the 'e-Sourcing - Supplier Guidance'.
3. To register, Bidders must have a valid DUNS number (as provided by Dun and Bradstreet (D&B)). Bidders without a DUNS number must contact D&B UK directly on 0870 243 2344 (option 3), or online at <http://www.dnb.co.uk/duns-form.asp> in order to obtain a number.
4. Once registered as a Supplier on the portal, please email the Authority via [YEFCompetition@homeoffice.gov.uk](mailto:YEFCompetition@homeoffice.gov.uk) and ask to be added to the event. Please use the following subject title, "[INSERT YOUR ORGANISATION NAME] : Youth Endowment Fund – Call for Proposals Portal Access". You must also submit a signed Non-disclosure Agreement (NDA) at this stage: We will not be able to add you to the event without a duly signed NDA.
5. In the body of the email you must include the name of the individual or individuals representing your bid, AND these contacts associated email addresses. Please note the email address used to register on the portal **must** be the same as those you provide for the purposes of representing your bid, as it is this individual(s) to whom access to the event will be provided.
6. Once you are added to the portal, the Home Office will confirm that your registration(s) has been linked to the YEF event and you will then be able to view the suite of documents and online application form associated with this CfP. Bidders should also automatically receive a system-generated confirmatory email from CCS.
7. Once linked to the YEF event, all further communications, including the submission of your proposal will be managed via the portal only.
8. If you have any technical difficulties concerning the CCS eSourcing portal, neither the Home Office Commercial Grants Team nor those managing the [YEFCompetition@homeoffice.gov.uk](mailto:YEFCompetition@homeoffice.gov.uk) inbox will be able to offer any assistance. Please contact the CCS eSourcing Team for help.
9. It is imperative you test your portal connection and become familiar with how to submit your proposal well in advance of the deadline date. It is conceivable that because the portal operates on the web, internet traffic may affect performance of the portal and this cannot be cited as reason to seek an extension to the submission deadline date.