
GLA Supplementary Programme for Schools

**Stage 1 Questions & Answers (17TH May 2012
– 31st May 2012)**

MAYOR OF LONDON

This document contains all questions and the GLA responses that have been submitted to the GLA during stage 1 of the Supplementary Programme for Schools funding opportunity (17th May 2012 – 5pm 31st May 2012). The most recent questions appear first.

Questions received between 30th May – 31st May 2012:

- 1. a) If we are making an application as the lead organisation, can we also be included as a partner in another organisation's application?
b) Is the funding for new projects only – or can it partly fund current work?**

a) Yes, organisations can be included as a partner in another organisations application and submit an application as a lead organisation, however as set out in the Request for Proposals - Appendix 2 "Applicants may apply to deliver more than one grant / cluster area, however the GLA reserves the right to limit the number of grant offers it makes to one organisation". The GLA also reserves the right to consider a bidders capacity to deliver as both a lead applicant and a partner when grant offers are being made.

b) The GLA is looking to scale up existing models that can evidence positive impacts on pupils academic attainment and behaviour, therefore this could be a mixture of existing and new programmes, although the GLA funding cannot be used to duplicate or replace any existing funding.

- 2. The specification itself does not say that applications are restricted to the not-for-profit sector, however the mandatory evaluation criteria is that organisations must be not for profit. The response form asks whether the organisation is limited by shares/ guarantee. Could you confirm that organisations that indicate they are limited by shares/ guarantee (and are therefore seen as profit making) will automatically be excluded from the application process?**

As set out in the Request for Proposals - Section 3, Mandatory Criteria, bidding organisations must be not for profit organisations to apply for funding.

- 3. We have strong links in 2 boroughs, Lambeth & Waltham Forest. They are not in the same cluster area. Can we therefore put in 2 similar applications, 1 for each cluster area for the first stage of the application process?**

a) As stated in Appendix 2 of the Request for Proposals: "Applicants may apply to deliver more than one grant / cluster area, however the GLA reserves the right to limit the number of grant offers it makes to one organisation."

Also please note that:

b) Successful organisations will be expected to deliver projects across or centred around at least 2 of the priority Borough's within the relevant cluster area - this refers to 2 priority boroughs per cluster area.

Questions received between 25th May – 29th May 2012:

1. Would you please clarify whether the numbers of schools that each organisation is required to work with is cumulative year on year (eg: 2 in yr 1 + 3-4 in yr 2 = 5-6 in yr2): Or, are they just required to work with different schools in each year?

The minimum number of schools that the GLA anticipates organisations will work with is cumulative over three years (as set out on page 11 in the Request for Proposals). Organisations are able to work with the same schools but must ensure that each year they work with a different group of pupils.

2. a) On the criteria, you mention that we should only work with each child for a maximum of a year. Our model is to work with children over many years and for them to take on greater responsibility as they progress through the programme, acting as role models, peer mentors and assistant coaches, supporting their less experienced peers. This is a very valuable part of our programme, helping us to reach more young people without affecting the quality of the programme. Would working with young people for more than a year be a major problem?

b) Secondly, I assume this is for new programmes only, but if not, would you consider a mix of existing and new school-based programmes?

a) The GLA expects that the duration of interventions for pupils will be a minimum of 2 school terms and a maximum of 1 academic year (See Request for proposal page 8, Delivery Model) in order for organisations to be able to engage with a sufficient volume of pupils within the allocated budget. If organisations existing models have progression routes that they can refer pupils onto at the end of the intervention this can be referred to in the full application (should organisations be invited to submit Stage 2 full applications).

b) The GLA is looking to scale up existing models that can evidence positive impacts on pupils academic attainment and behaviour, therefore this could be a mixture of existing and new programmes, although the GLA funding cannot be used to duplicate or replace any existing funding.

3. We are an organisation based in Ealing and looking to develop a consortium to work with groups in Ealing and Brent. Given that Ealing and Brent are neighbouring boroughs but the other three boroughs in Cluster Area 1 are further away geographically, would it be possible to apply for only Ealing and Brent (ie for a proportion of the grant allotted to Cluster Area 1)?

As stated in the Request for Proposals (page 10), organisations are expected to deliver projects across a minimum of 2 of the priority Boroughs within the relevant cluster area.

Questions received between 22nd May – 24th May 2012:

1. a) **Can I apply, but ask for the 100% costs (with no match funding) or would I be wasting my time, please advise?**
b) **Also if you inform those successful in the first week of September but expect the Saturday school to have all the student places filled & up and running in October is unrealistic unless it is the 27th October! The posts need to be advertised, students targeted, interviews etc!**

a) Yes you can apply for 100% of the project costs. The maximum funding available for each grant offer will not exceed £516,000.

b) The GLA anticipates that organisations will begin to deliver by the 31st October 2012 at the latest. The GLA does expect the delivery of the programme to be phased over 3 years (see page 11 of the Request for Proposals for a guide).

2. **Regarding to the RFP, on page 11 it states that:**

The GLA is not stipulating the exact number of pupils to participate in projects as this will depend on the intervention model, however the GLA anticipates that the overall programme will support approximately 1500 pupils over 3 years.'

Please could you clarify, does the 1500 pupil mean split across for all three cluster areas i.e. 500 in each cluster area or 1500 per cluster area = 4500 students?

1500 is the approximate number of pupils the GLA anticipates the overall programme to work with over 3 years (across ALL of the three cluster / grant areas, NOT per cluster area).

3. **Would bids from a local authority, coordinating all we do in this area that have been proven to have impact, scoping how we could scale up our work, be welcome or is this funding offer directed at charities? We have a range of voluntary organisations with whom we work who would be part of a bid but I would be grateful for any clarification you can provide.**

As set out in the mandatory criteria of the Request for Proposals (Page 13), Local Authorities are considered a not for profit organisation and are eligible to apply for funding, please also see page 4 - Partnership / Consortium bids for more information.

Local authorities will need to ensure that they meet all other criteria as set out in the Request for Proposals and are able to deliver across at least two of the priority Boroughs within the relevant cluster area (please see pages 9-10) and through the delivery model can demonstrate relevant experience.

4. **Some of our partners work across some of the boroughs in our cluster and we would want to work with them to cover as many young people as possible, but at this stage I anticipate that our LA would be the lead and I intend to seek to establish a close working relationship with the other boroughs on this to maximise capacity. However, any match funding from my LA would have to be for those within our community and that would need to be clear. Would that be a problem do you think?**

As set out in the Request for Proposals, the purpose of seeking match funding is to increase the grant value and reach of the programme. As long as organisations work within at least two of the

priority Boroughs within the identified cluster areas match funding can be targeted within this cluster area as organisations see appropriate.

5. In a consortium, if we are applying as a consortium with a Sole Lead applicant, who has met their financial due diligence requirements, are other partner(s) also required to provide the same financial information?

No, if you are applying as the Sole Lead applicant in a consortium the other partners do not have to provide the same financial information.

6. Is this funding aimed at Supplementary Schools or mainstream Schools?

As stated in the Mandatory Criteria in the Request for Proposals (page 13) organisations must 'Be not for profit organisations, which includes voluntary and community organisations, local authorities and schools'. If your supplementary school is a voluntary or community organisation and can meet the criteria set out in the Request for Proposals you are eligible to apply for the funding.

Information and guidance about other funding opportunities for Supplementary Schools and how to apply can be found on the Supplementary Schools National Resource Centre website:
http://www.continyou.org.uk/what_we_do/supplementary_education/funding

Questions received between 17th May – 21st May 2012:

1. Can organisations apply for funding if their projects only work with primary school aged children?

Organisations are expected to work with pupils across the target group aged 10 – 14 or school years 6 - 9 (as set out in page 9 of the Request for Proposals). Therefore organisations will need to work with both primary and secondary aged pupils.

2. I'm very interested in applying for a Supplementary Schools Grant but I wanted to know whether you are looking for organisations which are able to work across the whole of London. We have an excellent network of schools partnerships in Newham and links into Tower Hamlets. Would we be in contention for such an award

The GLA is looking for organisations to deliver across one of the three cluster area's set out on pages 9 & 10 of the Request for Proposals, across at least 2 priority Boroughs (not the whole of London). Organisations should refer to the map and table on Page 10 of the Request for Proposals to see which cluster area's the boroughs you currently work with are in and apply for the relevant grant.

3. Would you be able to let us know if there is a list of probable bodies seeking to apply at this stage so that we could enable some of our smaller organisations to make contact? If this is not possible, any idea if there a 'Briefing seminar' is being planned?

This is an open and competitive grant funding programme and the GLA has no indication of the probable bodies that will be applying to deliver the programme. At this stage the GLA has no plans to hold a 'briefing seminar'.

4. I would like to put in a bid but I cannot see the borough I work in Sutton in the cluster group. Can I still apply?

The GLA has selected the geographical cluster areas that organisations must deliver to (see pages 9 – 10 of the Request for Proposals). Organisations should bid to deliver their projects / interventions in at least 2 priority boroughs in the selected cluster area.

5. Would you please confirm that for the above application process that:
a. there is no actual application form or template?
b. that bidding organisations are expected to produce an application on word that takes on board on the requirements set out in the Request for Proposals document?

- a. There is Pre-Selection Questionnaire that can be downloaded from the GLA website <http://www.london.gov.uk/priorities/young-people/education-training/supplementary-programme-schools> (below the Request for Proposals).
- b. All applications will need to be submitted using this template.

Note (added 25th May 2012): This is a phased application process and organisations that are successful at the Stage 1 Pre-selection stage will be invited to Stage 2 where the full application form will be issued by the GLA for bidders to complete.
