



GM Multiply Scheme

Expressions of Interest for Local Authorities for the Multiply for Care Leavers

1. Introduction

Multiply is a UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) funded national programme, commissioned and delivered locally, to support adults who do not have GCSE/Level 2 maths or equivalent to gain skills in Maths/Numeracy.

The scheme aims to increase overall participation and achievement in Level 2 Maths, ultimately leading to wider skills, by supporting those who would not normally consider skills training within a college environment. Around 17 million adults in England – half of the working-age population – have the numeracy skills of primary school children. Poor numeracy skills can hold people back from having the confidence to get on in life and into work.

GMCA submitted an investment plan to Department for Education outlining a range of Multiply activities to be delivered across Greater Manchester.

2. Intent of the activity

A key aim of the GM Multiply Scheme is to offer tailored support to care experienced residents across Greater Manchester. The activity should boost residents confidence with numbers, and provide an initial opportunity to access maths/numeracy skills provision.

3. Scope of Activity

GMCA expects the provider to complete the template below to detail the support that is needed for learners, and a light rationale, in relation to the intent and specification.

4. Contract duration, Financial Information & Reporting

By completing this Expression of Interest, you are indicating to GMCA that you are keen to explore potential opportunities to utilise this GM Multiply Scheme opportunity.

Contract duration

GMCA are committing this funding and opportunity up to March 2025.

Financial Information

1. You will have been given your financial allocation, by financial year, within the mini-specification.
2. Once Eols have been agreed and the Grant Funding Agreement has been issued, GMCA will pay 100% of the FY 22/23 allocation up front.
3. GMCA will pay 100% of the FY 23/24 allocation in Q1 of FY23/24.
4. GMCA will cover the actual and eligible costs related to providing this support
 - a. This could include
 - i. Staffing



- ii. Venue hire
- iii. Materials
- 5. GMCA reserve the right to host negotiation conversations following all submissions of EOIs. This may be:
 - a. To further understand the proposed support and delivery
- 6. The allocation is broken down:

Part 1: Outreach & Engagement activities led by the LA	30% of funding allocated
Part 2: Multiply Skills Offer	70% of funding allocated

- 7. As part of this EOI process, Authorities should indicate for Part 2 whether they
 - a. Will deliver this skills offer themselves
 - b. Seek a local provider/college to deliver this on their behalf

Reporting

A report will be required from providers to be submitted on a quarterly basis should provide high level detail on:

- 1. Implementation & progress to date
 - a. To provide an update on the progress of the proposed activities in the EOI below (delivery, timelines etc.)
- 2. Actual spend to date
 - a. To provide the detail of actual spend to date, referencing the Costings section of the EOI below
- 3. Actual learner numbers to date
 - a. A breakdown of learner numbers on the ILR and any that may be pending input
- 4. Learner impact
 - a. Initial analysis and the story of any positive impacts that this support has had on learners so far

5. Timescales & Process

Expression of Interest Timescales

GMCA wishes to undertake this EOI process as quickly as possible to ensure this support can be implemented quickly.

GMCA have provided the below timeline as an indicative guide. GMCA will endeavour to assess completed EOIs quickly.

Launch of Expression of Interest process	WC 21 st August 2023
1st Deadline for submissions	No later than 12.00pm, 8 th September
Assessment and review by GMCA	No later than 20 th September
Further Conversations (if needed)	No later than 29 th September
Decisions to be announced by GMCA	No later than 11 th October



2nd Deadline for submissions	No later than 12.00pm, 29 th September
Assessment and review by GMCA	No later than 11 th October
Further Conversations (if needed)	No later than 20 th October
Decisions to be announced by GMCA	No later than 1 st November

All completed EOIs should be returned to MultiplyGM@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk

Process

- 1) The payment of this Grant is subject to a successful application being approved by GMCA from the Authority
- 2) It is anticipated that expenditure funded by this Grant will be from 1st August 2023 and remain in place until 31st March 2025
- 3) This Grant must not fund any activities that are already being funded, this is intended to add value
- 4) The Grant will be a one-off payment and paid in advance. Any unspent elements of the grant will be subject to claw-back.
- 5) Providers will be required to submit evidence of spend at the end of the programme:
 - a. A template will be provided by GMCA;
 - b. The actual date will be confirmed post approval of the programme.
- 6) Providers will be expected to update GMCA on the implementation, current impact, challenges and opportunities that this Grant presents. This information will be required at the start of the programme, during its delivery and up to the end of March 2023.
- 7) It is the responsibility of the Authority to ensure the programme/initiatives are delivered on time and to budget.
- 8) Grant Agreements will be issued to all providers the full requirements of this Grant.
- 9) Payments to providers will be in advance, however, inappropriate use of this Grant funding will be subject to claw-back.

6. Monitoring

GMCA will monitor learner numbers in line with what is agreed as part of the allocations.



Organisation Details

Authority Name:	
Lead Contact Name:	
Contact Details:	
Email Address:	
Telephone Number:	

1. Part 1 - Outreach & Engagement activities led by the LA

Please provide a description of the proposed additional support you want to deliver for Part 1

Your response should include as a minimum:

- The type of activity you will deliver (with reference to the intent/specification of this document)

(Maximum word count 1500)

Delivery timelines (How quickly you can implement this support?)

(Maximum word count 250)



2. Part 2 - Multiply Skills Offer

Please provide a brief response as to how you will implement Part 2

Your response should include as a minimum:

- Clear rationale/evidence for the support proposed
- Whether you intend to deliver this yourself

(Maximum word count 1500)

Delivery timelines (How quickly you can implement this support?)

(Maximum word count 250)

3. Costings

Please complete the below embedded spreadsheet to detail what the additional support above will cost.

Providers should ensure that all costs included in your response are accounted for in the spreadsheet.

Please ensure costs are appropriate for the level of support required and the number of learners you expect to support.



Part 1 - Outreach & Engagement activities led by the LA					Part 2 - Multiply Skills Offer (if delivering directly)				
Direct Staffing Pay Costs					Direct Staffing Pay Costs				
Position	FTE	Description	Planned expenditure for 2023/24 FY	Planned expenditure for 2024/25 FY	Position	FTE	Description	Planned expenditure for 2023/24 FY	Planned expenditure for 2024/25 FY
TOTAL			£0.00		TOTAL			£0.00	
Non-Pay costs e.g. Venue hire					Non-Pay costs e.g. Venue hire				
Type		Details	Planned expenditure for 2022-23 academic year	Planned expenditure for 2024/25 FY	Type		Details	Planned expenditure for 2022-23 academic year	Planned expenditure for 2024/25 FY
Printing					Printing				
Events					Events				
Subscriptions					Subscriptions				
Room hire					Room hire				
Telephones					Telephones				
Other expenses					Other expenses				
TOTAL			£0.00	£0.00	TOTAL			£0.00	£0.00