

Appendix 1

Funding Framework

The following Framework is designed to provide guidance on the most appropriate approach to securing services via Voluntary & Community Sector Organisations

| Approach | Commissioning | Commissioning / Investing | Investing / Giving |
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| Commissioning Method | Competitive Procurement | Grants Commissioning | Core Grants Small Grants |
| Most Applicable When Any Of The Following Applies | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-sector specific • Open contestable market • Statutory or required service • Clearly defined outcomes • Service specification based on needs analysis | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voluntary and Community Sector specific • Some market • Strategically important service or activity • Clearly defined outcomes • Service specification based on needs analysis | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voluntary and Community Sector specific • Weak market • Desire to grow support work of organisation • Pilot or one-off projects • Broad range of outcomes |
| Guide Amount Per year | Usually over £20,000 | £1,000 to £200,000 | Usually up to maximum of £10,000 |
| Key Council Processes | Commissioning | Commissioned specified grants including MSG | Unspecified grants |
| Standard Processes and Arrangements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open tender • Tollgate • PQQ Requirement • Assessment against tender specification • Contract • Unrestricted funds • Staged payments (against milestones) • VAT applicable • Regular monitoring • Quality assurance • Exit strategy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open bidding • Grant eligibility • Assessment against scoring framework • Grant agreement • Match funding requirement • Restricted funds • Quarterly monitoring • Payment in advance or arrears as agreed • Annual review • Evaluation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open application • Grant eligibility criteria • Assessment against specified criteria • Grant Agreement • Restricted Funds • Varied payment arrangements • Donation to support organisations objects • Specified reporting requirements |
| Full Cost Recovery Key Guidance | Yes | Overhead costs against agreed apportionment rate | No |
| Other Key Requirements | Procurement Policy/Regulations | Commissioning Framework | Funding Factsheet |