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Planning

Holiday Activities and Food programme (HAF) - District Leads

Gloucestershire County Council

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Scope

Reference

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Description

This is an advertisement for Pre market Engagement for the following:

Procurement of 6 District Leads to manage the delivery periods of the HAF programme.

The Holiday Activities and Food programme (HAF) is funded by the Department for Education to deliver activities and food to children and young people eligible for benefits related Free School Meals (FSM) during the three main school holiday periods.

Total value (estimated)

- £1,176,377 excluding VAT
- £1,411,652 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027
- 1 year

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85000000 - Health and social work services
- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services

Contract locations

- UKK13 - Gloucestershire

Engagement

Engagement deadline

13 January 2026

Engagement process description

Gloucestershire County Council invites providers to participate in pre-market engagement for the District Leads for the Holidays, Activities and Food (HAF) Programme 2026-2027.

The HAF Programme is a national initiative funded by the Department for Education, designed to support children and young people eligible for benefits-related free school meals. It provides access to enriching activities and healthy meals during school holidays, helping to reduce holiday hunger and promote wellbeing.

We will be hosting two virtual information sessions to introduce the updated programme and outline opportunities for involvement:

- Monday, 12 January 2026 at 10:00-11:00 AM
- Tuesday, 13 January 2026 at 3:00-4:00 PM

During these sessions, the Gloucestershire HAF team will:

- Present the new 2026-2027 HAF Programme specification
- Explain the application process for key roles:
 - o District Lead
 - o Community Connector
 - o SEND Provider

Following the presentation, there will be an opportunity for questions and discussion regarding the programme and application process.

Full details on how to dial in will be provided, any supplier wishing to attend should respond to this notice through ProContract or please contact:

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Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

Gloucestershire County Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PZHT-7473-ZVPN

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