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Planning

Market Engagement Session - Mayor of London's Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) Stronger Futures 3.0 Programme

Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime

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Scope

Description

Stronger Futures 3.0 Programme

Services

Estimate start date: 30th March 2026

Estimate end date: 29th March 2028

Value: £4,161,000

Contract dates (estimated)

- 30 March 2026 to 29 March 2028
- 2 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80000000 - Education and training services
- 85000000 - Health and social work services
- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services

Contract locations

- UKI - London

Engagement

Engagement deadline

19 January 2026

Engagement process description

The Mayor of London's Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) is committed to an approach in tackling violence that is rooted in prevention and early intervention. Our key focus in stopping violence from happening is through investing and providing better access to positive opportunities for young people, families and communities.

That's why we're launching the third iteration of the Stronger Futures programme, the VRU's flagship after-school and holiday activities programme. More than 19,000 young

people benefited from support, guidance and access to opportunities after school, at weekend and during the school holidays within Stronger Futures 2.0 that ran between 2023-25.

We have built on the successes of previous iterations and listened carefully to feedback from you and from young Londoners. This has shaped our understanding of what more is needed to support grassroots organisations and larger VCS organisations to deliver effectively and to work in partnership for the benefit of young people and the diverse communities affected by violence.

Purpose of the Market Engagement

The VRU invites partners to a Market Engagement Session to discuss requirements for future commissioning of the Stronger Futures 3.0 Programme.

This programme will strengthen the VRUs after school and holiday offer to young Londoners in reducing violence across London, providing positive opportunities and wraparound support during the core hours of 3pm-10pm after school, and during school holiday periods. The focus will be on:

Delivery of the programme requirements

Supporting community organisations to build capacity and become more sustainable

Details on type of after school and holiday activities the VRU are seeking

Next steps on applications process

Following this Market Engagement Session we will be sending out details of the Grant Management company who will lead and support the application process for Stronger Futures 3.0, with support and guidance to ensure organisations are eligible for the funding opportunity, while also allowing ease of application process within a short time frame of submission deadline.

Event Details

The event will be held online via Teams, once you have registered your interest you will receive an invitation to the engagement event please read below.

Date: Tuesday 20th January 2026

Session: 11:00am - 12:00pm

To register your interest in attending, please email:

VRUCommissioning@london.gov.uk The deadline for registering your interest is the Monday 19th January - 12:00pm

Please note this advertisement is in no way a call for competition and should not be considered an offer of contract.

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Contracting authority

Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PTMT-7816-YCQG

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<https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/mayors-office-policing-and-crime-mopac/services-we-fund/current-mopac-and-vru-bidding-opportunities>

Region: UKI44 - Lewisham and Southwark

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government