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Planning

COM26002 Crisis Resilience Fund - Preliminary Market Engagement

Worcestershire County Council

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Scope

Reference

COM26002

Description

Please note: This is NOT a call for competition.

The Crisis and Resilience Fund (CRF) will be made available to local authorities (LAs) in England to support low-income households who encounter a financial shock and to support activity that builds individual and community financial resilience. This funding covers the period of 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2029 inclusive.

Guidance on CRF can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/crisis-and-resilience-fund-guidance-for-local-authorities-in-england-1-april-2026-to-31-march-2029/the-crisis-and-resilience-fund-guidance-for-local-authorities-in-england-1-april-2026-to-31-march-2029>

This market engagement includes a focus on two specific area of support: information and advice, and energy resilience. Clear, trusted guidance is essential for helping individuals navigate financial challenges, understand their rights, and make informed decisions. At the same time, targeted energy support, ranging from physical interventions to targeted advice, plays a critical role in reducing vulnerability, improving household sustainability, and mitigating the impact of rising energy costs.

We are seeking to understand the capacity, innovation, and expertise within the market to deliver services that will form part of local CRF delivery. By engaging with potential providers, we aim to shape a commissioning approach that is responsive, inclusive, and founded in real?world insight. This process will help ensure that funding reaches those who need it most, supporting long?term resilience for residents.

You can access the questionnaire by clicking "Synopsis" or going to the Clarifications tab.

Please return completed forms to strengtheningcommunities@worcestershire.gov.uk by 4pm on Friday 6th February.

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 May 2026 to 31 March 2029
- 2 years, 11 months

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 75200000 - Provision of services to the community
 - 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services
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Engagement

Engagement deadline

6 February 2026

Engagement process description

Suppliers can complete and return a questionnaire, which will inform the Council of the existing interest and capabilities on the market.

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

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