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Tender

23114 Adult Education Budget Re-Procurement

Cambridgeshire County Council

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert/Index?advertId=306695c0-d1fb-ee11-812a-005056b64545>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert/Index?advertId=306695c0-d1fb-ee11-812a-005056b64545>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

23114 Adult Education Budget Re-Procurement

Reference number

DN719682

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80400000 - Adult and other education services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Cambridgeshire County Council are inviting Adult Education providers to bid for a place on the 'Cambridgeshire Skills Approved Provider List' to deliver AEB. Successful bidders will have the chance to be granted funding for the academic year(s) 1 August 2024 – 31 July 2026, with the possibility to extend the Approved Provider List for two further years. There is total funding of £638,000 available per year.

The Council receives two separate Adult Education Budget (AEB) grants from:

1. Education Skills Funding Agency (ESFA)/Department for Education (DfE)
2. Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA)

The Council delivers adult education in-house, but a proportion of the grants are sub-contracted to independent providers that deliver training that complements the in-house delivery.

The Adult Education Budget (AEB) aims to engage adults and provide the skills and learning they need to equip them for work, an apprenticeship or other learning. It enables more flexible tailored programmes of learning to be made available, which may or may not require a qualification, to help eligible learners engage in learning, build confidence, and/or enhance their wellbeing.

The relevant CPCA and ESFA Funding Rules and eligibility criteria for the academic year

(1 August 2024 – 31 July 2025) will apply to this funding.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH12 - Cambridgeshire CC

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 1: CPCA Adult Skills Fund (ASF) - Accredited / regulated qualifications and legal entitlements: Up to £350,000 per year

The ASF aims to engage adults and provide the skills and learning they need to progress into, or within, work; or equip them for an apprenticeship or other learning.

All Delivery Partners must have due regard to the skills analysis and priorities of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA) and those detailed in the Local Skills Improvement Plan.

The ASF supports three legal entitlements to full funding for eligible adult learners. These are set out in the Apprenticeships, Skills and Children's Learning Act 2009, and enable eligible learners to be fully funded for the following qualifications:

- English and maths, up to and including level 2, for individuals aged 19 and over, who have not

previously attained a GCSE grade 4 (C), or higher, and/or

- first full qualification at level 2 for individuals aged 19 to 23, and/or
- first full qualification at level 3 for individuals aged 19 to 23

Eligible learners exercising their legal entitlement, must only be enrolled on qualifications from the published approved list of qualifications in the level 2 and level 3 legal entitlement and/or the approved list of qualifications in the English and maths legal entitlement for the relevant funding year here: <https://www.qualifications.education.gov.uk/>

The ASF also supports delivery of other qualifications up to level 2. This provision either is fully or co-funded, depending on the learner's age, prior attainment and circumstances. We can only fund qualifications listed as available to our funding streams and fundable here: <https://www.qualifications.education.gov.uk/>

All delivery must comply with the relevant funding rules:

Skills Library - Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority
(cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk)

The funding rates we pay for qualifications (minus our management fee) are published here: <https://findlearningaimbeta.fasst.org.uk/>

We will not award funding to providers who already hold a CPCA direct ASF grant or contract (or are a subcontractor to a direct grant or contract holder) within the CPCA area.

Supporting document: Guiding Principles of Accredited Delivery

Priority for allocation of funding will be given to providers delivering face to face learning in the following areas or targeted to learners living in these specific areas/wards:

- Fenland – all wards

- East Cambridgeshire - all wards

- Huntingdonshire – Huntingdon North, Yaxley, Warboys, The Stukeleys, Folksworth, St Neots, St

Ives and Ramsey wards

- Cambridge City – Abbey, Kings Hedges, Arbury, East Chesterton, Trumpington, Coleridge, Cherry

Hinton, Romsey and Petersfield

- South Cambs – The Mordens, Melbourne, Milton and Waterbeach, Fen Ditton and Fulbourn,

Sawston, Caxton and Papworth, Balsham, Bar Hill, Barrington, Bassingbourn and Cambourne

Please note that we are not looking for any courses to be delivered in Peterborough.

Adult Education Budget (AEB) postcode files - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH12 - Cambridgeshire CC

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 2: CPCA Tailored Learning – non-regulated: Up to £150,000 per year

As outlined in the government response to the DfE consultation Skills for jobs, the purpose of Tailored Learning (previously known as Community Learning), is primarily to support learners into employment and to progress to further learning, in line with the overall purpose of the Adult Skills Fund.

The current system will also support wider outcomes, including using it to:

- improve health and wellbeing
- equip parents/carers to support their child's learning, and
- develop stronger and more integrated communities

The objectives, set out in the funding rules ask you to widen participation and transform

people's destinies by supporting progression relevant to personal circumstances. We expect you to encourage and support all learners to progress onto new or more stretching provision to help them into more formal learning or employment. We would not expect to see multiple enrolments on similar level courses, or a repeat of similar learning aims where this does not benefit the learner's development.

Lots 1 and 2 are for learners living CPCA devolved postcodes: with priority for allocation of funding given to providers delivering face to face learning in the following areas or targeted to learners living in these specific areas/wards:

- Fenland – all wards
- East Cambridgeshire - all wards
- Huntingdonshire – Huntingdon North, Yaxley, Warboys, The Stukeleys, Folksworth, St Neots

and Ramsey wards

- Cambridge City – Abbey, Kings Hedges, Arbury, East Chesterton, Trumpington, Coleridge,

Cherry Hinton, Romsey and Petersfield

- South Cambs – The Mordens, Melbourne, Milton and Waterbeach, Fen Ditton and Fulbourn,

Sawston, Caxton and Papworth, Balsham, Bar Hill, Barrington, Bassingbourn and Cambourne

Please note that we are not looking for any courses to be delivered in Peterborough.

For reference: Cambridgeshire Insight – Deprivation – Indices of Multiple Deprivation

All delivery must comply with the relevant funding rules:

Skills Library - Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority
(cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk)

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH12 - Cambridgeshire CC

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 3 ESFA Adult Skills Fund (ASF) – Accredited / regulated qualifications and legal entitlements: up to £75,000 per year

The ASF supports three legal entitlements to full funding for eligible adult learners. These are set out in the Apprenticeships, Skills and Children's Learning Act 2009, and enable eligible learners to be fully funded for the following qualifications:

- English and maths, up to and including level 2, for individuals aged 19 and over, who have not

previously attained a GCSE grade 4 (C), or higher, and/or

- first full qualification at level 2 for individuals aged 19 to 23, and/or first full qualification at level
- for individuals aged 19 to 23

Eligible learners exercising their legal entitlement, must only be enrolled on qualifications from the published approved list of qualifications in the level 2 and level 3 legal entitlement and/or the approved list of qualifications in the English and maths legal entitlement for the relevant funding year here: <https://www.qualifications.education.gov.uk/>

Lots 3 and 4 are for learners living in non-devolved postcode areas: Adult Education Budget (AEB) postcode files - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

As such priority will be given to providers delivering learning to eligible learners living in other counties bordering Cambridgeshire including Lincolnshire to the north, Norfolk to the north-east, Suffolk to the east, Essex and Hertfordshire to the south, and Bedfordshire and Northamptonshire to the west.

Please note that we are not looking for any courses to be delivered in Peterborough.

The ASF also supports delivery of other qualifications up to level 2. This provision either is fully or co-funded, depending on the learner's age, prior attainment and circumstances. We can only fund qualifications listed as available to our funding streams and fundable here: <https://www.qualifications.education.gov.uk/>

All delivery must comply with the relevant funding rules:

Adult education funding - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot No

4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH12 - Cambridgeshire CC

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 4 ESFA Tailored Learning up to £25,000 per year:

As outlined in the government response to the DfE consultation Skills for jobs, the purpose of tailored learning (previously known as Community Learning), is primarily to support learners into employment and to progress to further learning, in line with the overall purpose of the Adult Skills Fund.

The current system will also support wider outcomes, including using it to:

- improve health and wellbeing
- equip parents/carers to support their child's learning, and
- develop stronger and more integrated communities

The objectives, set out in the funding rules ask you to widen participation and transform people's destinies by supporting progression relevant to personal circumstances. We

expect you to encourage and support all learners to progress onto new or more stretching provision to help them into more formal learning or employment. We would not expect to see multiple enrolments on similar level courses, or a repeat of similar learning aims where this does not benefit the learner's development.

Lots 3 and 4 are for learners living in non-devolved postcode areas: Adult Education Budget (AEB) postcode files - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

As such priority will be given to providers delivering learning to eligible learners living in other counties bordering Cambridgeshire including Lincolnshire to the north, Norfolk to the north-east, Suffolk to the east, Essex and Hertfordshire to the south, and Bedfordshire and Northamptonshire to the west

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All delivery must comply with the relevant funding rules:

Adult education funding - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Lots 3 and 4 are for learners living in non-devolved postcode areas: Adult Education Budget (AEB) postcode files - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Form of procedure

Open procedure

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

31 August 2026

Local time

12:00pm

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English