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Planning

Holiday Activities and Food Programme 2026

Bedford Borough Council

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Scope

Description

Bedford Borough Council will be retendering its Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme for delivery from Summer 2026 onwards.

The HAF programme is funded by the Department for Education and aims to provide high-quality holiday activities and nutritious food for children and young people who are eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals (FSM), as well as other children identified as vulnerable.

The Council is seeking to establish a bespoke multi-lot framework of providers to deliver HAF-funded provision across the borough during the Easter, summer and December school holidays.

There may also be opportunities to deliver provision during selected half-term holidays, subject to review.

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2028
- Possible extension to 30 June 2029
- 3 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 55241000 - Holiday centre services

Engagement

Engagement deadline

18 March 2026

Engagement process description

Please see document summarising the HAF 2026 programme and a few questions the authority would like the market to complete to support in their future planning before going out to tender.

Document can be downloaded (free or charge) from Bedford Borough Council e-portal
<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/bedford/asp/Home>

project reference is BBC CH 04141

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

13 April 2026

Contracting authority

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