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Planning

## **Shaping Our Collaborative Response to the Crisis and Resilience Fund**

Somerset Council

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### **Scope**

### **Description**

The CRF marks a significant shift in how crisis support will be delivered locally, combining emergency support with preventative approaches to build financial resilience. It also brings together funding streams such as Discretionary Housing Payments, aiming to streamline access for those in need.

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2031
- 5 years

### **Main procurement category**

Services

## **CPV classifications**

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

## **Contract locations**

- UKK23 - Somerset

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## **Engagement**

### **Engagement deadline**

24 September 2025

### **Engagement process description**

We hope to use the CRF to develop new ways of working together, encouraging partnerships and alliances across the sector in support of families/residents of Somerset who are living in poverty.

We are pleased to invite you to a dedicated engagement event to explore how we can work together to deliver on the new DWP Crisis and Resilience Fund (CRF), launching on 1 April 2026.

This engagement session will provide an opportunity to:

- Share early thinking on the CRF
- Discuss how we can co-design a joined-up, community-led delivery model
- Identify opportunities to strengthen partnerships and preventative support

- Ensure the voice and expertise of the VCFSE sector is central to shaping local implementation

Your insights and experience are vital to ensuring the fund delivers meaningful outcomes for residents. We hope you can join us in this important conversation.

#### Event Details

Date: 24 September 2025

Time: 13:00-15:00

Location: Confirmation will be received upon registration for the event

RSVP by: 22 September 2025

Expression of interest in attending:

If you would like to attend this event, please let us know by emailing [stephen.barker@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:stephen.barker@somerset.gov.uk) giving the names and email addresses of those people who would attend (max. 2 per organisation).

Please ensure that those attending from your organisation are the most appropriate to feed into the discussions. If you are unable to attend the event, the presentation, notes and associated documentation will be available through the e-tender system <https://supplierlive.proactisp2p.com>

Please respond by the deadline of 12:00 noon on 22nd September 2025 if you wish to attend. Thank you.

Somerset Council reserves the right to cancel or re-arrange these events at its own discretion.

Organisations that take part will not be advantaged or disadvantaged in any way in any potential future formal procurement. Commercial confidentiality will be respected. This notice does not represent a formal commitment by Somerset Council to undertake a procurement procedure.

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## Participation

## Particular suitability

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

### Special regime

Light touch

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## Contracting authority

### Somerset Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PPGC-1434-MQPJ

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government