Cyber funded programme:
How to bid for funding

7 November 2018

Purpose of the programme

- The purpose of this programme is to support councils, either individually or in partnership, to strengthen their cyber resilience where gaps or weaknesses have been highlighted in the recent Cyber Security Stocktake.

- Cyber resilience means the ability to protect and defend against cyber threats, but also to respond and recover in the eventuality that an incident does occur.

Bid phases explained

- The LGA has been awarded £1.5m from the Cabinet Office for Phase 1. A small proportion of this has been allocated to undertaking the stocktake; however, the vast majority of this funding will be invested as grants directly to councils, or groups of councils.

- Further funding will be available in future phases.

- Both individual council and joint bids will be welcomed in all phases; however, the LGA's strategy will be to prioritise the following in each:

- **Phase 1 Open now – until 30th November** - Fix
  We will prioritise: Quick fixes for councils to address urgent issues identified in the stocktake.

- **Phase 2 - January 2018/19 and 2019/20** – Fix and Consolidate
  We will prioritise: Bids to fix any issues identified and not yet addressed in Phase 1, as well as joint bids between councils or partners to consolidate and join up efforts and resources, and build joint sector capacity.

- **Phase 3 - 2019/20 and 2020/21** - Enhance
  We will prioritise: Bids with a focus on the proactive capabilities of the sector which will build sustainability.

Who can bid

- Individual councils – all are eligible, regardless of RAG rating.

- Joint bids by more than one council in partnership. However you may wish to wait until Phase 2 to allow time to understand shared issues and develop a joint plan.

- You may wish to explore this through your WARP, through regional partnerships, or other networks – as appropriate.

- We need you to provide a named lead council. The LGA can only grant funding to named councils and not to other organisation types such as sub-autonomous bodies.

What your bid can cover

- Areas or activities covered by the recent Cyber Security Stocktake, e.g.:
  - Leadership
  - Governance
  - Technology
  - Training
  - Partnerships

- Clearly cover the action(s) or activity you plan to undertake and the support you are seeking for this. Cover all the support your councils is seeking in one bid – you do not need to bid separately for each item.

- Bidding as an individual council does not preclude you from taking parting in a joint bid either now or at a later date. You can do both. You can also bid again in future phases for further support.

- You do not need to put a price on the activity you wish to undertake. The LGA will review all bids and allocate funding based on our review of the totality of the bids received.

- However, if you are already aware of, or intend to research the cost of the measures you wish to implement, please include this information.

How to bid

- **Please note: Instructions for how to submit your bid will be updated on our website later this week. Do not send this by email.**

- The LGA will accept bids up until the closing date on November 30th.

- LGA colleagues may contact the named lead contact to clarify any details in your bid.

Kinds of support

- Grants
- Peer support
- We will also work with the sector, government and partners to understand where guidance, best practice advice, and other resources may need to be developed.

How we will assess bids and award support

- Bids will be assessed together and not on a first come first served basis throughout December.

- We will prioritise 'red' and 'red amber' councils or issues.

- The LGA team will review bids with support from a trusted, expert panel of local government cyber security professionals, with representatives from each region. Council names will be anonymised throughout this process.

- The LGA will issue grants to named individual councils in January.

- We may also offer councils peer support from another council, by funding the time of the supporting council. This may be on its own or in addition to receiving a direct grant. (Please note: peer councils are recruited through a separate process, you do not need to apply to be a peer through the bid process.)

- Where commonalities are identified across a number of councils, we may suggest a joint solution or approach where appropriate. We will discuss this with you if this is the case.

Next steps

- Bid for Phase 1.

- Be proactive: start thinking about Phase 2 and 3 potential partnerships.

- Bring us your ideas and suggestions for the programme, and invite us to your local or regional events – this programme is for you, to meet your needs.

Further information

- www.local.gov.uk/cyber-security
- Email: cybersecurity@local.gov.uk

Questions?