



Sports and Creative Arts intervention

Expression of Interest

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By 23.59, Thursday 30th JUNE 2022

The West Yorkshire Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) has been awarded funding from the Home Office for 2022/23 to support interventions that will prevent young people from entering the criminal justice system and reduce reoffending.

The impact of these interventions is to achieve a reduction in first time offenders, reoffending and weapon related crime, particularly amongst those victims aged under 25.

The VRU is seeking an Expression of Interest from experienced providers for an Sports and Creative Arts intervention, with a total of £30,000 available per district (Bradford, Calderdale, Kirklees, Leeds) committed until 31 March 2023.

Details / Overview

As part of our bid to the Home Office, Education Inclusion was included as a key thematic work stream similarly to 21/22, based on the Needs Assessment and Response Strategy developed with partners and the Knowledge Hub. This recognises the impacts that violence, persistent absenteeism and exclusions have on young people's ability to thrive and succeed.

On this basis we have worked with Directors of Children's Services and nominated representatives to identify a secondary school most in need within each district.

We are now looking to commission Place-Based sports and creative arts provision in 4 out of 5 districts that will take place over the 6-week summer break, and other half term breaks during the 22/23 financial year, with a possible extension into 23/24

The intervention will be targeted at a small group of young people who are most at risk, and will need to utilise multiple methods of engagement as well as offering both creative arts and sports-based methods of intervention. We will work with the successful provider to refine the offer and co-design it with the school and possible beneficiaries.

This opportunity is open to registered charities, social enterprises, community interest companies and local authorities.

Intended Outcomes

This intervention will contribute to the overarching VRU deliverables:

1. A reduction in hospital admissions for assaults with a knife or sharp object and especially among those victims aged under 25
2. A reduction in knife-enabled serious violence and especially amongst those victims aged under 25
3. A reduction in all non-domestic homicides and especially amongst those victims aged under 25 involving knives

Project specific outcomes include:

- Increased engagement and attendance with school
- Establish a positive partnership with the high school and associated partners
- Established positive relationships with the young people
- Evidence of structured group work with one-to-one support.
- Gathering evidence and sharing learning with partners to gain a greater understanding of what support and intervention is effective
- Other intended outcomes as agreed with the successful provider

Timeline for decision:

EOIs - OPEN	Thurs 16 to Thurs 30 June 2022
Clarification questions or queries to be submitted	Mon 20 to Fri 24 June 2022
Closing Time (deadline for submission of Tenders)	23:59 Thurs 30 June 2022
Notification to successful providers	Thurs 6 July 2022
Provisional Grant start date	12 July 2022
Grant end date	31 March 2023