



Preventing Radicalisation Grant Initiative – FAQ's

1. What is Prevent?

The Prevent Programme is designed to safeguard vulnerable people from becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism. The support provided by Prevent addresses the personal and social factors which make people vulnerable to radicalisation, diverting people away from being drawn into violent ideologies and terrorist activity.

2. Why has the Home Office introduced this new method of funding?

The Preventing Radicalisation initiative has been set up to mitigate against radicalisation risks identified by local Prevent leads. The aim of the funding stream is to provide a funding mechanism for Prevent project delivery to address these issues in partnership with Local Authorities that do not currently receive Home Office funding.

3. What are the different phases of the Grant Initiative?

The initiative will be split into two phases.

- 1. Framework Providers: The first phase will be for project providers to apply to be on a Framework.
- 2. Mini Competitions: The project providers selected to be on the Framework will then be able to respond through mini competitions to bids submitted by Local Authorities for projects to address radicalisation risks.

Framework Applications

1. How do I submit an application to be on the Framework?

You can access the application form through the Groundwork UK website <u>www.groundwork.org.uk/preventing-radicalisation-grant-initiative.</u> Click on the Apply Now button which will take you to our online application form. We use an online grant management system called Flexigrant. Section 1.11 in the guidance document explains how to use the Flexigrant system.

2. What is the deadline for Framework applications to be submitted? The closing date for the first wave of applications to be approved to be on the Framework is Wednesday, 31 August.

- 3. How will you decide which organisations will be on the Framework? Each application will be assessed by Groundwork UK. Applications will go through a due diligence process and be assessed against your organisations experience and expertise. A final decision about which organisations will be on the Framework will be made by a panel consisting of Groundwork UK and Home Office representatives.
- 4. When will we know if we have been successful to be a Framework provider? Successful applicants will be notified that they have been approved onto the Framework by Friday, 30 September.
- 5. My organisation is currently delivering a live Prevent project through Local Authority funding provided by the Home Office, can we still apply to be on the Framework?

Yes. You can apply to be on the Framework.

6. My organisation has not delivered Prevent programmes before. Will we still be able to apply to be on the Framework?

Yes. We are aware some project providers may not have previously worked on Prevent delivery. The application form asks for your previous experience in delivering both Prevent projects and other projects where you have worked with vulnerable beneficiaries. Please include details of other relevant work that you have undertaken in section 5.5 of the application form.

7. Will there be an opportunity to apply to be on the Framework after the initial closing date of Wednesday, 31 August?

Yes. The application process will reopen on 28 September. However, please be aware that project providers not approved in the first wave of applications may not be on the Framework in time to apply to deliver the first batch of mini competitions.

Mini Competitions

1. What is a mini competition?

Local Authorities will identify radicalisation risks within their area to be addressed. This radicalisation risk will then be put out to the project providers on the Framework as a mini competition. Project providers on the Framework will submit a bid for a project to address the identified risk. Each bid submitted will go to a panel where a final decision will be made and a project provider chosen to deliver.

- 2. Who will sit on the decision-making panel for the mini competitions? Panel members will include representatives from the Home Office, Groundwork UK and the relevant Local Authority.
- 3. Will opportunities to deliver mini competitions be in certain geographical locations?

Mini competitions will be developed in response to bids submitted by Local Authorities. These will each be for delivery in specific areas of the country. We anticipate having a mix of local and national project providers on the Framework to be able to respond to these bids.

- 4. Can a project provider apply for more than one mini competition? Yes. Project providers can apply for as many mini competitions as they feel they are able to deliver. It is important to remember that all project activity must take place before March 2023, therefore all projects will need to be delivered simultaneously within this period.
- 5. Can project providers work in partnership to put in a joint application for a mini competition?

Yes, project providers who are on the Framework can work together to submit a joint application. One project provider will need to be the lead organisation as the grant agreement for delivery will be between Groundwork UK and one organisation only.

6. How long will Framework Providers have to respond to mini competitions? We envisage that each mini competition will run for 3 weeks.

Delivery of Mini Competition Projects

 If we are successful at getting onto the Framework, when will delivery of the mini competition projects take place?
Project delivery will take place between December 2022 and the end of March 2023.

2. What is the process for approved mini competition projects?

If your project is successful you will receive a grant offer letter and terms and conditions which you will need to read carefully before you accept the offer.

Once you have accepted the offer and have met any conditions associated with the offer, you will be allocated a Grants Officer at Groundwork UK. Your Grants Officer will be your main point of contact for any queries in relation to your grant. It will be their role to monitor the progress of your project and to administer payments of your grant.

3. Who is responsible for monitoring my project?

Groundwork UK is responsible for monitoring the progress of your project. To do this, you will need to complete progress reports which will be available through your Flexigrant account. You will be required to submit an interim report, halfway through the delivery of your project and a final report once your project is complete.

4. If my application to deliver a mini competition project is successful, how will my grant be paid?

Your grant will usually be paid in three instalments as follows:

- First instalment: 50% of grant awarded on acceptance of the grant.
- Interim instalment: 40% of grant awarded on submission of interim report.
- Final instalment: 10% of grant awarded on submission of final report.

Roles and Responsibilities

1. What is Groundwork UK's role?

Groundwork UK has been awarded the contract for administering this pilot fund. Groundwork are responsible for the application process for both the framework and for the mini competitions and for monitoring the mini competition projects throughout delivery. Any changes to delivery of your project will need to be approved by Groundwork UK.

2. What is the role of the Local Authority?

The Local Authority will work with successful CSO's throughout project delivery to identify vulnerable audiences, share local insight and arrange introduction to local partners where needed.

3. What is the role of the Home Office?

The Home Office have oversight of the delivery of the grant initiative Preventing Radicalisation and have provided the funding. Groundwork have been awarded the contract for administering the grant initiative which will be evaluated in March 2023.

Help and Support

1. What help is available to me if I want to speak to someone about my application?

You can contact Groundwork UK at any point during the application process at <u>prevent@groundwork.org.uk</u> or on 0121 237 3610. Our grants officers will be available to answer your questions and provide support with applying.