CPL Group Grant Funding – Frequently Asked Questions

Please can you confirm if we would be allowed to submit multiple applications?

In accordance with the Grant Funding criteria there is only one application per institution allowed.

We note that we can only make one application, but could this include a mix of Funding Categories e.g. 5 x Student Awards Sponsorship and 2 x Sponsorship of Institutions?

Due to the volume of applications we are anticipating receiving, we can only receive one application per institution. Within the application, the institution will need to clearly identify the funding category they wish their application to be considered for. Multiple funding categories will not be considered and the total funding threshold is fixed and cannot be exceeded.

Would specialist IT equipment for example be considered for the project linked to the category "Innovative Teaching or Learning Resources"?

Yes, as long as the project satisfies the criteria as outlined within the Grant Funding Guidance

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Would you be prepared to consider sponsorship of a project which is already in progress? We have already obtained grants for the first phase of our project but require funding for the final phase?

Yes, if you feel your proposal will meet the project funding criteria..

Is the funding for student awards £100 in total or is it £100 per student we wish to support?

If you are thinking of funding a student award event or something similar, then the funding threshold is £100 per application and one application per institution.

We used a framework two years ago and are still in contract with the supplier and the spend is still coming in. Would this qualify even though the actual procurement was more than a year ago?

> *If your institution utilised a framework in the qualifying 12 month period and spend is recorded on the CPC spend report, your institution will meet the qualifying criteria.*

The school is a member of CPC and became a part of a Multi Academy Trust. We were wondering if any/all of our schools could apply for the funding?

> *If your school or academy is part of a Trust, the Trust needs to apply on your behalf. The institution applying for sponsorship needs to have:*
> 1. *Achieved a minimum of a full year's membership with the Crescent Purchasing Consortium (CPC) before making their application.*
> 2. *Utilised at least one CPC framework within the 12 months prior to the 1st February 2020.*

Would you be able to advise what category and level of funding we would be allowed to apply for?

> *All details of funding levels and categories is provided on our Grant Funding web page. If you feel your institution meets the necessary criteria you should complete the application with a detailed explanation of your event or activity. Applicants must meet the award criteria detailed on the website before an application will be considered for funding. Any and all funding will be allocated based on a panel decision whose decision is final.*

I understand that staff costs would not be allowed, but if we were to bring in an external organisation to deliver an aspect of the programme, would that be allowable?

> *Please see our Grant Funding web page to see a list of what does and doesn't qualify for funding. We do not provide funding against staff vacancies, or any employees on your payroll, but we may consider funding external training providers.*

We generally use a certain supplier on the CPC framework, however, please can you advise if we are able to use any supplier outside of the CPC framework?

> *It is a condition of Grant Funding that for all awards where a CPC framework exists, that the CPC framework MUST be used to procure the goods or services against which the award of funding has been made.*

How soon will we receive the funds once our project has been approved?

As soon as we have received all the completed and signed Grant Funding documentation, we will pass it to our finance team for the processing of your payment.

Will there be further sponsorship funding opportunities in the future?

Hopefully there will be, please check our website for updates and follow our social media.