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SKILLS CAPITAL FUNDING WEBINAR

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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Agenda

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SETTING THE CONTEXT

Within Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, prospective learners (aged 16+) in some areas face challenges accessing Further Education (FE).

These are known as **FE cold spots**.

Students in these area often struggle with:

- **Lack of Local Learning Facilities**
- **Geographical Barriers**
- **Limited opportunities**

Addressing these cold spots is vital for education equity and future skills development.

A core objectives for the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA) is to reduce barriers to education by investing in learning facilities, improving access, and partnering with local businesses for skills training.

Context: A feasibility study undertaken by CPCA suggested that while building new campuses and facilities may not be viable.

There was a need to expand provision, to create smaller, specialised hubs to meet demand

Also noted that skills capital funding needs to be invested into existing FE providers within the region.

WHY IS THERE A CAPITAL GRANT FUNDING PROGRAMME?

Overarching objective: Accelerate investment into skills capital in existing FE providers around Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

Driven by CPCA's strategic focus, this programme addresses long-term, structural challenges in the country and region, namely:

- Developing a skilled workforce;
- Providing a robust offering of further education provision; and
- Aligning with regional and national priorities for further education.



WHAT IS THE CAPITAL GRANT FUNDING PROGRAMME?

Skills Capital Grant Funding Programme

Addressing FE Cold Spots: East Cambridgeshire and St Neots

£4.8m

Intention to allocate to three funding pots

East Cambridgeshire
£1.4m - £2m

St Neots
£1.4m - £2m

Wider region
£800k - £2m?

The Expression of Interest stage will support in refining the above allocations.

WHAT ARE WE LOOKING TO FUND?

The Programme will provide capital funding to support additional further education provision across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.



CAPITAL

- Renovation
- Refurbishment
- Equipment
- Kit



LEARNERS

- 16-18 year olds
- Adults aged 19+
- Young people NEET



SECTORS

CPCA Sector Priorities

- Construction and housing
- Advanced manufacturing
- Science and technology innovation
- Digital technology
- Life sciences
- Agritech

- Clean energy
- Green technology

Priorities identified by feasibility study

- Health
- Education support
- Entry-level skills

WHAT CRITERIA DO APPLICANTS NEED TO MEET?



Existing footprint in
Cambridgeshire &
Peterborough



Capital purposes only



Ownership of assets



Sole purpose of further
education provision (16-18, 19+,
skills and tailored learning)

Evidence Required

- Skills funding pipeline to finance the provision itself (i.e. study programme/adult skills fund)
- Expected pipeline of learners
- Partnerships with a particular focus on employer engagement

If successful, funding allocations should be spent within 12 months of signing the Funding Agreement.

WHAT INFORMATION WILL THE APPLICATION ASK FOR?

Application form

Applicant Details

Lead organisation
Consortia details (if applicable)
Contact details
Overview of funding request
Proposed location

Due diligence

Range of confirmation statements e.g.:
Agreement of T&Cs;
Geographical location; Financial accounts for the last 3 years

Benefits and Outcomes

Overview of intended benefits and outcomes of funding e.g.:
Learner numbers;
Qualifications delivered

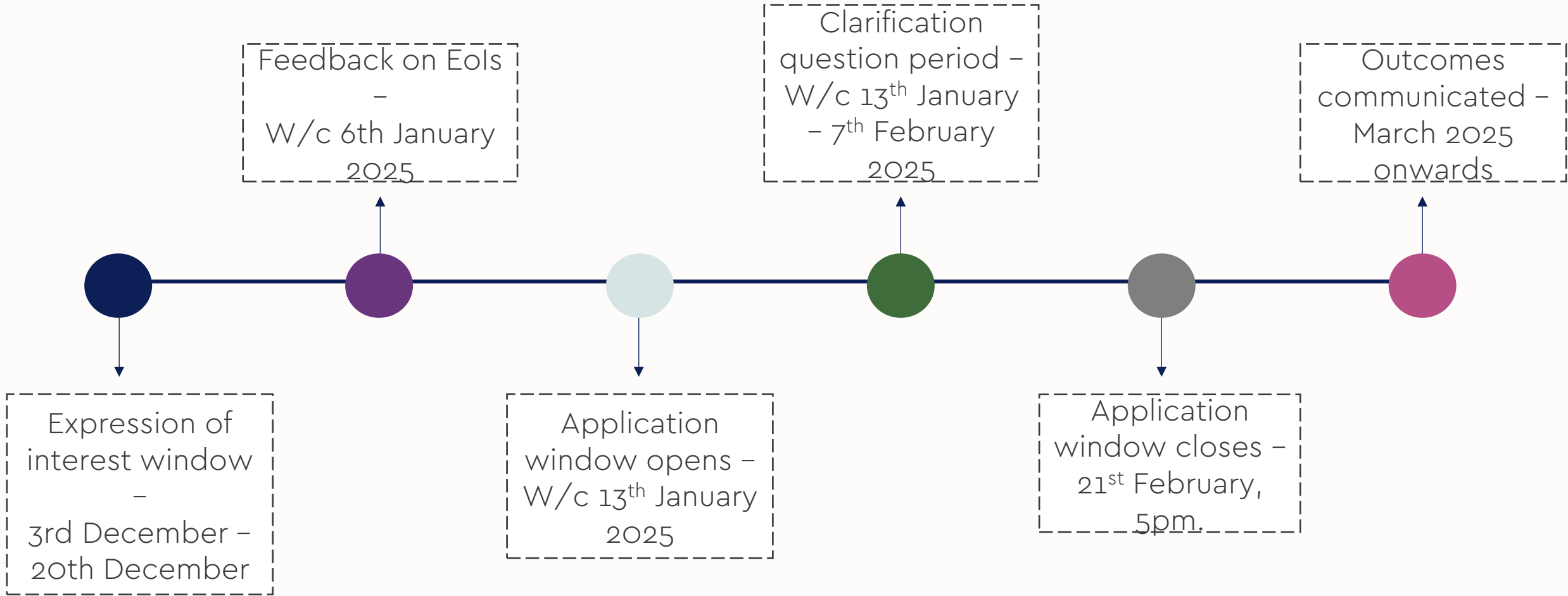
Written responses

Detailed questions to help us understand more about your proposal.
These will be graded from 1-5, 5 being the strongest.

Financial ask

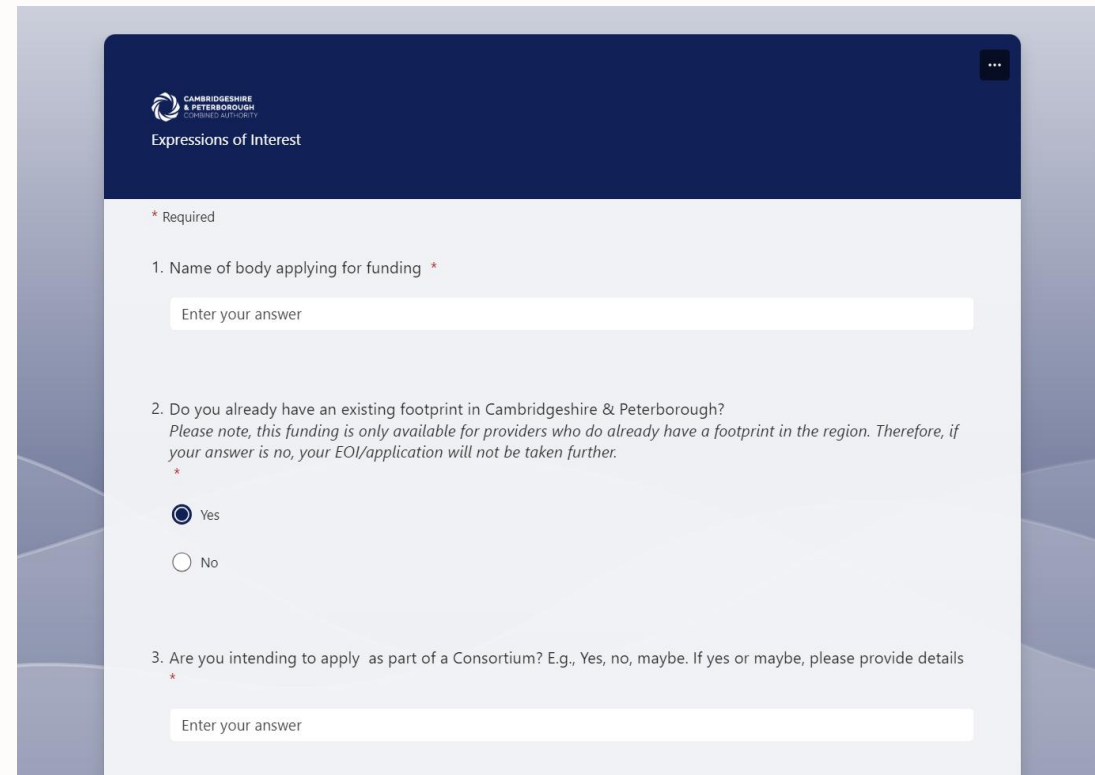
Proposed funding request
Total cost and breakdown of costs
Estimated expenditure timeline/payment profile

WHAT ARE THE KEY MILESTONES?



HOW CAN ORGANISATIONS APPLY TO THE CAPITAL GRANT FUNDING PROGRAMME?

- 1 Check out website to understand more about the programme: [Addressing Further Education Cold Spots in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough - Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority](#) Register interest by filling out the Expression of Interest form, which can be found via the link above.
- 2 You will receive an invitation to apply if you are eligible.



The screenshot shows a mobile application interface for the 'Expressions of Interest' form. At the top, there is a dark blue header with the 'CAMBRIDGESHIRE & PETERBOROUGH COMBINED AUTHORITY' logo and the text 'Expressions of Interest'. Below the header, the form is titled '* Required'. The first question is '1. Name of body applying for funding *', followed by a text input field with the placeholder 'Enter your answer'. The second question is '2. Do you already have an existing footprint in Cambridgeshire & Peterborough?' with a sub-note: 'Please note, this funding is only available for providers who do already have a footprint in the region. Therefore, if your answer is no, your EOI/application will not be taken further.' Below this are two radio button options: 'Yes' (selected) and 'No'. The third question is '3. Are you intending to apply as part of a Consortium? E.g., Yes, no, maybe. If yes or maybe, please provide details *', followed by another text input field with the placeholder 'Enter your answer'.

If you have any questions during the Eoi phase, please email us at skillscapitalgrant@uk.gt.com.



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QUESTIONS?

Please feel free to raise your hand or type in the chat box to ask a question.