



Skills for Life – **MULTIPLY FUNDING OPPORTUNITY (St Helens)**

WHAT IS MULTIPLY?

Everyone should have the opportunity to learn and develop the essential skills they need to succeed at any age. Multiply is a national programme that aims to help people improve their understanding and ability to use maths in daily life, home, and work. Whether that be improving household finances, helping children with homework, making more sense of the facts in the media, or improving numeracy skills specific to a line of work. To achieve this, the UK Government have committed the first priority of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund to **Multiply**.

Research has shown that poor rates of numeracy are seen across the UK*:

57% of the working age adult population in England are estimated to have low numeracy skills

Three in 10 (31%) say they are not a “numbers person”.

- Women are more likely to say it and are more than twice as anxious as men about maths and numbers.
- A third (36%) say they would like to improve their maths and numeracy skills ... Among these people, the most common reason given is for personal development, mentioned by seven in 10 (68%).

Adults with low numeracy are usually hard to engage. They often don't see a problem with their numeracy and are unlikely and unwilling to get help. Many lack confidence and have had poor experiences of education.

**stats taken from the Multiply Communications Toolkit*

WHAT KIND OF ORGANISATIONS CAN APPLY?

Third sector organisations running on a not for profit basis? Including:

- Constituted Voluntary / Community Group
- Social Enterprise (Not For Profit)
- Registered Charity
- Community Interest Company (CIC)
- Company Limited By Guarantee

WHAT KIND OF ACTIVITIES CAN BE FUNDED?

DfE guidance is that the grants can support a wide range of activities including but not limited to:

- Bitesize workshops to engage new learners
- Debt management/Household budgeting
- In work confidence building around numeracy
- Family numeracy
- Cooking – e.g. eating well for less,
- Arts & Crafts that involving numeracy such as sewing, measuring and cutting patterns.

ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE

- Staffing costs (salaried or freelance staff)
- Participant costs (travel, childcare, refreshments)
- Other costs directly relating to the project (external room hire, promotion/marketing, stationary, printing, resources)

COMPLETING THE PROVIDER PROPOSAL FORM – please ensure:

- All questions are fully answered
- Clear, easy to read formatting
- Budget is clearly defined and fully completed
- Learning activity to be delivered is fully outlined
- Benefits to participants are clearly identified

Year 2 - 2023 / 2024 FUNDING

- TOTAL AVAILABLE – £70,000
- Looking to engage with between 5 and 10 voluntary sector providers
- Earliest project start date – Mid June 2023
- All activity/spend must be completed by – 29th February 2024
- Initial 90% of the agreed spend will be paid at the start of the activity
- Final 10% of the agreed spend on receipt of all completed paperwork

Please ensure you have considered your organisation's cash flow in order to successfully complete the project.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO NEXT?

Take some time to **complete the PROVIDER PROPOSAL FORM** and submit via **email by 4pm on Friday 2nd June 2023** which will then be reviewed the following week.

- **If Successful** – you will be invited to an online induction session in which we provide further information and will give you the opportunity to ask any questions.
- **During Project** - We will ask you to submit learner records, financial reports and evidence of reported outcomes. We will be facilitating an online meet up every two months with all providers together and at the end of the project a short report and case study is required.

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