UKRS/VPRS/ACRS/ARAP Childcare Funding Bid Assessment Criteria 2022-23

For the 2022/23 financial year the Home Office is making childcare funding available of:

* £600k for UKRS/VPRS
* £600k for ACRS
* £600k for ARAP

For the fair assessment of childcare funding bids submitted by LAs, an assessment criterion has been developed.

The key deliverables of childcare funding are:

* Providing childcare
* Total number of individuals accessing ESOL as a result of childcare provision

Bids are assessed and awarded a percentage of the funding requested based on the degree to which the bid fulfils the following assessment criteria:

* Identification of need
* Outcomes
* Risk mitigation

The steps for assessing childcare funding bids are:

1. Assess bids using the assessment criteria table below.
2. Award marks for each criterion according to which band they correspond to.
3. Add the total marks awarded.
4. Calculate the percentage funding awarded: total marks / 30 x 100
5. If the combined allocations are in excess of the available funding, then we will agree a percentage to deduct from each LA’s bid.

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|  | **Ranking (Marks)** |
| **Assessment Criteria** | **Band 1: Weak (0)** | **Band 2: Satisfactory (4)** | **Band 3: Good (7)** | **Band 4: Strong (10)** |
| ***Identification of Need:***What is your project? Who will benefit? What are the specific needs of resettled refugees and how do projects help to fulfil these?What other forms of childcare funding have been accessed or explored? | -Weak explanation of project-Weak explanation of refugee needs-Weak explanation of explored childcare funding channels  | -Satisfactory explanation of project-Satisfactory explanation of refugee needs-Satisfactory explanation of explored childcare funding channels | -Good explanation of project -Good explanation of refugee needs -Good explanation of explored childcare funding channels | -Strong explanation of project -Strong explanation of refugee needs-Stong explanation of explored childcare funding channels -High number of refugees impacted |
| ***Outcomes:***How this project will improve parents’ attendance at classesHow this project will benefit whole families and increase opportunities for integration with the local community.How this project will demonstrate value for money | -Weak explanation on how project will improve attendance-Weak explanation on integration benefits-Weak demonstration on how the project shows VFM | -Satisfactory explanation on how project will improve attendance-Satisfactory explanation on integration benefits-Satisfactory demonstration on how the project shows VFM | -Good explanation on how project will improve attendance-Good explanation on integration benefits-Good demonstration on how the project shows VFM | -Strong explanation on how project will improve attendance-Strong explanation on integration benefits-Strong demonstration on how the project shows VFM-Clear cost vs benefit consideration |
| ***Risk Mitigation:***Please outline the key risks of the proposed projects and mitigating actions | -Weak explanation of risks and mitigating actions | -Satisfactory explanation of risks and mitigating actions | -Good explanation of risks and mitigating actions | -Strong explanation of risks and mitigating actions-Includes risk register/RAG rating  |

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| **Assessment Criteria** | **Marks Awarded (0-10)** |
| Identification of need |  |
| Outcomes |  |
| Risk Mitigation |  |
| *Total Marks Awarded* |  |

**Percentage funding awarded= total marks awarded / 30 x 100**