UKRS/ACRS/ARAP Access to ESOL, including Childcare, Funding Bid Assessment Criteria 2023-24

For the 2023/24 financial year the Home Office is making funding available of £1.8m for refugees who have arrived under the UK Resettlement Scheme (UKRS), Afghan Citizenship Resettlement Scheme (ACRS) and Afghan Relocations Assistance Policy (ARAP).

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

Bids can be submitted at quarterly intervals within the financial year, subject to spend being completed by 31 March 2024 and the remaining unallocated funding. Bids will generally be assessed within 3 weeks/15 working days.

For the fair assessment of funding bids submitted by Local Authorities, Strategic Migration Partnerships and Community Sponsors, an assessment criterion has been developed.

The key deliverable is:

* Total number of individuals accessing ESOL, who would not otherwise be able to.

Bids will be assessed based on the following assessment criteria:

* Identification of need: identification of those the project will benefit, the barriers this will address and whether alternative forms of funding are suitable or have been exhausted.
* Outcomes: How will the proposal enable access to ESOL, is delivery feasible and will costs be kept to a minimum, have relevant risks to delivery been identified.

If the combined allocations are in excess of the available funding, then we reserve the right to deduct a percentage from each 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:***  How does this project align with the outcomes described in the funding instructions?  Who will benefit? Is there any data on the number of individuals or families this will benefit?  Are the needs of the refugees identified (or barriers to accessing ESOL)?  Have other forms of relevant funding been accessed or explored? | -Weak explanation of project | -Satisfactory explanation of project | -Good explanation of project | -Strong explanation of project |
| ***Outcomes:***  How this project will improve individuals’ attendance at classes or access to ESOL  Does the proposal explain how costs will be kept to a minimum?  Have relevant risks to delivery and suitable mitigations been identified? | -Weak explanation on how project will enable or improve attendance  -Weak demonstration on how the proposal shows value for money  -Weak explanation of risks and mitigating actions | -Satisfactory explanation on how project will enable or improve attendance  -Satisfactory demonstration on how the proposal shows value for money  -Satisfactory explanation of risks and mitigating actions | -Good explanation on how project will enable or improve attendance  -Good demonstration on how the proposal shows value for money  -Good explanation of risks and mitigating actions | -Strong explanation on how project will enable or improve attendance  -Strong demonstration on how the proposal shows value for money  -Strong explanation of risks and mitigating actions |

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