



**Sunderland UKSPF Programme – People and Skills Investment Priority**  
**Call for Projects 4:**  
***Improving skills to progress in work and responding to local skills needs***

**Frequently Asked Questions – updated 12/02/2024**

Please find below a number of questions that were received following the Technical Workshop that was held on Tuesday 30 January 2024.

**Q1. What is the current end date for the programme?**

- A. Currently this is 31 March 2025.

**Q2. How were output / outcomes numbers identified?**

- A. No numbers have been identified as part of the Call for Project specification. It is up to Applicants to consider which outputs and outcomes their proposal would contribute to and to forecast project targets based on a range of factors including the type of skills provision, unit cost of different types of support, anticipated participant numbers and the project budget.

Indicative programme-level output and outcome numbers were identified during the development of the Investment Plan for Sunderland which was submitted to UK Government in July 2022. As part of the process organisations were invited to submit expressions of interest. Responses, including types of project activities and outputs/outcomes were used to inform the final Investment Plan submission.

**Q3. In previous contracts there was a certain level of support of technical assistance to support projects. Will there be any support to help understanding of the subsidiary control element of the project?**

- A. Applicants are responsible for the development of their business case submissions, including subsidy control considerations. Where no in-house legal support is available applicants are encouraged to seek appropriate external advice. Subsidy control statements will be assessed as part of the wider business case appraisal.

**Q4. Is the minimum proposal £1.4m grant or total project value?**

- A. The proposed minimum project value is £1.4m UKSPF grant plus any co-funding where this has been secured. However, this is subject to the discretion of the Lead Authority.