Questions and Answers for ACE in Communities 'Digital Literacy – Computers in Homes' 2018

Why are Institutes of Technology and Polytechnics (ITPs) not eligible to apply for this contestable funding?

'Digital Literacy – Computers in Homes' is being administered as part of the ACE in Communities funding pool. ITPs are eligible to be funded from the ACE in ITPs and Wānanga pool of funding, but not eligible to apply through the ACE in Communities pool.

How does the 'subsidised internet' connection for learners work and who pays for this?

It is up to individual applicants to organise subsidised internet access for learners. Applicants will need to approach internet providers to discuss internet deals or potential partnerships. Learners may need to contribute to the cost of their internet connection.

Can I provide evidence that my organisation is financially viable, if my application is successful, rather than with my application?

Applicants do not need to provide evidence of their organisation's financial viability with their application. Successful applicants will need to provide evidence of their organisation's financial viability before we agree to fund them.

Delivery cannot be subcontracted. Does this include using an individual contractor agreement to deliver training?

No. Individual employment agreements, or employment arrangements with individual contractors to deliver training, are not considered subcontracting.

Has the TEC allocated any of the $1.0 million in this contestable round yet?

No. Up to $1.0 million is available for allocation through this contestable round.

If successful, what financial information should newly established organisations provide, if they don't have audited accounts yet?

Newly established organisations can use their full-year forecasts for 2018/19 and 2019/20 if they don't have audited accounts. Our financial viability requirements are described on page 8 of the Guidelines and more information can be found on the TEC website. Only successful applicants will need to provide financial viability information.

Can organisations put in a collaborative bid for funding?
We will consider collaborative bids for funding that are joint ventures. Each organisation in the joint venture must put in a separate application but can cross reference the other party in their application. If the joint venture operates through a subsidiary company, the subsidiary can apply in its own right.

Joint venture parties may share information to help prepare their applications provided they comply with paragraph 9.2 of the Guidelines about collusion. We may also request more information about the joint venture from the organisations involved.

Subcontracting is not permitted, see page 7 of the Guidelines.

Can the training be delivered on tablets as well as personal computers and laptops?
We want to buy training that includes use of a personal computer or laptop. Tablets can only be used if you provide a keyboard that connects with the tablet.

Does delivery have to be at the learner's home or can it be delivered at other locations in small groups?
The programme can be delivered in the learner's home or at other community delivery sites that learners can easily attend. However, learners need to be able to access a device and subsidised internet in their home.

In the example on the funding application form, $25 an hour is used. Is this the expected training hourly rate?
No, this is just an example.

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