 

Multiply

York and North Yorkshire Implementation Prospectus

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**Introduction**

Multiply is government funding via the UK Shared prosperity fund with the overall objective of increasing the levels of functional numeracy in the UK adult population. This will be measured against 3 key success measures:

1. More adults achieving maths qualifications
2. Improved labour market outcomes
3. Increased adult numeracy across the population

This funding at upper tier authority level has been distributed in York and North Yorkshire as follows:

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| Year | North Yorkshire | York |
| 1 | £806,587 | £224,111 |
| 2 | £930,678 | £258,559 |
| 3 | £930,678 | £258,559 |
| Total | £2.6m | £741,000 |

With a maximum of 10% of total funding to be used for administration

The funds allocated to the region for multiply have been based on the total number of individuals who are of working age compared to how many of those have a level 3 (A level equivalent) or higher qualification. Skills data for York and North Yorkshire indicates that as a high performing region, large numbers of individuals within the county actually have qualifications that would prevent them accessing the multiply provision. With funds only available to those aged 19+ who do not hold a GCSE / O level equivalent in Maths. Funding must be spent, any underspend will be clawed back and future years allocations potentially reduced accordingly. There is no tolerance level

The investment plan required us to match regional needs to a menu of prescribed interventions. The region has a high proportion of people who will not be fundable through multiply with individuals with qualifications Level 4 or higher making up a greater proportion of the working age population. That is not to assume that those with Level 4 have also got Maths qualifications but proportionally the number will be small. Equally, Multiply funding cannot displace or replicate anything currently delivered through the adult skills budget.

Against this background, the strong intention in the use of this funding is to support progression on to provision that will upskill / reskill individuals to address the significant skills shortages in the region. Additional to this will be to use the experiences of the provider base to test delivery and engagement methods with different demographics who do not currently engage with adult learning.

The engagement and drive for the York and North Yorkshire initiative will be in seeking to maximise the opportunities for organisations not currently engaged with funded delivery to deliver the necessary outcomes. This will require training, co-ordination and quality assurance but will greatly increase the delivery capacity without having an adverse impact on other funded provision.

What will be key will be the places were face-face delivery will take place, again the aim is to take Multiply into communities and utilise community spaces rather than displace other funded activity.

We will also be seeking to increase the embedding of number and number principles into existing provision that already attracts learners. This ‘soft touch’ approach will again increase capacity without displacing the provision. The development of resources that will seamlessly do this will again offer a better value approach in the use of funds.

Our aim will be to keep (unless otherwise specified) implementation activity plans open so as not to disadvantage providers and to enable movement of funds towards more successful initiatives as required. Some interventions will be delivered at local authority level where delivery via other partners would not provide value for money or take a greater amount of time to mobilise.

At authority level (shared between York and North Yorkshire) there will be a team to manage funding and operationalise Multiply. This consists of one Operational manager and 3 x FTE Engagement and Delivery Officers.

The Operations manager including on-costs will be a £58,279 (90% NYCC funds and 10% York funded) cost and will therefore account for £52,451 or 6.5% of North Yorkshire admin costs and £5,828 or 3% of York’s permitted administrative costs. Further administrative costs will be incurred by York in supporting activity that will allow for effective management of funding through NYCC. As a result a maximum of 4% allowable administration funding can be applied for each intervention.

The Engagement and Delivery Officers will each cost £43,769 Inc. on-costs, total cost £131,307. The contribution for these roles will see 2 FTE devoted to North Yorkshire and one FTE shared between the authorities. As a result Engagement and Delivery Officer Costs for York are £21,885 and for North Yorkshire £109, 422. These costs are allowable against delivery costs and not deemed to be administrative. To meet these costs intervention funds will be reduced by 15% in North Yorkshire and 11% in York.

Spend will be reviewed monthly and funds will be vied accordingly in year to maximise spend on learners.

**Implementation Activity 1: Community Partner provision**

**Total allocated funding for year 1:**

**York**: £27,780 (available for funding **£24,724**)

**North Yorkshire:** £100,000 (available for funding **£85,000**)

**Description of intervention**

This intervention will look to support community groups to fund numeracy linked activities for those individuals, families, communities that they already support. We will be looking to support the delivery of short interventions around budgeting, switching energy provider, home efficiency, budgeting etc. These interventions should be short and up to 10 Guided Learning Hours (GLH) short interventions. All interventions must conclude with detail of the mathematical skills used and offer clear signposted progression to further activities across the partnership.

**Stated target engagement numbers as indicator in 2022/23**

**North Yorkshire – 500**

**York - 125**

**Process for funding requests**

Completion of application form detailing the amount of funding required, (with basic itemised costs), nature of the activity, proposed numbers of participants, any planned link activities and any partnership working planned to support progression.

**Likely Authority delivery of this intervention**

Local authority teams can support signposting, and provide a delivery team for interventions if necessary.

**Timeline for first awards**

Responses for initial funding rounds required by 11th November 2022

Award decisions expected by 25th November 2022

Next opportunity for funding opens 28th November 2022 with requests reviewed weekly

**Implementation Activity 2: Micro-bite size programmes**

**Total allocated funding for year 1:**

**York**: £8,334 (available for funding **£7,418**)

**North Yorkshire:** £30,000 (available for funding **£25,500**)

**Description of intervention**

Development and implementation of micro-chunked bite size numeracy provision to be used in conjunction with an employer pledge. The offer should consist of learning in Maths of a maximum 15 minutes in length. These stacked opportunities should be built around areas of mathematical practice linked to areas that could be tested from within recognised qualifications (e.g. functional skills). Learners should then be supported to access full qualifications at partners AEB funded to deliver these outcomes.

**Stated target engagement numbers as indicator in 2022/23**

**North Yorkshire – 100**

**York - 25**

**Process for funding requests**

Completion of application form detailing the amount of funding required, (with basic itemised costs), nature of the activity, proposed numbers of participants, any planned link activities and any partnership working planned to support progression.

**Likely Authority delivery of this intervention**

Local authority teams are likely to deliver a strand of this and should form part of any consortia arrangement to share resources.

**Timeline for first awards**

Responses for initial funding rounds required by 25th November 2022

Award decisions expected by 2nd December 2022

Next opportunity for funding opens 4th January 2023 with requests reviewed weekly

**Implementation Activity 3: Building upon best-practice**

**Total allocated funding for year 1:**

**York**: £27,780 (available for funding **£24,724**)

**North Yorkshire:** £100,000 (available for funding **£85,000**)

**Description of intervention**

Development of provision using intelligence gained from the partnership to identify the clear hook for delivery. This will share both resources and interventions based on best practice scaling this up across the region. Courses will then be costed and resourced to match the need. Partnering between non-registered and registered provider to develop resources and staffing

**Stated target engagement activity as indicator in 2022/23**

**North Yorkshire – 5 organisations within partnership**

**York – 2 organisations within partnership**

**Process for funding requests**

Completion of application form from lead organisations detailing the amount of funding required, (with basic itemised costs), nature of the activity including proposed partnership group, proposed numbers of participants, any planned link activities and any partnership working planned to support progression.

**Likely Authority delivery of this intervention**

Local authority teams are likely to be involved, if not leading partnerships.

**Timeline for first awards**

Responses for initial funding rounds required by 25th November 2022

Award decisions expected by 2nd December 2022

Next opportunity for funding opens 4th January 2023 with requests reviewed weekly

**Implementation Activity 4: School developed provision**

Total allocated funding for year 1:

**York**: £2,941 (available for funding **£2,617**)

**North Yorkshire:** £10,587 (available for funding **£9,000**)

**Description of intervention**

Working closely with schools (of all types), to develop a cost of living linked numeracy programme that will also develop parents and families use of number in a way that is appropriate to key stage. Intervention length to be determined at school level and linked to success of similar interventions. e.g. a school might identify that they have good levels of parental engagement so initiatives could be longer, whilst other may not have any track record but session length should not exceed around 2 hours per week.

**Stated target engagement numbers as indicator in 2022/23**

**North Yorkshire – 5 schools with around 10 adults in scope per programme**

**York - 2 schools with around 10 adults in scope per programme**

**Process for funding requests**

Completion of application form detailing the amount of funding required, (with basic itemised costs), nature of the activity, proposed numbers of participants, any planned link activities and any partnership working planned to support progression.

**Likely Authority delivery of this intervention**

Due to current relationships with schools it is likely that these interventions will be led by local authority delivery teams, however alternate proposals with appropriate participant numbers will be considered but these must detail support signposting.

**Timeline for first awards**

Responses for initial funding rounds required by 11th November 2022

Award decisions expected by 25th November 2022

Next opportunity for funding opens 28th November 2022 with requests reviewed weekly

**Implementation Activity 5: Vocational embedding of Maths provision for Adults**

**Total allocated funding for year 1:**

**York**: £5,556 (available for funding **£4,945**)

**North Yorkshire:** £20,000 (available for funding **£17,000**)

**Description of intervention**

Supporting providers who already have engagement to embed number into learning activities. This may typically require adding additional time on top of funded GLH. Common resources will be developed and used, with shared progression based IAG based on locality a mandatory activity.

**Stated target engagement numbers as indicator in 2022/23**

**North Yorkshire – at least two programmes per provider engaging at least 10 learners per programme**

**York - at least two programmes per provider engaging at least 10 learners per programme**

**Process for funding requests**

Completion of application form detailing the amount of funding required, (with basic itemised costs), nature of the activity, proposed numbers of participants, any planned link activities and any partnership working planned to support progression.

**Likely Authority delivery of this intervention**

Local authority teams are likely to deliver a strand of this and should form part of any consortia arrangement to share resources.

**Timeline for first awards**

Responses for initial funding rounds required by 11th November 2022

Award decisions expected by 25th November 2022

Next opportunity for funding opens 28th November 2022 with requests reviewed weekly

**Implementation Activity 6: Pass-it-on**

**Total allocated funding for year 1:**

**York**: £1,389 (available for funding **£1,389**)

**North Yorkshire:** £5,000 (available for funding **£5,000**)

**Description of intervention**

Development of 'pass it on resources' and provision for all providers to encourage learners who have increased in confidence to share stories and be targeted to pass on the message to other people they feel will benefit from provision. Learners themselves are to be incentivised at £10 per additional learner engaged.

**Stated target engagement numbers as indicator in 2022/23**

**North Yorkshire – aim of referrals from 200 learners**

**York - aim of referrals from 60 learners**

**Process for funding requests**

As funding for this initiative is small it is anticipated that delivery of this initiative will be driven by the central delivery team. There is an opportunity for expressions of interest to support this activity and staff time may be paid for.

**Likely Authority delivery of this intervention**

The central delivery team will deliver, produce and monitor this implementation activity, but expertise may be bought in to develop resources.

**Timeline for first awards**

Responses for initial funding rounds required by 11th November 2022

Award decisions expected by 25th November 2022

Next opportunity for funding opens 28th November 2022 with requests reviewed weekly

**Implementation Activity 7: Employer-led Engagement Events**

**Total allocated funding for year 1:**

**York**: £19,446 (available for funding **£17,307**)

**North Yorkshire:** £70,000 (available for funding **£59,500**)

**Description of intervention**

Engagement events with FE / university and Institute of Technology partners and named employers to promote and showcase the impact of numeracy and transferrable skills development to support movement into employment areas with key vacancies .

**Stated target engagement numbers as indicator in 2022/23**

**North Yorkshire –** one event per district with **25** learners per event recruited onto other provision

**York -** one event for the city with **25** learners per event recruited onto other provision.

**Process for funding requests**

Completion of application form from a lead partner or consortia that details the amount of funding required, (with basic itemised costs) nature of the activity, proposed numbers of participants, any planned link activities and any partnership working planned to support progression.

**Likely Authority delivery of this intervention**

Local authority teams can support signposting, and provide a delivery team for interventions if necessary.

**Timeline for first awards**

Responses for initial funding rounds required by 25th November 2022

Award decisions expected by 2nd December 2022

Next opportunity for funding opens 4th January 2023 with requests reviewed weekly

**Implementation Activity 8: Numbers for Well-being**

**Total allocated funding for year 1:**

**York**: £21,224 (available for funding **£18,890**)

**North Yorkshire:** £80,000 (available for funding **£68,000**)

**Description of intervention**

Provision in communities that combines use of number with wellbeing initiatives, including healthy eating and healthy meal preparation for families. Programmes should be short and bite size possibly 3 hours leading to progression into other targeted provision. Delivered across the partnership with practice sharing a mandatory requirement of funding award.

**Stated target engagement numbers as indicator in 2022/23**

**North Yorkshire – At least 3 programmes in districts piloted and evaluated to consider demographic recruitment and impact**

**York - At least 3 programmes in wards piloted and evaluated to consider demographic recruitment and impact**

**Process for funding requests**

Completion of application form detailing the amount of funding required, (with basic itemised costs), nature of the activity, proposed numbers of participants, any planned link activities and any partnership working planned to support progression.

**Likely Authority delivery of this intervention**

Local authority teams are likely to deliver a strand of this and will form part of any consortia arrangement to share resources.

**Timeline for first awards**

Responses for initial funding rounds required by 11th November 2022

Award decisions expected by 25th November 2022

Next opportunity for funding opens 28th November 2022 with requests reviewed weekly

**Implementation Activity 9: Maths through Puzzling**

**Total allocated funding for year 1:**

**York**: £26,780 (available for funding **£23,835**)

**North Yorkshire:** £100,000 (available for funding **£85,000**)

To be awarded as one lot – **£108,835**

**Description of intervention**

Development of QR codes linked to maths puzzles and games to increase confidence in the use of number with correct solutions leading directly to local provision. These activities will be mirrored on social media, but be placed on the back of tickets, till receipts and other regularly used media. Small micro-learn modules should then support further learning that will develop further progression opportunities for providers. This lot will require a digital and print solution, likely to be provided by an ed-tech or digital marketing organisation this will require formal links through the central team to all available provision.

**Stated target engagement numbers as indicator in 2022/23**

**Recruitment onto 25% of multiply funded provision to come through this route**

**Process for funding requests**

This will be a competitive lot, awarded to the organisation that provides the best value solution. Completion of application form detailing the amount of funding required, (with basic itemised costs), nature of the activity, proposed numbers of participants, any planned link activities and any partnership working planned to support progression.

**Likely Authority delivery of this intervention**

Local authority teams can support signposting, and provide expertise for interventions if necessary

**Timeline for first awards**

Responses for initial funding rounds required by 2nd December 2022

Award decisions expected by 16th December 2022

Next opportunity for funding opens March 1st 2023

**Implementation Activity 10: Community Roadshows**

**Total allocated funding for year 1:**

**York**: £26,875 (available for funding **£26,875**)

**North Yorkshire:** £100,341 (available for funding **£100,341**)

**Description of intervention**

Pop up activities that could be held in supermarkets and shopping centres that support people to use number to make their money go further, similar in approach to money saving expert roadshows these will support discussion on credit, more efficient spending, healthy eating etc. This intervention will be delivered by the central team, but additional resource may be purchased from partner organisations.

**Stated target engagement numbers as indicator in 2022/23**

**North Yorkshire – at least one event per district council area with 25 learners per event recruited onto other provision**

**York - at least one event across different wards e.g. one at Clifton moor, one at Monks Cross and one in city centre with 25 learners per event recruited onto other provision**

**Process for funding requests**

Completion of application form detailing the amount of funding required, (with basic itemised costs) nature of the activity, proposed numbers of participants, any planned link activities and any partnership working planned to support progression.

**Likely Authority delivery of this intervention**

The central delivery team will deliver, produce and monitor this implementation activity, but expertise may be bought in to develop resources or support the events. Requests must detail how activity will complement central team

**Timeline for first awards**

Responses for initial funding rounds required by 11th November 2022

Award decisions expected by 25th November 2022

Next opportunity for funding opens 28th November 2022 with requests reviewed weekly

**Implementation Activity 11: Innovation Fund**

**Total allocated funding for year 1:**

**York**: £30,131 (available for funding **£30,131**)

**North Yorkshire:** £110,000 (available for funding **£110,000**)

**Description of intervention**

We are keen to create an innovation fund, not earmarked initially against of the interventions. This fund will be managed, with bids considered by the board appointed to oversee Multiply. To potentially earmark all funds towards the tried and tested will limit the innovation that is necessary to unpick the ‘golden thread’ of engagement that will be the key to unlocking the potential of York and North Yorkshires residents. By innovating we will be ensuring that funds do not crossover or displace existing funded provision.

By creating an innovation fund that is held by the Multiply board will allow us to support the development of this practice. With a principle of ‘pass it on’ embedded through the project ethos this will then support more organisations to stimulate more people to engage with number.

**Stated target engagement numbers as indicator in 2022/23**

**North Yorkshire – 10 new interventions**

**York – 5 new interventions**

**Process for funding requests**

Completion of application form detailing the amount of funding required, (with basic itemised costs), nature of the activity, proposed numbers of participants, any planned link activities and any partnership working planned to support progression.

**Likely Authority delivery of this intervention**

Local authority teams can support signposting, and provide a delivery team for interventions if necessary.

**Timeline for first awards**

Responses for initial funding rounds required by 2nd December 2022

Award decisions expected by 16th December 2022

Next opportunity for funding will be in line with governance calendar to be communicated to partners at a later date.

Timeline (updated from that previously shared)

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|  | **Multiply provision** | **Delivery partners** | **Major milestones** | **Date** | **Comments** |
| 1 | *All* | *Adult Learning Providers, FE Colleges , Charity and Voluntary providers* | Appointment of Operations Manager and partnership leads | October 2022 | Recruitment shared across York and North Yorkshire |
| Recruitment of Governance Board | November 2022 | Shared Governance arrangements |
| Engagement events for Providers and potential providers | August 2022 | Completed |
|  | Recruitment of partners and due diligence | From November 2022 | Preferred supplier route |
|  | Expression of interest for delivery of key events | From November 2022 |  |
|  | Commence Delivery with partners | November 2022 |  |
| 2 | Courses designed to help people use numeracy to manage their money. | *Adult Learning Providers, FE Colleges , Charity and Voluntary providers* | Development of resources to commence using authority adult learning service and key partners | Mid-October 2022 | This work to plan to start in house originally as lower risk |
| Promotion activity around key initiatives planned | November 2022 | Now will tie in with National campaign in early November 2022 |
| Programme delivery to start | Mid-October 2022 |  |
| 3 | Courses designed to increase confidence with numbers for those needing the first steps towards formal numeracy qualification | *Adult Learning Providers, FE Colleges , Charity and Voluntary providers, employers* | Identification of key programmes that could be enhanced with number and funding amount required per provider | Early November 2022 | This will be existing planned provision that could be enhanced |
| Working group set up for development of resources and initial plans outlined | Late November 2022 | Cross partnership teams developing common resources to support embedding and develop the micro-course materials |
| Bite size resources complete and ready for roll out | Early Januuray 2023 | Partnership team to have employer groups ready for pilot |
| … | **Innovation funding** |  | Board appointed and principles for awarding set out | Late September 2022 |  |
|  |  |  | Calls for first batch of funding and initial awards | Early November 2022 |  |

**Monitoring and Reporting**

The appointment of a central team will aim to reduce the amount of detailed tracking to be completed by partner organisations. There will be a mixed mode of reporting required dependent upon whether programmes are designed to be substantive i.e. multi –session 0r one-off short duration engagement activities.

For substantive provision there is an expectation that where a provider currently completes an Individual Learner Return (ILR) that this be use to register details and participation. Basic contact details will be required for other engagement events, to allow for effective progression tracking and future marketing.

We will monitor monthly at programme level to support our top level reporting to the Department for Education, to that end we will use an adapted version of their reporting documentation, but expect you to maintain robust local records for audit purposes should that be required.

This will follow an electronic version of the documentation below.

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| **To be answered for each implementation activity funded** |
| 1. Are you on track to deliver the outputs in your activity plan for intervention ‘xxx’ as per the agreed timeline? |
| 1. What is your progress against relevant estimated output ‘xxx’? *Please insert an approximate number achieved against each output for the relevant period.*   a) Number of people participating in the intervention  b. Number of people progressing to other Multiply activities  c. Number of people progressing into further funded Maths related activity  d. Number of people progressing into other funded study |
| 1. How much of your Multiply grant has been spent so far on intervention ‘xxx’? |
| 1. What is your current predicted spend for the period 1 April to 31 March 2023 for intervention ‘xxx’? |
| 1. What key challenges have you faced in relation to delivering intervention ‘xxx’? |
| 1. What key risks are you facing in relation to continued delivery of intervention ‘xxx’? |

**Plans for 2023/ 24**

We will monitor the success of interventions throughout the funding year, alongside this process we will be keen to establish a preferred supplier route for this work. This will then allow us to commission activity much faster based upon best practice and contributions made in 2022/23.

**Application for Funding**

***Please note that at this stage, the Authority makes no guarantee that an application for funding will result in the award of a contract.***

***The Authority reserves the right to directly award any element of the programme to one or multiple providers that are considered viable which will include evidencing value for money and the ability to deliver the requirements of the implementation activities that are being applied for, within the specified timescales. Applications may be subject to negotiation.***

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| Name of Organisation |  |
| Implementation Activity name (as per prospectus) |  |
| Nature of Activity (please describe your intervention in full) |  |
| Funding Requested |  |
| Date activity planned to start |  |
| Breakdown of funding, please detail all associated costs |  |
| Number of planned participants |  |
| Are these individuals already engaged | Yes / No (Delete as appropriate) |
| When will requested funding be required from |  |
| When will delivery end within funding year |  |
| Planned link activities |  |
| Partnership work or other plans for progression of learners |  |