

Why a Civic Data Innovation Challenge?

We want to help fund and support individuals and groups to find new ways to measure civic and community strength. This will bolster the evidence base for the [Civic Strength Index](#). It will also improve our understanding, methods and how we work with civic data.

That is why, [the Mayor of London](#), together with [Impact on Urban Health's innovation programme](#) has launched the Civic Data Innovation Challenge.

What does the challenge aim to achieve?

Our aim is to support new methods to solve the most pressing challenges in measuring civic and community data.

How is the programme structured?

Phase 1 – Open call

The programme launches on **3 July 2023**, when we invite you to submit an Expression of Interest. This should set out why you want to join the challenge and your response to the brief. Applications close on **4 August 2023**.

Phase 2 – Co-creating solutions

We will select applicants by the end of August. Teams will receive funding, dedicated coaching, and mentoring support to help develop ideas further.

If successful, you must be available for 2.5 hours on Monday 28 August for the first session.

How much time will I need commit to this programme?

You will need to be able to commit to developing your idea into a viable data project that produces a dataset. Teams will also have access to coaching or mentoring support across the programme.

Do I have to be based in London?

No, applicants do not need to be London-based. All applying must be a registered company/charity in the UK or working with a constituted sponsor organisation registered in the UK.

Can I apply as an individual?

Yes, but you must be work with a constituted sponsor organisation to support your application. See the challenge pack for full details.

Are joint submissions/ partnerships allowed? How will teams be formed?

Yes, we welcome joint applications. If applying as part of a partnership, one organisation should act as the lead partner. This will enable us to allocate grant funding should you be successful. Partnerships applying with an existing idea must be able to demonstrate how they will work in partnership throughout the programme.

Can the team make-up change after the initial proposal?

We would prefer the core team to be the same throughout the design support stage if possible. If key team members have to change, please let us know. You should also make sure they are up to speed on the work done so far.

Experience of working with civic data?

Yes, to apply you will need civic data skills and experience, and the ability to deliver on your project.

Is there any funding and support available?

Everyone we accept onto the programme will receive funding and 1-2-1 support. Successful applicants will be able to access up to £60,000 of funding. Teams in need of further support and training outside the programme of support will need to cover this support.

Will grant funding be taxed?

The grants will be paid in pounds sterling. Grantees are responsible for paying tax and other charges in relation to the award of this funding.

Can teams with complementary solutions work together after they apply?

Yes, we want to encourage connecting and collaborating across the programme. As such, we would like teams and individuals to work together, share ideas and create meaningful solutions.

How will data from my application be used?

You can find out how we will use your personal data in our [Privacy Policy](#).

Is there a word limit to the application form questions?

Yes, there is a word limit to each response, outlined on the Application Form.