

## Active Partnerships Multi-Sport Network – Learning and evaluation partner brief

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‘Greater Manchester Moving’ is a leading Greater Manchester charity changing lives through movement, physical activity, and sport. We lead, support, and connect people and partners to deliver the GM Moving in Action strategy together. We are one of 43 Active Partnerships; a network of system partners working with Sport England to support the local implementation of the Uniting the Movement Strategy.

The [‘Active Partnerships National Organisation’](#) is the network’s national charity, that exists to connect, strengthen and enable the network and beyond. They do this by influencing and shaping national and local place-based approaches to physical activity and sport as a driver for social change.

### Multi-Sport commitment

The focus of this work from Sport England’s ‘Uniting the Movement (“UTM”) Strategy’ is around the ‘Targeted investment into community football, tennis, and multi-sport facilities’ commitment, work commenced in 2022. The ambition of this work is to ensure that targeted investment into Football and multi-sport facilities is having an impact on those communities that need it most.

<https://www.sportengland.org/news/football-foundation-funding-boost-multi-sport-facilities>

This is an exciting opportunity to drive culture change and one which we hope will see National Governing Bodies and Active Partnerships truly collaborating to develop multi-sports facilities in areas which have the biggest need. The significant investment into the development of multi sports facilities comes with ambitious targets for the Football Foundation, however, there is a commitment to deliver facilities in the communities that need them most.

Sport England has agreed a framework for achieving additional multi-sport benefit through three key strands – grass pitch quality, the multi-sport policy and [‘PlayZones’](#), a community small-sided facilities programme

The priority for Active Partnership’s within this work is:

- 1) To strengthen and maximise the impact of the ‘Targeted investment into community football, tennis and multi-sports facilities’ by:
  - Prioritising tackling inactivity,
  - Working with under-represented groups and innovations in local delivery
- 2) To help Sport England to strengthen the relationship between local and national strategy and delivery by:
  - Connecting to local resource
  - Sharing intelligence and insight
  - Capturing learning to help shape national programme design
  - Ensuring connectivity with other plans, approaches and local need. For example [Place Partners](#)

This will help to ensure the diversity of local priorities, approaches and capacity is considered. We want to work collaboratively to ensure that we constantly learn and discover together, focusing on the tangible tasks and the relationships and connectivity we have with each other.

### Aim

We are seeking a Measurement, Evaluation and Learning (MEL) partner to work with Sport England, the Football Foundation and Active Partnership Network to help enhance and fulfil the Multi-Sport Facilities commitment.

You will be valued within the network of partners working on the Multi Sport commitment as the support organisation; who can help shape, share, and draw together expertise, learnings, innovation, ideas, experiences and impact which progresses thinking and practice in this area.

You will work closely to support the 8 Regional Network Managers who are seconded from the Active Partnership Network to help to make sense of their reflections and learning within their relative area. This will add valuable additional capacity to allow us to develop this work and link local knowledge to support national thinking.

### Objectives

- Support the development of expertise, learning, ideas, resources and tools within the programme area which enables the achievement of the organisation’s strategic aims and responds to the needs of the Active Partnership network
- Analyse, disseminate and share insight, trends, opportunities and challenges which can have meaningful impact and progress nationwide thinking and practice.
- Give one-to-one support to each of the 8 regional network lead members, offering advice and guidance where required for the programme in terms of MEL.

### What’s needed?

- Work with each member of the regional Active Partnership Multisport network team to monitor their regional reflection logs and understand the learning and themes from within the work.
- Collective sensemaking as a regional team together to share and deepen examples of the work (3 times a year)
- Deep dives through interviews or focus groups as additional data capture capacity beyond reflections of regional leads
- Produce regular overview of the learning and develop resources/tools, that can be effectively used nationally with lead partners and shared across the network.

### Budget and timescale of work

The envelope of available budget is up to £,45,000 inclusive of VAT.

This piece of work will commence as soon as possible and run to the end of March 2024.

### Tender requirements from responding agencies

Responding agencies are expected to provide the information as indicated in the table beneath, which also provides the weighting/scoring criteria.

Criteria	Weighting	Scoring
Understanding of requirement	Supplier to set out a summary of their understanding or interpretation of the requirements	15% 0-5
Approach	Supplier to clearly explain how they would approach the work in detail and why	15% 0-5
Experience	Supplier explain the project team, their roles, relevant experience and how this applies	20% 0-5
Deliverables	Supplier to describe the deliverables that would be produced	10% 0-5

Project Management	Supplier to set out the project timeline, risks, other practical considerations including data protection and quality assurance	10%	0-5
Most Economically Attractive Tender	Supplier to set out a breakdown of the full costs including VAT	20%	0-5
Social Value	We are committed to delivering greater social value through procurement and as such it is recommended that bidders read the attached GM Social Value Policy before completing any tender and set out how you would assist in achieving these objectives	10%	0-

### Timings

Activity	Timeline
Brief issued	Week commencing 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2023
Closing date for submissions	30 <sup>th</sup> November 2023
Agencies shortlisted	1 <sup>st</sup> December
Shortlisted agencies invited to present their response (virtual meeting)	Week commencing 4 <sup>th</sup> December
Agency appointment	8 <sup>th</sup> December

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**Tenders to be submitted by 5pm on 30th November 2023 to [beth@gmmoving.co.uk](mailto:beth@gmmoving.co.uk)**