



## Reducing Parental Conflict - Challenge Fund 2 Eligibility Checklist FAQs

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### **Question – When is the deadline for submitting the eligibility Checklist?**

**Answer –** The deadline to submit the Eligibility Checklist is by the end of the 8<sup>th</sup> of February, at 11.59pm.

### **Question – Is the Challenge Fund 2 funding only available to English organisations or can organisations based in Scotland/ Wales/ Northern Ireland also apply?**

**Answer -** Applicants for the Support for Diverse Families strand must be based in, and delivery must take place in, England. This means that organisations that are not based in England are not eligible for the Supporting Diverse Families strand. Reducing Parental Conflict is a devolved policy, and an area of devolved responsibility.

Applicants to the Digital Support for Families (Digital Support) strand must be based within the United Kingdom. Initiatives will be required to focus on an English audience, and the primary people it is tested on should be based in England, although this support will be available to families living elsewhere within the United Kingdom.

### **Question – Can I apply for funding to continue doing the core work of our organisation?**

**Answer -** Unfortunately the Challenge Fund is not for funding existing work that has been funded previously. We are looking for new and innovative ideas, so this could be building on your core work, but working with a different client group, or developing digital ways of working that you have not done previously, but you can test and share learning from the initiative.

### **Question – I applied to the Digital support strand of funding but my project has no digital content and afterwards, I realised it would suit the Supporting Diverse Families Strand. Can I still apply?**

**Answer** – Once you have submitted your eligibility form, the RPC CF2 team will review your answers and inform you of the decision. If your application does not meet the digital requirements, we will make the application ‘unsuccessful’ but provide feedback if we think it would suit the SDF fund and you can start a new application for the SDF fund and submit an eligibility check for this strand of funding. This will be treated as a new application.

**Question – Is development of a bursary acceptable as my project idea?**

**Answer** - A bursary is not within the spirit of this programme – instead of offering a bursary, the participants would be offered ‘free’ places to test whatever new intervention they propose, and the cost of these places would be covered by the Fund.

**Question - Can I apply as part of a Partnership?**

**Answer** - Applicants are encouraged to work in partnership to bring in the necessary skills and experience. Applications from partnerships must have a clearly identified constituted lead organisation with whom we will sign a grant agreement and be accountable for the delivery of the initiative.

If your project idea is lacking a participant group or a partner for a specific part of your project, please contact us at [challengefund2@ecorys.com](mailto:challengefund2@ecorys.com) and let us know what type of expertise/organisation you are looking for. Please note, all initiatives will need to start by 5 June 2023, so any partnership building will need to be appropriate to start within the short timeframes.

**Question - Could you please confirm the end date of my project and the timeframes for delivery ?**

**Answer** - The delivery of your initiative will finish by 29 November 2024. Evaluation and final reporting will need to be submitted to the RPC Challenge Fund 2 Team by 3 January 2025.

With one month of pre-activity in May 2023, and five weeks to submit evaluation and reporting until January 2025, approved initiatives will last approximately 20 months.

The detailed timeframe is as follows:

- Pre-delivery: May 2023
- Quarter 1: June 23 – Aug 23 (Delivery)
- Quarter 2: Sep 23 – Nov 23 (Delivery)
- Quarter 3: Dec 23 – Feb 24 (Delivery)
- Quarter 4: Mar 24 – May 24 (Delivery)
- Quarter 5: June 24 – Aug 24 (Delivery)
- Quarter 6: Sept 24 – Nov 29 (Delivery)
- Quarter 7: Dec 24 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 25 (Final Evaluation Reports)

**Question – What should be the practitioners for the Digital Support strand?**

**Answer** – As stated in section 4.1.6 of the Application Guidance, “Digital support applicants will have to provide either evidence on the efficacy of their approach to providing therapeutic support without the intervention of a practitioner”. This means that no practitioner involvement should be required in the produced products (e.g. Parents can access the final digital product independently). Practitioner involvement in the development of the product is encouraged.

**Question – Can different branches of the same organisation apply for funding under the same strand?**

Answer: If your organisation meets the eligibility criteria, an application can be submitted. However, the Challenge Fund 2 can only fund approximately 10-20 applications in total so it may suit your organisation to collaborate and submit a single application.

**Question – Can local authorities apply to the Challenge Fund 2?**

**Answer:** The Challenge Fund 2 is open to local authorities to apply. However, organisations already receiving funding through the RPC Local Grant, cannot apply for funding through the Challenge Fund for the same activity (please see application guidance 5.2.2 Who cannot apply).

**Question – Can an organisation apply to the fund as the lead, as well as a partner?**

Answer: Organisations may be involved in more than one initiative as a partner but can only lead on one application per strand (please refer to section 2.2.7). Partner organisations need to be listed as partners on the Application Form.

**Application Portal – Functionality Queries**

**Question – I have completed the Eligibility Checklist, but I have not received an email confirmation.**

**Answer** – Once you have completed the checklist, make sure you click on the button “Submit Application”. This will trigger an automatic confirmation email, which will be sent to the email provided in your application form. If you are unsure whether an application has been successfully submitted, please get in touch at [challengefund2@ecorys.com](mailto:challengefund2@ecorys.com).

**Question – I have submitted an eligibility checklist. How can I have a PDF copy of the application?**

Answer: Applicants can still access a copy of your eligibility form via the portal. To do so, go to ‘My Applications’, click on the submitted eligibility form and download it as a PDF.

**Question – We have submitted an eligibility form checklist, however, it is incomplete as we did not fill in the text questions located in Section 3 of the form. What do we do?**

Answer - Please note that the checklist needs to be completed in order of the pages (page 1 first). The questions located on page 3 will only appear once the previous sections have been completed correctly. If you have submitted an incomplete checklist, please contact us at [challengefund2@ecorys.com](mailto:challengefund2@ecorys.com) at your earliest convenience.

**Question – On the application portal, I cannot see where ‘my applications’ are.**

Answer - If the screen is maximised, you may need to reduce it to 90% which will give the full view of the application portal and the top left corner will show application options.

