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GMCA funded Adult Education Budget - Allocation for 2024 to 2025

Dear Jon,

The purpose of this letter is to share your GMCA funded Adult Education Budget (AEB) allocation for the 2024-2025 funding year.

All values and references in this letter relate to your AEB allocation for delivery to residents in Greater Manchester (GM) for the 2024-2025 funding year, unless otherwise stated.

2024-2025 GMCA AEB allocation

Ministers agreed that the methodology for calculating ESFA and Mayoral Combined Authorities (MCAs) and the Greater London Authority (GLA) budgets should be based on delivery and learner residences in 2017 to 2018. They also agreed that this budget baseline would not be renewed with delivery data from 2018 to 2019. The rationale for this was to give a level of certainty to ESFA and MCAs/GLA over their budgets and there are no plans to change this approach.

Your AEB base allocation for 2024-2025 is **£2,865,926**.

This is the total of all 3 elements of AEB (adult skills, learner support and where applicable, tailored learning). You will be required prior to the start of the 2024/2025 to submit a delivery and financial plan, which will need to include a breakdown of these elements.

The final allocation for core GM devolved AEB for 2024/25 has been approved by the GMCA as of 22nd March 2024. **This does not include confirmation of funding for continuing learners, if applicable.**

We have removed the tolerance for under allocation; this will allow a positive relationship to be formed to manage flex and growth in year. GMCA is also committed to having a positive conversation with individual and groups of grant providers to manage underspends for the benefit of 'place' first, and then opened up to other GM providers.

GMCA Funded AEB

The GMCA Adult Education Budget: Funding and Performance Management Rules 2024 to 2025 will set out how you can continue to fund adult skills, learner support and where applicable, tailored learning from your GMCA AEB allocation, subject to the terms of your grant funding agreement.

You can spend your GMCA funded AEB as follows:

- GMCA funded AEB (adult skills, learner support and where applicable, tailored learning) – on learners who are a resident of Greater Manchester only. Unless you have any allocation for delivery to Liverpool City Region residents.

Traineeships

GMCA AEB funding (adult skills, learner support and where applicable, tailored learning) cannot be used to support Traineeships for 16–18-year-olds or 19-23 year olds.

Funding for continuing learners in 2023-2024

An indicative allocation for continuing learners will be identified. This allocation will continue to be recalculated on a month-by-month basis within the remainder of 2023-2024 academic year.

Funding for GM Single Pot Level 3 2024-2025

Your GM Single Pot Level 3 allocation for 2024-2025 is **£50,000**

Appeals Process

GMCA are developing an appeals process, which will apply to key aspects of AEB delivery, including funding allocations, growth cases etc. This will be communicated to all AEB grant and procured providers and will be incorporated within the GMCA Adult Education Budget: Funding and Performance Management Rules 2024 to 2025.

On receipt of this letter, meetings will be organised, if desired, with GMCA. Please contact your Performance and Contract Officer to discuss its contents.

Yours sincerely,



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Chief Executive