

Eligibility

This section of the application form determines your eligibility for funding. If you respond no to any of these questions, please contact DCMS. For the purpose of this competition, an 'international event' is one where at least 30% of the total delegates/visitors attending in person are international (non-UK) visitors.

***Required**

1. Is the event venue situated in the United Kingdom? *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
 No

2. Does the event venue have capacity to host 400+ delegates? *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
 No

3. Has the event venue bid for at least one international event in the past year? (16th August 2018- 15th August 2019) *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
 No
 The conference centre is less than one year old
 The conference centre has been undergoing a transformation in the past year

4. If the event venue has not bid for at least one international event in the past year - can it demonstrate plans to submit a bid for at least one international event in the next year? (16th August 2019 - 15th August 2020)

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
 No
 N/A

The LFFN Gigabit Voucher Scheme

Gigabit vouchers can be used by small businesses and the local communities surrounding them to contribute to the installation cost of a gigabit-capable connection. Businesses can claim up to £2,500 against the cost of connection either individually or as part of a group project. Residents can benefit from the scheme with a voucher worth £500 as part of a group project.

Building Digital UK (BDUK) will provide information that conference centres can use with bidding suppliers/providers to assess and, if appropriate, challenge their assumptions on take up, provide information on community related schemes and marketing material from the recent Super Fast Take up project.

<https://gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk/>

5. Does the event venue have the capacity to, and can confirm preparedness to stimulate demand locally for the LFFN Gigabit Voucher Scheme? *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
 No

Maximum funding

We will fund a number of projects with a combined total of £250 000. Exact costs will vary between locations, however the average value per project will be approximately £30 000. DCMS reserves the right to fund projects below or exceeding £30 000 based on the relevant project costs. Each winner will receive a portion of the £250 000 fund and support from Building Digital UK (BDUK) to purchase upgraded connectivity, using either an existing contract, or a competitive procurement.

6. Should the final cost differ from the supplier quote that the event venue provides, does the event venue agree to cover the difference? *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
 No

7. Will the event venue give DCMS permission to speak to the supply chain directly regarding the benefits delivered? *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
 No
 I don't know

8. Does the event venue already have access to commercial fibre to the premise (FTTP)? If you are unsure, please check at <https://labs.thinkbroadband.com/local/postcode-search> to confirm *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
 No

State Aid

Applicants to the Broadband Competition need to ensure that their project activities would comply with State

Aid rules (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/state-aid-manual>).

In order to minimise distortion of competition the European Commission sets limits on how much assistance can be given without its prior approval to organisations operating in a competitive market. This competition funding is being awarded under the Commission Regulation (EU) No 1407/2013 of 18 December 2013 on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to De minimis aid as published in the Official Journal of the European Union 24 December 2013, OJ L 352 24.12.13, p1. There is a ceiling of €200 000 for all De minimis aid provided to any organisation over a three year fiscal period (i.e. your current fiscal year and previous two fiscal years). Any De minimis aid provided to you under this scheme will be relevant if you wish to apply, or have applied, for any other De minimis aid.

Applicants are responsible for assuring themselves that they meet the De minimis requirements. You will need to provide assurances that you have not been in receipt of other public funds that could take you over the De minimis threshold i.e you must confirm that should you receive the maximum amount

of funding - £30 000/€33 547 - it would not put you over the €200 000 threshold. Should your bid be successful, your grant offer will not be finalised until you have signed a De minimis eligibility letter.

9. Has the event venue received over €200 000 in State Aid over past three fiscal years? *

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

Statement of De minimis aid received

Please provide details of any other De minimis aid which your enterprise and any enterprises linked to it may have received during your current and previous two fiscal years, as we need to check that our support added to that previously received, will not exceed the threshold of €200 000. De minimis aid includes not only grant but also assistance such as free or subsidised consultancy services, marketing advice etc. If you are in any doubt about whether previous assistance received classes as De minimis assistance please include it.

10. For each item of aid, please include: Body providing the assistance/aid, value of assistance (calculating the Gross Grant Equivalent), and the date of assistance.

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Event venue details

This section aims to gather further information about the conference centre. For the purpose of this competition, an 'international event' is one where at least 30% of the total delegates/visitors attending in person are international (non-UK) visitors.

11. Name of event venue *

12. Address Line 1 *

13. Address Line 2 *

14. Address Line 3 *

15. **Town/City ***

16. **County ***

17. **Country ***

18. **Postcode ***

UPRN - Unique Premises Reference Number (where known*)

*If you do not know your UPRN you can contact the Local Authority who would be responsible for maintaining that properties address/UPRN in their address register. You can use the governments local council checker service (although its possible in some cases your postcode may not have been allocated or exist in their system). The County Council is not always the authority you need to contact, in some circumstances you may need to try the local council (Borough, District, etc.)

19. **Please state your UPRN ***

20. **Who owns the event venue? ***

21. **What is the maximum capacity of the event venue? ***

22. **How many visitors does the event venue attract per year on average? ***

23. **What type of business does the the event venue deal with? Select all that apply. ***

Mark only one oval.

- Professional
- Trade
- Academic
- Exhibition
- Consumer/Business-to-business
- Other: _____

24. If the event venue has bid within the year (16th August 2018- 15th August 2019) to host an upcoming international event, please provide: The event name, date, size, proportion of international delegates attending, and whether it is recurring.

25. If the event venue has learned within this year (16th August 2018- 15th August 2019) that they have won a bid to host an upcoming international event, please provide: The event name, date, size, proportion of international delegates attending, and whether it is recurring.

26. If the event venue has hosted an international event within the year (16th August 2018- 15th August 2019) please provide: The event name, date, size, proportion of international delegates attending, and whether it is recurring.

27. Does the event venue have plans to grow the international profile and attendance of its events? E.g. increasing number of international delegates, targeted marketing, plans to bid. If yes, please provide details.

28. Does the event venue host any international events that align with the Government's priority industry sectors? (Please select all that apply). *

Mark only one oval.

- Advanced Manufacturing
- Aerospace
- Automotive
- BioEconomy
- Consumer
- Creative
- Education
- Energy
- Engineering
- Financial Services
- Food & Drink
- Health & Life Sciences
- Infrastructure
- Marine
- Space
- Sport
- Smart Cities
- Technology
- None of the above

Connectivity

This section aims to gather further information on the current connectivity level at the event venue, and the potential benefits that full fibre access could bring.

29. Who is your current broadband provider? *

30. What is your current level of broadband connectivity? *

Mark only one oval.

- <30Mbps: High speed
- 30Mbps - 300Mbps: Superfast
- 300Mbps - 1Gbps: Ultrafast
- >1Gbps: Full fibre
- I don't know

31. When does your current broadband contract run out? *

Example: 15 December 2012

32. Do you have plans to change supplier once your current contract ends? *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

33. Proposed procurement route (if successful) *

Mark only one oval.

- Contract Variation with existing supplier
- Mini-competition using a framework
- Request for Quotation (using local/SMEs)
- I don't know
- Other: _____

34. Please describe how full fibre access would benefit your event venue. *

35. Please describe the social and economic benefits to the local community which could be available if the event venue obtained full fibre. *

36. Please confirm, with evidence, that your decision to apply for this funding has had relevant sign off through the internal governance process at the conference centre, i.e. the budget holder/finance department have agreed. *

37. If relevant please confirm, with evidence, that the conference centre has support of the Local Authority (if you do not have a relationship with your Local Authority, we will contact them).

38. Would the event venue be willing to match-fund a proportion (up to 50%) of the capital cost of the upgrade? *

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

39. Can you confirm that the event venue has the capability and capacity to manage the upgrade project to complete by 31st March 2021, the date by which all work must be completed? *

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

I don't know

Contact details

This section aims to gather contact details so that we are able to get in touch with you.

40. Name *

41. Job title *

42. Email address *

43. Phone number *

44. Postal address *

45. If you have any other comments, please indicate here.

