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MoJ Lawtech Grant

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Overview

We will be recording the webinar

Today will cover:

- Context
- Eligibility
- What MoJ is looking for
- The application process
- Delivery outcomes



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We will leave lots of time for questions, please stay on mute and save questions for the end

Why is this a priority for MoJ?

- The MoJ sees innovation and the growth of lawtech as vital to a flourishing legal sector
- Lawtech can revolutionise the delivery of legal services – making them easier to access and opening up new efficiencies and revenue streams
- We also see ensuring that English law is the foundation for emerging technologies as crucial for international competitiveness
- We want to build on the momentum of the first phase of the programme, in particular to look at how lawtech can help address unmet legal need

Background

- This funding seeks to build the progress made by LawtechUK, established in 2019 by Tech Nation with a £2m grant from MoJ - See lawtechuk.io for details
- There is no requirement to continue with existing programmes. We are interested to hear about new and innovative approaches to the objectives
- The first phase of the programme has been supported by an advisory panel. This includes UK Jurisdiction Taskforce (UKJT), which provides guidance on areas of legal uncertainty relating to technology

The logo for LawtechUK, featuring the word "LAWTECH" in orange uppercase letters, followed by "UK" in white uppercase letters inside an orange square, all on a dark blue background.

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Grant purpose and objectives

PURPOSE

The purpose of this **£3m funding** is to facilitate the grant recipient to support the modernisation of the UK legal services sector to deliver what society and the economy needs from legal services and ensure the UK's jurisdictions remain internationally competitive.

OBJECTIVES

1. Increase innovation and the adoption of Lawtech in the delivery of UK legal services
2. Support the growth of the Lawtech sector in the UK
3. Enable English and Welsh law and the UK's jurisdictions to become the foundation for emerging technologies, by supporting and promoting the UK Jurisdiction Taskforce's work.

Eligibility

- The funding is open to UK based registered entities that have a significant UK presence
- Applicants may take the form of sole legal entities or may wish to combine to form consortia, joint ventures, unincorporated associations or partnerships
- Please ensure that joint applications submit the required additional information

Please see ITA document for full criteria and eligibility requirements

Capabilities

- Please read the ITA carefully to understand the range of qualities and capabilities that we are looking for
- An enthusiasm for innovation in legal services and its potential to transform the sector, alongside a positive ethos to drive change in the industry is vital
- Collaboration across the sector will be key to the success of this funding. Applicants will need to have access to established networks in the UK legal and tech sectors
- We are looking for applicants to take a UK wide approach



Outcomes

- Specific projects to be undertaken will be determined by yearly delivery plans that set out the approach to achieving the grant objectives
- The provider is responsible for delivery plans which must be agreed by MoJ
- They will take into account emerging issues
- Each plan will include clear and defined outputs using KPIs
- We expect applicants to indicate examples of the types of projects they intend to deliver to meet the objectives – but the final delivery plan will be developed after the grant award has been agreed

Application process

- Please follow the guidance carefully. Applications can be made online or submitted via email
- Make sure to include all the supporting documents including the financial projections form
- Applications shall be evaluated by an expert panel. This will be done independently by each member followed by moderation
- Any award will be subject to due diligence checks



Thank you for listening!

Q&A

Please raise your (virtual) hand and wait to
be called on



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