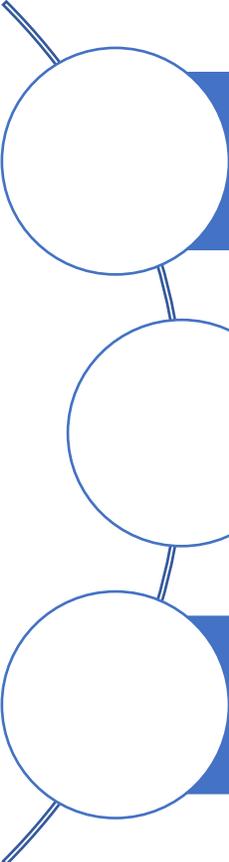




Department for Levelling Up,  
Housing & Communities

# Traveller Site Fund: 2022/23

DLUHC and LGA Webinar – Wednesday 11th May



The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) is providing £10 million for local authorities in England to bid in 2022/23 for capital costs of building new transit and permanent sites, to refurbish existing permanent and transit sites and provide temporary stopping places and facilities for travellers.

Funding will support local authorities in improving accommodation provision for travellers

**The funding is available for the 2022/23 financial year only.**



The definition of 'traveller' means persons of the beneficiary as set out in the Planning Policy for Traveller Sites (PPTS) and the National Planning Policy Framework, which includes:

- Romany Gypsies
- Irish Travellers
- New Age Travellers and;
- Travelling Show People.

The word 'traveller' should be construed accordingly.



## The Traveller Site Fund has the following strategic objectives:

1. Increase the provision of transit and permanent sites and temporary stopping places in England to meet the needs of travellers as set out in a recent local authority assessment of needs;
2. Increase the use of authorised transit sites and temporary stopping places and provide appropriate accommodation in suitable locations;
3. Improve travellers' life chances and social outcomes by providing pleasant, authorised places with facilities for them to live, and providing access to local services and facilities, particularly including education and health services;
4. Improve relations between travelling and settled communities; and
5. Reduce enforcement costs for local authorities and police in dealing with unauthorised encampments.



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## Local Authority Lead

All local authorities in England are eligible to bid for funding. We encourage joint bids with neighbouring authorities and both upper and lower tier authorities, as well as local partners such as police. The lead local authority will need to submit the application, be the lead partner and be accountable for the grant.

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## Bricks and Mortar

Proposals for bricks and mortar accommodation for travellers are not within the remit of this fund. Other sources of funding, including the [Affordable Homes Programme 2021-2026](#) are available for these types of accommodation.

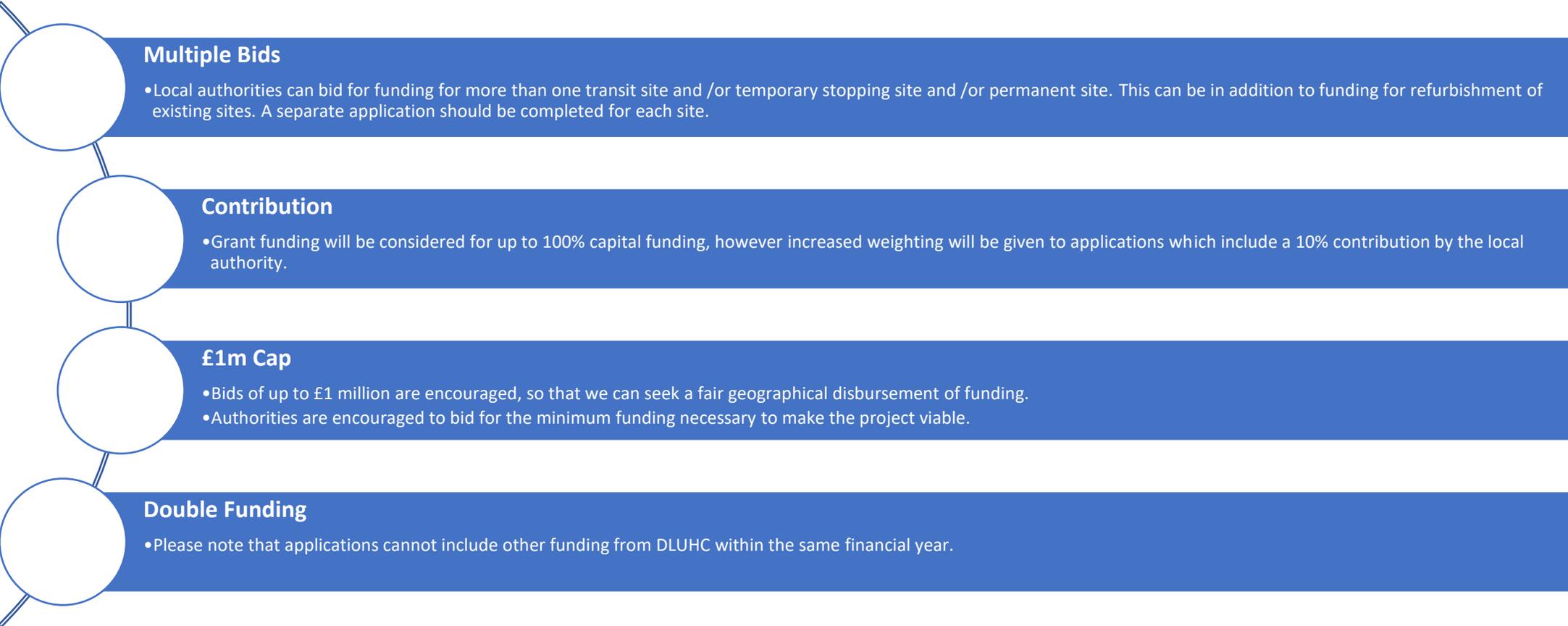
Funding can however be used for permanent ancillary buildings (e.g. day rooms) built from bricks and mortar on sites.

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## Prioritisation

Priority will be given to transit site applications, to reduce the number of unauthorised encampments and to directly address the low number of transit sites that currently exist - there are only an estimated 16 standalone transit sites within England

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## Multiple Bids

- Local authorities can bid for funding for more than one transit site and /or temporary stopping site and /or permanent site. This can be in addition to funding for refurbishment of existing sites. A separate application should be completed for each site.

## Contribution

- Grant funding will be considered for up to 100% capital funding, however increased weighting will be given to applications which include a 10% contribution by the local authority.

## £1m Cap

- Bids of up to £1 million are encouraged, so that we can seek a fair geographical disbursement of funding.
- Authorities are encouraged to bid for the minimum funding necessary to make the project viable.

## Double Funding

- Please note that applications cannot include other funding from DLUHC within the same financial year.



## Funding can be sought for:

- Developing a new transit site;
  - Refurbishing an existing transit site;
  - New temporary stopping places;
  - Refurbishment, equipment, and facilities associated with existing temporary stopping places;
  - New permanent pitch or plot provision;
  - Improvements to existing permanent sites (includes refurbishment and rebuild, provision of site infrastructure);
  - Acquisition of land for permanent pitch/plot provision; and
  - Funding for ancillary buildings on the site or public space, e.g., community buildings, play areas for children, stabling for horses.
- Grant funding will be paid under Section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003.
  - The funded projects will be required to have had expenditure incurred or to be incurred during the financial year 2022/23.
  - Funding is available for capital costs only.
  - Revenue costs associated with the management of the project and post build, such as ongoing management costs and upkeep of the site, will be the responsibility of the local authority.



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**There are five criteria which bids will be assessed against.**

**Each category is assigned a percentage, indicating the weighting that category will be given during the assessment stage.**

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**1. Strategic case (20%):** how it will meet an identified need for a new transit site, permanent site, temporary stopping place or refurbishment of existing provision in the area and how it will meet the fund's wider strategic aims.

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**2. Management case (25%):** the deliverability of the project within the financial year 2022/23, and that project delivery will be effectively managed.

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**3. Site management and amenities (30%):** clear details of how the site will be managed to ensure its success and how the site and its amenities will support the wellbeing of traveller communities.

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**4. Value for money (20%):** evidence that bids will offer value for money, both in terms of delivering the proposal and also the ongoing management of the site, to ensure it continues to provide value and meet the fund's strategic objectives.

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**5. Transit site prioritisation (5%):** priority will be given to bids that will deliver new transit sites and temporary stopping places in an area with a high amount of unmet need (based on the evidence in a recent local authority assessment of need). This is to directly address the low number of transit sites that currently exist and to reduce the number of unauthorised encampments.

The full assessment criteria for the fund can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/traveller-site-fund-202223-assessment-criteria-guidance>.



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To apply for the Traveller Site Fund, please complete the application form and Traveller Site Fund budget table by accessing this link: <https://consult.communities.gov.uk/funding/30ada463/>

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The budget table is for local authorities to provide a full breakdown of capital costs and outline their project plan for delivery.

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Please email a plan showing the location of the site and illustrative drawings of any proposed permanent buildings, clearly labelled with the Project Title (question 3.1 in the application form) to [travellersitefund@levellingup.gov.uk](mailto:travellersitefund@levellingup.gov.uk).

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Completed applications must be received by **midday on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

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**Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.**



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# Q&A