## Application Form

## Better Use of Data – Local Data Experts Programme

***NOTE THIS INITIATIVE IS NOW CLOSED***

The Local Government Association invites proposal applications for the award of a small financial grant available to promote better use of data within local government. Approximately five grants of amounts up to £10,000 are available to encourage local authorities to work with data experts to develop solutions to current issues that may be restricting progress in data management and their release and re-use. It is intended that these funds are used to deploy data experts – i.e. named individuals in the public and private sector or other local authority expert teams – to work with the applicant lead authority and any partner organisations to improve their use of data, through transferring expertise, developing improvements in data strategy and internal processes and providing any other necessary support.

Preference will be given to proposals that promote sector-led improvement, for example, where local authorities come together to share the expertise of one; or where they come together to jointly bid for support to develop consistent techniques to data management and release. However, consideration will also be given to projects from individual authorities proposing to share data and improve working internally.

*Your proposal should be limited to FOUR pages (not including this front page). When completed, please send your application form through to* ***transparency@local.gov.uk****. Once your application form has been received, the bid will be assessed and passed to the panel for consideration.*

*You will be expected to accept the LGA standard agreement for grant provision to local authorities – the template of this is online here:* [*http://e-sd.org/8yczW*](http://e-sd.org/8yczW)

***All applications must be received by the Local Government Association by 12 noon on 9th December 2016.***

**Please ensure that you have read the guidance and background details at** [**http://about.esd.org.uk/news/grant-funding-data-experts-work-towards-better-use-local-data**](http://about.esd.org.uk/news/grant-funding-data-experts-work-towards-better-use-local-data) **before completing this form.**

**Project title:**

**Contact details:**

**Name:**

**Address:**

**Telephone:**

**Email:**

**Lead accountable organisation:**

**Partner organisations that will be working together (if applicable):**

**Name and contact of Data Expert or Expert Team (if you have a preference):**

**Amount of grant requested:**  £

**Project description**

1. *Please provide a short description of the proposed project*
2. *Please provide a short description of the current status of the project (for example, whether it is completely new, or building on existing activity), the issues it is trying to address, and the nature of the support you would like from data experts*

1. *What is the total amount you are bidding for and briefly explain how the grant is to be broken down and dispersed during the programme?*
2. *Name and contact details of your data expert – individual or organisation (if you have a preference). If you have no preference, the LGA will try to match your needs to its named list of experts that have a good track record in these areas.*
3. *Please set out the main strategy, activities, deliverables and proposed timescale in which they will be carried out.*
4. *If you have tried to identify funding for this project by applying for other external funds or grants, please specify, and state whether you were successful.*
5. *Please describe the expected outcomes that will be delivered from the project, the high level business case for it, including how the proposed activity to make better use of data might deliver efficiencies/savings or service improvement or otherwise add value to your authority/authorities.*
6. *How do you anticipate evaluating/measuring whether the project has been successful or not?*
7. *Any other comments you might wish to make?*