

Good afternoon!

As I recover from the sugar hangover from a weekend of children’s birthday parties, I wanted to update you about one of the common themes I hear when chatting to LMCs which is our project work. From September 2023 to June 2024 GPDF funded **£115,670.85** of LMC projects. We are in the process of creating case studies for all of these which will soon be available on our website so you can see the sort of thing that we fund along with a full breakdown of costs for all projects as part of our commitment to an open, transparent culture.

With our AGM on 5th September 2024 fast approaching, I wanted to update you on a relevant project that GPDF has funded, the LMC support network. You can read more about LMC support Network [here](#) but you may be aware of motion 25 at the recent UK LMC conference, which was overwhelmingly supported, stating:

*“**Motion 25. CLEVELAND:** That conference values the LMC Support Network and instructs the GPDF to fund the reasonable costs of this in the long-term.”*

As part of this debate, The LMC support network proposed two funding models:

- The amount of funding that would sustain the Support Network to fulfil all the functions that we aspire to and that you have proposed would amount to no more than **£150,000**, or a **per capita cost of 0.23p** per annum.
- The service we currently offer, without the training hub or proactive management runs at **£93,000** or a **per capita cost of 0.14 p per annum.**

In my response to this motion, I stated that GPDF would be guided by conference but as we are a company limited by guarantee, consisting of members who are nominated from LMCs across Great Britain, any significant long term funding would need to be approved by our members. As such we will be distributing the business plan with accountability framework submitted by LMCSN in our board documents on 14th August 2024 for consideration by our members. There will then be an opportunity at the AGM to ask questions to LMCSN before our members vote on the proposal to determine future project funding.

You will be aware that GPDF has provided significant financial support to the project, as you can see from the figures below which are presented as part of our commitment to LMCs to embrace our organisational values of transparency and openness. Those of you who have met me will have heard me repeatedly mention “constructive dissent” and this is a concept we will be bringing to the scrutiny of any significant expenditure, including the LMCSN proposal, so please do have a read of key documents and make sure your voice is heard:

GPDF expenditure on LMC Support Network

Date: Agreed by GPDF Board October 2020

ITEM	COST
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PROJECT DIRECTOR	£17,880
PROJECT MANAGER UPGRADE	£5,520
STEP UP [NAME REDACTED BY GPDF]	£4,550
[NAME REDACTED BY GPDF] INFILL	£10,080
PMG MEETINGS & INPUT	£10,000
PRG MEETINGS	£3,000
DESIGN COSTS - FOCUS GROUPS AND TECHNICAL ADVICE	£5,000
CONTINGENCY	£5,159
TOTAL	£61,189

Date: May 2023

ITEM (6 MONTH PERIOD)	COST
DESIGN AND SET UP FOR WEB BASED LMC REFERENCE MATERIAL	£15,000
½ DAY PW SENIOR OVERSIGHT @£300 PER SESSION 29 WEEKS	£8,700
PROJECT MANAGEMENT 1 DAY PW ([NAME REDACTED BY GPDF])	£10,500
1 DAY PM SENIOR MANAGEMENT @£300 PER SESSION 29 WEEKS ([NAME REDACTED BY GPDF])	£4,200
TOTAL	£38,400

Date: Aug/Sep 2023

ITEM	COST
WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT	£15,000
TOTAL	£15,000

Date: 15th September 2023

ITEM	COST
ADDITIONAL WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT COSTS	£1,320
TOTAL	£1,320

Date: 14th November 2023

ITEM (6 MONTH PERIOD)	COST
2 SESSIONS A WEEK SENIOR EXECUTIVE OVERSIGHT ([NAME REDACTED BY GPDF])	£15,600
4 SESSIONS A WEEK PROJECT MANAGEMENT	£10,500
1 SESSION A WEEK SENIOR EXECUTIVE INPUT ([NAME REDACTED BY GPDF])	£7,200
WEB SITE [NAME REDACTED BY GPDF]	£700
REGIONAL GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE	£5250
CONTINGENCY – WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT	£2,000
TOTAL	£41,250

Date: 29th May 24

ITEM	COST
2 SESSIONS A WEEK SENIOR EXECUTIVE OVERSIGHT ([NAME REDACTED BY GPDF])	£7,800
4 SESSIONS A WEEK PROJECT MANAGEMENT	£5,250
1 SESSION A WEEK SENIOR EXECUTIVE INPUT ([NAME REDACTED BY GPDF])	£3,600
WEB SITE MAINTENANCE	£350
MISCELLANEOUS COSTS FOR ENGAGEMENT /CONSULTATION / ADVICE*	£5000
TOTAL	£22,000

*These additional miscellaneous costs are to fund engagement with LMCs to refine the regional representative structures and to seek advice on firming up internal governance arrangements most probably through incorporation.

I look forward to seeing you at AGM and as ever, if you have questions or would like to have a chat (especially if you've got an idea for a project you think might be suitable for funding) please do reach out to us!



Dr Phil Cox

GPDF Chair