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Q.1. How many applications can one organization submit?

A. One application per organisation per theme - so you can apply to both themes but as they are quite different we would expect to see a very robust justification of the organisations ability to do both projects well

Q.2. Theme two: "30% matched funding preferred for a £20k project" - does this mean MECS would consider offering £20k for a project that has £6k from another source?

A. Yes that would be within scope - for example, if you already have a smaller project of £6k that you could valuably extend through an application to MECS then we could support that

Q.3. Is there a specific timeframe, can it be retroactive, i.e. can it be for a project that's already started or ended?

A. No, that's not possible - it can either be used to extend an ongoing project if it's the right fit for the call or to start a new one

Q.4. Is there a starting date for the project?

A. We're aiming for projects to start in March/April 2020 - all dates are highlighted in the slides

Q.5. Is LPG eligible in this call for applications?

A. LPG is not eligible unless it is combined with an electric cooking appliance (e.g. in a fuel stacking scenario)

Q.6. Does "Community" also refer to cooking for a community on a larger scale than households - e.g. cooking lunch at a school or a roadside food vendor business or a restaurant?

A. Whilst schools are undoubtedly a community, they aren't what we originally had in mind for this call. The learning from this type of community would be very different to other community types. I would expect that our assessors would score a project using a school as a community to score less well for funding in this call against projects that focus on wider communities. Please do note that we will be issuing a dedicated call for institutional cooking within the next 12 months.

We hadn't specifically thought of street vendors as a community but you pose an interesting question. However, we would be interested to see your proposal bearing in mind the themes emphasis on existing cultural cooking practices and how it can be closely tied to the theme call. I should note it would need a strong behaviour/consumer research focus embedded within it.

Q.7. Are the limits on funding based on project size or funding size?

£60,000 and £20,000 are designated funding sums. We consider they allow the effective delivery of a robust and effective project. You can apply for less funding but these are the maximum values for these themes.

Q.8. I am from R&D institute in India. Can we participate?

A. Yes but your results must be applicable to a DfID supported country (this does not include India and the full list can be found at the back of the presentation)

Q.9. Where from the matching grant will come?

A. This can be in-kind funding, it can be an additional project funds that supports the work you plan to undertake or may be in the way of reduced fees for appliances where