

PropTech Innovation Fund Round 6

Application Prospectus

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About this document

This document serves as a guide to support applicants with their applications to Round 6 of the PropTech Innovation Fund.

We recommend that you read the entire Application Prospectus before you submit your application. If, after reading this document, you still have questions regarding your application for the grant, please submit your Clarification Questions by emailing proptechfundr6@public.io. Use the following subject line format: CQ_Applicant Org Name_DD/MM/2026. Anonymous responses will be published on the Round 6 webpage.

For more information about the PropTech Innovation Fund, refer to the [Round 6 website](#). For general inquiries about Round 6, please contact the team at proptechfundr6@public.io.

Summary

Purpose

As set out in the roadmap for modern digital government, digital transformation is a fundamental enabler for modernising the planning system. However, wider adoption of PropTech solutions remains constrained by systemic barriers such as data silos, skills gaps and uncertain procurement cycles. Round 6 of the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government's (MHCLG) PropTech Innovation Fund aims to support digital innovation within planning and housing delivery processes by tackling these systemic barriers and scaling proven solutions alongside existing HMG-wide projects.

Round 6 will make £2.4 million available to up to 12 consortia of PropTech providers, local authorities and their partners to deliver a more efficient planning system that can enable the delivery of 1.5 million homes in this Parliament.

Type of grant

Open competition for grant funding. This programme will award grant funding through an open and competitive process to eligible applicants, in accordance with the published eligibility and assessment criteria.

Who can apply

Applications must be submitted by a consortium comprising:

1. Core consortium led by PropTech provider: Mandatory members include:

- a. At least one UK-registered PropTech provider.
- b. At least one 'Primary' Local Authority.
- c. At least one 'Secondary' Local Authority, who will participate in testing, learning, and scaling activities.

2. Other Partners: We welcome additional partners within the consortium, including:

- a. Asset builder / owner / manager from the public or private sector (e.g., developers, development corporations).
- b. Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) organisations.
- c. Academic institutions.
- d. Planning professionals (e.g. architects, planners and design consultants).

Participation from these organisations is not mandatory, but will be viewed positively. All applicants must be UK-registered entities.

Funding available

The total funding available for Round 6 of the PropTech Innovation Fund is £2.4 million. The maximum amount available for each application is £205,000 – please see full breakdown of how this money can be distributed across members of the consortia in Section 4. We reserve the right to increase the total amount of funding.

Important dates

Applications open: 4 March, 2026

Matchmaking event: 17 March, 2026; event registration link [here](#)

Deadline for clarification questions: 12.00PM (noon) GMT, 22 April, 2026

Application window closes: 12.00PM (noon) GMT, 29 April 2026

Contracts and first tranche of funding awarded: w/c 7 June 2026

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1. About the PropTech Innovation Fund

1.1 Background

The PropTech Innovation Fund is the largest government-led PropTech programme in England. Led by the Digital Planning Programme at the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG), the Fund aims to accelerate adoption of digital innovation across planning and housing delivery processes in the public sector, ultimately improving the efficiency of the planning system and accelerating delivery of 1.5 million new homes in this Parliament.

Since 2021, five rounds of funding have been delivered to local authorities and PropTech providers to trial innovative solutions across key pain points in the planning process. Over £16 million in funding has enabled 85+ local authorities and 50+ PropTech providers to tackle barriers such as analysing responses from public consultations, identifying and assessing small sites, and estimating infrastructure capacity – enabling faster and less expensive processes for local authorities. For more information about previous rounds 1-4 of funding, refer to the MHCLG [PropTech Innovation Fund's webpage](#). For more information about Round 5 specifically, refer to [Geovation's PropTech Innovation Challenge webpage](#).

Despite these successes, wider adoption of PropTech solutions remains constrained by systemic barriers, such as data silos, skills gaps, and uncertain procurement cycles. Round 6 thus aims to focus on scaling solutions that have demonstrated value, and addressing barriers to PropTech adoption.

1.2 Aim

Building on these learnings, MHCLG's Digital Planning Programme and [PUBLIC](#) are now co-delivering Round 6 of the PropTech Innovation Fund. **At the core of this round is a focus on scaling proven innovation in planning and housing delivery alongside existing government-wide projects by enabling collaboration** between technology companies, local authorities, industry, community organisations, and/or academia.

Round 6 is an **8-month challenge-led competition** for a total grant of **£2.4 million** to accelerate the development, testing and adoption of scalable digital approaches to identifying, assessing, and progressing land for housing delivery.

Round 6 aims to tackle systemic challenges to digital adoption and embed innovation across planning and housing delivery processes in local authorities.

1.3 Objectives

Key objectives of this Fund include:

1. Building on existing government projects and interventions to scale proven examples of innovation in planning and housing delivery, particularly in the public sector.
2. Delivering evidence from the pilots which inform and can be applied to emerging policy areas (e.g., New Towns, Strategic Planning, and Local Plans).

The Fund's objectives support the strategic objectives of MHCLG's Digital Planning Programme to accelerate amended plan-making and planning decision-making.

The objectives collectively support MHCLG's strategic objective to build 1.5 million high quality homes in this Parliament.

2. Timeline and key dates

The deadline for submitting your application is **12.00 pm GMT (noon) Wednesday, 29 April 2026**.

The timescales for the application and selection process are as follows:

Activities	Timescale
Challenges announced	23 February 2026
Application window opens	04 March 2026
Supplier matchmaking event (in-person)	17 March 2026, 13.00 - 17.30 GMT
Deadline for submission of clarification questions	22 April 2026, 12.00 pm GMT (Noon)
Deadline for submission of written applications* <i>*Including due diligence documentation.</i>	29 April 2026, 12.00 pm GMT (Noon)
Shortlisted applicant interviews	w/c 11 May - w/c 18 May 2026
Final decision / Grant award** <i>**Please note that applicants must be available during this week. If there are any issues, please flag this while submitting your written application.</i>	w/c 1 June 2026
Pilot commencement	w/c 7 June 2026

Following the assessment of written applications, the shortlisted applicants will be invited to the interview stage. Those who progress through the interview will then undergo a due diligence screening review prior to final decision and award of the funding.

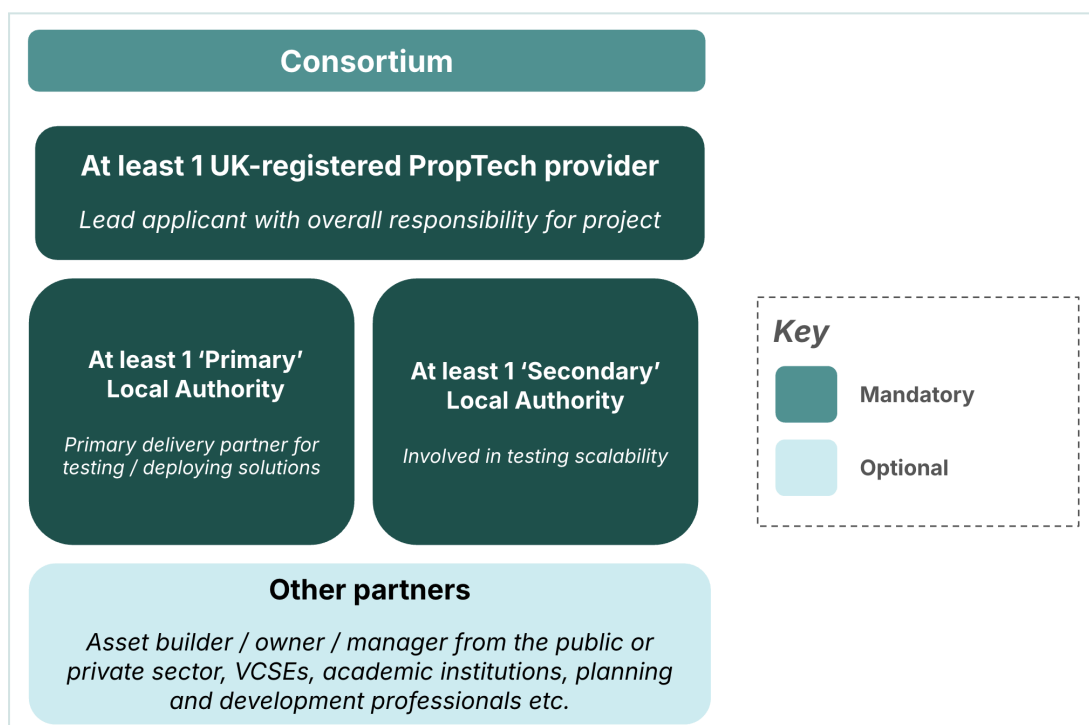
Successful applicants will be expected to commence their projects in early June 2026 and complete them by the end of January 2027. We expect all members of the consortia to have consulted internal legal and procurement teams to ensure appropriate contracts are ready to execute should applications be successful.

3. Who can apply and eligibility criteria

Round 6 of the PropTech Innovation Fund welcomes applications from consortia of public–private stakeholders comprising:

- **Core consortium led by PropTech provider:** Mandatory members include:
 - a. At least one UK-registered PropTech provider.
 - b. At least one 'Primary' Local Authority.
 - c. At least one 'Secondary' Local Authority, who will participate in testing, learning, and scaling activities.
- **Other Partners:** We welcome additional partners within the consortium, including:
 - a. Asset builder / owner / manager from the public or private sector (e.g., developers, development corporations).
 - b. Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) organisations,
 - c. Academic institutions
 - d. Planning professionals (e.g. architects, planners and design consultants).

The figure below illustrates the consortium structure:



Further considerations include:

- Only one organisation must be nominated as the lead applicant. This must be a PropTech provider. The lead applicant is responsible for submitting the application and receiving funding on behalf of the consortium (excluding 'Secondary' local authorities). For more details on funding allocation, please see Section 4.1
- A lead applicant may only submit one application.
- Other private or third sector consortium members may be part of multiple applications.
- Each local authority applicant ('Primary' or 'Secondary') can only apply as part of one consortium for each Challenge.
- Each application may address only one Challenge. For further details on Challenges, please refer to Section 5.

More details on the eligibility and expected roles are listed below. Please check Section 8.1 for further details on reporting responsibilities.

Type of applicant	Description	Expected role during pilot delivery
<p>PropTech provider</p>	<p>Any UK-registered organisations that have developed and delivered digital solutions that drive efficiencies in the built environment sector. The solution should have demonstrated market-readiness¹ in the public sector.</p> <p><i>Whilst we are looking for well-developed solutions, we welcome businesses of all sizes and locations to apply to Round 6.</i></p>	<p>The role of PropTech providers includes but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● co-designing project plan and outputs with consortium partners ● onboarding end users onto the relevant solution or platform ● providing match funding or in-kind resources as appropriate ● deploying the solution across end users ● participating in project check-ins with the delivery team and project events ● contributing to knowledge-sharing activities

¹ Market readiness in the context of Round 6 includes solutions beyond proofs of concept, with a minimum viable product that is ready for or has been tested in a real-world environment, including through previous pilots and existing public sector customers.

		<p>both within the authority (to encourage wider adoption) and within the PropTech Innovation Fund and Open Digital Planning community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • providing regular reporting as part of but not additional to central reporting outlined in Section 8.1.
<p>'Primary' Local Authority</p>	<p>Relevant teams from local authorities across England. This includes strategic planning, regeneration, development management, and digital teams. This also includes authorities at all levels (district, combined authorities, joint services etc.).</p> <p><i>We encourage local authorities from across England to participate and believe a variety of locations is key to success for Round 6. Given the speed of this Round and the requirement to assist the 'Secondary' local authority, we would recommend local authorities that have experience in implementing digital processes within their planning team.</i></p>	<p>The role of the lead local authority includes but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • co-designing project plan and outputs with consortium partners • testing the solution • participating in project check-ins with the delivery team and project events • supporting 'Secondary' local authorities to deploy the solution based on learnings • contributing to knowledge-sharing activities both within the authority (to encourage wider adoption) and within the PropTech Innovation Fund and Open Digital Planning community • providing regular reporting as part of but not additional to central reporting outlined in Section 8.1.
<p>'Secondary' Local Authority</p>	<p>Relevant teams from local authorities across England. This includes strategic planning, regeneration, development management, and digital teams. This also includes authorities at all levels (district, combined authorities, joint services etc.).</p> <p><i>We encourage local authorities</i></p>	<p>The bulk of 'Secondary' local authorities' activities are expected to come later in the delivery phase, once the 'Primary' local authority and other consortium partners have deployed the solution. The role of the 'Secondary' local authority includes but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • working with PropTech provider and the lead local authority to onboard and

	<p><i>from across England to participate and believe a variety of locations is key to success for Round 6.</i></p>	<p>deploy the PropTech solution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • participating in relevant project check-ins with the delivery team and project events • contributing to knowledge-sharing both within the authority (to encourage wider adoption) and within the PropTech Innovation Fund and Open Digital Planning community • providing regular reporting as part of but not additional to central reporting outlined in Section 8.1.
<p>Asset Builder / Owner / Manager</p>	<p>Public, private, or mixed organisations responsible for the delivery or commissioning of new housing or mixed use developments. This includes organisations with statutory development functions or development delivery responsibilities, such as local authorities acting as developers, development corporations, mayoral development corporations, urban regeneration companies, and public-private joint ventures.</p> <p><i>We welcome applications from SMEs, minority-owned businesses, and public sector organisations outside of London/South East.</i></p>	<p>The role of asset builders / owners / managers includes but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • co-designing project plan and outputs with consortium partners • providing access to land, sites, or 'live' housing delivery processes for testing as relevant • providing match funding or in-kind resources as appropriate² • testing the solution • participating in project check-ins with the delivery team and project events • supporting 'Secondary' local authorities to deploy the solution based on learnings • contributing to knowledge-sharing activities both within the authority (to encourage wider adoption) and within the PropTech Innovation Fund and Open

² Please note that match funding cannot come from public funds. Please refer to Section 6.4 for further details on match funding.

		<p>Digital Planning community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • providing regular reporting as part of but not additional to central reporting outlined in Section 8.1.
<p>Other partners</p>	<p>Public, private, mixed, and third sector organisations including academic institutions, R&D bodies, membership bodies, VCSEs, investors, and planning and housing professionals.</p>	<p>The role of additional partners includes but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • providing match funding or in-kind resources as appropriate² • participating in relevant solution testing • participating in relevant project check-ins with the delivery team and project events • contributing to knowledge-sharing activities both within the authority (to encourage wider adoption) and within the PropTech Innovation Fund and Open Digital Planning community • providing regular reporting, as part of but not additional to central reporting outlined in Section 8.1.

4. Funding and support available

4.1 Funding distribution and information

The maximum funding amount available for each consortium is £205,000. We expect this amount to be distributed across the consortium as below:

Maximum funding available for each consortium	
<p>Core Consortium and Other Partners</p> <p><i>This includes the PropTech provider, 'Primary' local authority, asset builder / owner / manager, and any other partners including VCSEs and planning professionals. It excludes funding for 'Secondary' local authorities.</i></p> <p><i>Please note that we recommend a minimum of £30,000 allocated to the 'Primary' local authority. Decisions about funding distribution between applicants must be made by the applicants themselves.</i></p>	<p>£180,000</p>
<p>'Secondary' Local Authorities</p> <p><i>Please note that you can include multiple secondary local authorities and split the £25,000 accordingly.</i></p>	<p>£25,000</p>

The lead applicant (i.e., PropTech provider) will be the organisation that receives funding from PUBLIC, on behalf of the consortium. The lead applicant is responsible for managing further funding distribution across consortium partners, including reporting confirmation of funding distribution as part of monthly delivery check-ins, as laid out in Section 8.1.

However, all 'Secondary' local authorities in the consortium will receive funding directly from PUBLIC. Funding for 'Secondary' local authorities is ringfenced, and a maximum of £25,000 per consortium is available to incentivise increased local authority participation.

Example 1 shows how the funding distribution would work in practice:

Example 1: A consortium comprising 1 PropTech provider, 1 'Primary' local authority, 2 'Secondary' local authorities, and 1 developer apply for the full £205,000.

The PropTech provider is mandatorily the lead applicant. The PropTech provider receives £180,000 directly from PUBLIC. The PropTech provider, developer, and 'Primary' local authority agree to split the £180,000 pot evenly. The PropTech provider is responsible for disbursing £60,000 each to the developer, 'Primary' local authority, and themselves.

'Secondary' local authorities split the £25,000 evenly. Each of the 'Secondary' local authorities receives £12,500 directly from PUBLIC.

We are seeking proposals for projects that can be up and running swiftly after being notified that they are successful, which we will confirm in the first week of June 2026. The first tranche of funding (30% of total funding amount) will be distributed to winning consortia in June 2026. Budgets will be reviewed and discussed if required. MHCLG reserves the right to amend the total amount of funding available prior to this date.

The rest of the funding will be distributed in two tranches, which will be linked to specific milestones and outputs agreed upon during onboarding among each winning consortium, PUBLIC and the MHCLG.

Milestone	Expected Date
Initial Milestone (30% of total funding)	By mid-June 2026
Interim Milestone (40% of total funding)	By mid-Sep 2026
Final Milestone (30% of total funding)	By mid-Jan 2027

The Judging panel will seek to recommend a portfolio of applications to receive funding across the two challenge statements, and the actual amount awarded will depend on the applications received and the quantity, quality and amounts requested by each applicant.

We cannot fund work retrospectively, which means the start date of the project must be after w/c 7 June 2026 and the end date must be on or before w/c 25 January 2027. Applicants may choose to expand or extend their projects after their formal project end date but funding will only be provided by MHCLG for projects which span this period, and projects will only be subject to performance monitoring over this time. Participation in post-pilot reporting at the 12 month point is not mandatory, but we expect all consortia to take part as standard practice. This forms a critical component of the Fund's learning and long-term evaluation, and supports ongoing improvements across the digital planning ecosystem.

4.2 Additional delivery and scaling support

Beyond funding, successful consortia will also have access to a suite of support services from PUBLIC and Round 6 advisors. This includes:

- **Bespoke delivery support:** As part of onboarding winning consortia in June 2026, we will conduct a needs assessment to identify specific

delivery support needs, including for skills, commercialisation and procurement, monitoring and evaluation, and technical support needs. This will help inform bespoke support throughout delivery, including:

- Mentors for each consortia, to guide delivery
- Upskilling workshops and peer learning
- Access to planning and housing delivery experts on an ad-hoc basis
- Access to procurement and commercialisation support as needed

Local authorities participating in the Fund will gain membership to MHCLG's [Open Digital Planning \(ODP\) community](#) (unless you are already a member). This will mandatorily include completing the **Digital Planning Maturity Assessment (DPMA)** in a supported way. Apart from completing the DPMA, participation in other ODP initiatives will be at the discretion of the local authority.

- **Support with post-pilot opportunities:** We will facilitate and/or host events and showcases to enable knowledge-sharing and demonstrate progress and results to potential end users and investors. Consortia will also have access to:
 - (1) **light-touch commercialisation or public procurement advisors** to provide ad-hoc guidance about commercialisation roadmaps post-pilot, and public sector routes to market, and
 - (2) **monitoring and evaluation support** to generate high-quality, rigorous evidence about pilot outcomes to support scaling.

5. Challenge statements

We are looking for a portfolio of different solutions that meet either of the two Challenge Statements set out below. Please refer to our [Discovery Report](#) for a deeper dive into how we selected these challenge statements.

In general, we are looking to scale proven innovations in PropTech rather than test entirely new solutions. To that end, we will look to fund:

- **Deployment and testing of proven PropTech solutions** across local authorities and sites, including development of new features, integrations, or applications that enhance or extend existing solutions, and
- **Creation of reusable digital assets** (e.g., toolkits, templates, playbooks) that can be adopted beyond the pilot (including by the 'Secondary' local authorities).

Further detail on what we are looking for within each Challenge statement is provided below.

5.1 Challenge statement 1

How can we enable scalable digital approaches that help align evidence and policies across plan-making boundaries and tiers?

Why does this challenge matter?

Policy context: Local authorities are preparing to balance the twin priorities of a new 30-month Local Plan window, and the need for alignment across different plan-making tiers in the wake of local government reorganisation.

Operational context: Critical data for plans, including utilities, flood risk, viability, environmental constraints etc., currently sit siloed across multiple organisations and formats. This limits the current and future flows of data across authorities and tiers of plan-making (Local Plans, Spatial Development Strategies (SDSs), etc.), forcing authorities to commission costly, duplicative surveys rather than working from a live, shared evidence base. Even across neighbouring authorities, where housing markets and infrastructure needs naturally overlap, the mechanisms for cross-boundary collaboration remain manual and slow.

Impact of inefficiency: These frictions prolong the entire plan-making

process, which currently averages [7 years](#). By the time plans are examined, they are already out of date. Beyond statutory processes, plan-making delays have severe downstream effects on decision-making too – in areas without an up-to-date plan, there is limited evidence and guidance to base planning decisions on, leading to development that is unfit for local needs.

What are we looking for?

We expect proposals to this challenge to:

- align with existing initiatives across HMG, including [ALIGN](#), [Local Plans guidance](#), [planning.data.gov.uk](#), [ODP](#),
- build on progress and best practices from previous plan-making projects from [PropTech Innovation Fund Rounds 1-4](#), and [5](#)
- ensure that their product roadmap reflects key policy areas relevant to plan-making, including [local government reorganisation](#) and [NPPF](#) changes.

As this round explicitly focuses on scaling and adoption, we expect to receive applications from consortia with existing solutions they are looking to develop or scale. Some examples of projects that could be considered for this challenge are:

- Solutions that aggregate siloed data across combined authority areas, to help create a single shared evidence base
- Solutions that automatically flag cross-boundary conflicts or overlap in spatial plans, and recommend options to align policies prior to examination

The types of outcomes we would hope to see from solutions in this challenge include reduced time and cost of evidence gathering, reduction in conflicts between different tiers of plans, reduced time to identify cross-boundary conflicts etc.

These suggestions are illustrative only and not exhaustive; we expect to receive a range of applications and outcome types outside of these examples.

5.2 Challenge statement 2

How can digital interventions reduce delays caused by Section 106 negotiations (e.g. viability), to accelerate Local Authority decision-making on applications?

Why does this challenge matter?

Policy context: S106 agreements are a key mechanism for delivering social and affordable housing, including for completions and new affordable homes. The recently published [policy statement](#) and live [NPPF consultation](#) prioritise greater standardisation and faster, earlier agreement in S106 negotiations to unlock stalled sites and enable affordable housing delivery.

Operational context: Drafting, negotiating, and reviewing S106 agreements is still a largely manual and time-consuming process. Developers struggle to navigate unique requirements across local authorities, having to start from scratch each time. Local authorities often face capacity constraints, putting pressure on the speed with which they can draft and assess S106 proposals against local needs and historical precedents.

Impact of inefficiency: Lack of clarity around S106 requirements and processes reduces applicant and investor confidence around expected timelines and costs. For local authorities, lack of in-house legal and digital capacity necessitates expenditure on contractors, further draining budgets. Ultimately, these challenges undermine a project's initial feasibility at pre-application and early-stage viability, and cause delays at examination.

What are we looking for?

We expect proposals against this challenge to:

- align with existing initiatives across HMG, including but not limited to work on [standardising S106 drafts](#),
- build on progress and best practice from previous projects from [PropTech Innovation Fund Rounds 1-4](#) and [5](#)
- ensure that their product roadmap reflects key policy areas relevant to developer contributions including [NPPF](#) changes.

As this round explicitly focuses on scaling and adoption, we expect to receive applications from consortia with existing tools they are looking to develop or scale. Some examples of projects that could be considered for this challenge include but are not limited to:

- Solutions that facilitate real-time collaboration on S106 negotiations
- Solutions that provide benchmarking data on affordable housing contributions and other precedents, to help local authorities assess viability assessments with greater confidence
- Solutions that streamline viability negotiations as part of S106 reviews

The types of outcomes we would hope to see from solutions in this challenge include reduction in the time it takes to complete S106 agreements, reduction in the time officers spend researching comparable S106 agreements, reduction in number of delays caused by viability negotiations etc.

These suggestions are illustrative only and not exhaustive; we expect to receive a range of applications and outcome types outside of these examples.

6. Application and selection process

6.1 How to apply

All applications should be submitted through the online form which can be accessed via <https://awards.judgify.me/proptechfundround6>. The application opens from 04 March 2026 to **29 April 2026 at 12.00 pm GMT**. Late submissions will not be accepted.

Before submitting your application, please ensure that:

- You have read and understood the Application Prospectus (this document);
- You meet all the eligibility criteria;
- Your application is aligned with the Challenge Statement.

The application form consists of two types of questions:

- **Questions about your consortium.** These questions will be used to determine eligibility and to conduct due diligence checks.
- **Questions about your proposed solutions.** These questions will be assessed against the assessment criteria outlined in Section 6.3.

The full application form is available in Appendix A to support the development of your application. However, all applications must be submitted through the online application portal on Judgify.

All applications must meet all the eligibility criteria outlined in Section 3 in order to be considered for assessment.

6.2 How the winners will be selected

Applications will undergo a two-stage selection process, including an initial eligibility check:

- **Eligibility check:** This stage will check that (1) mandatory consortium requirements are met, (2) 10% match funding requirements are met via financial or in-kind contributions, and (3) all application questions have been completed. While we will collect due diligence documentation from all applicants, due diligence checks will only be conducted for the recommended winners prior to the award of funding.
- **Written assessment stage:** After the application deadline closes on 12.00PM (noon) GMT 29 April 2026, all applications will undergo an initial

screening to determine eligibility. Eligible applications will be assessed by a Judging Panel against the six assessment criteria outlined below.

- **Interview stage:** The highest-scoring consortia from the written assessment stage will be invited to interview. The interview panel will consist of representatives from the Judging Panel. Interviews will be conducted in an online format and consist of a 15 minute pitch or demonstration of the proposed PropTech solution, followed by a 20 minute Q&A session with the interview panel. The Judging Panel will evaluate the shortlisted applications **based on which best** meet the assessment criteria and offer a well-rounded portfolio of solutions to receive funding.

PUBLIC will conduct a due diligence and background check on the recommended winners. After final approval from MHCLG’s Digital Planning Programme, up to 12 winners will be announced in the first week of June 2026.

6.3 Assessment criteria

All eligible applications will be reviewed by Judging Panel against each of the six assessment criteria, weighted as follows:

Assessment Criteria	Weighting
Impact	20%
Innovation and Strategic Fit	15%
Solution Feasibility	15%
Scalability	20%
Team Capacity, Expertise and Experience	15%
Budget and Funding (including match funding)	15%

The detailed breakdown of the assessment criteria weightings can be found in Appendix B.

6.4 Match funding

Applicants are required to contribute at least 10% of the proposal’s total costs as a match funding contribution, either financially, or in-kind valued contributions. Applications that demonstrate match funding commitment in excess of 10% of the proposal’s total costs will be viewed positively, although this does not in itself guarantee prioritisation or success.

- Financial contributions cannot come from public funds.
- In-kind contributions are non-cash resources that are essential for the project's delivery and have a measurable monetary value (or auditable). Examples include staff time (salary plus overheads), asset or facility use (based on rental value), or donated services (valued at market rate).
 - **Including staff time as a contribution:** Where staff time is used as an in-kind contribution, it must not duplicate resourcing costed for the pilot deployment. Applications that demonstrate local authority staff time as part of project costs instead of as in-kind contributions will be viewed positively, although this does not in itself guarantee prioritisation or success.
 - **Onboarding and sponsoring additional 'Secondary' local authorities:** Where applicants propose to provide match funding through the onboarding and financial sponsorship of additional 'Secondary' local authorities, Applicants must clearly set out how 'Secondary' activities will be resourced and funded.

6.4.1. Rationale for match funding

Round 6 marks a shift in the PropTech Innovation Fund's ambition. While previous rounds focused on testing and experimenting with PropTech solutions in planning and housing delivery, this round aims to scale promising approaches across the public sector.

We believe match funding reflects this change in focus. When applicants commit their own resources to a project – financial or in-kind – it signals a genuine stake in the project's success and an interest in sustaining and scaling the solution beyond the funding period. We hope it also encourages applicants to design projects that their own organisations are ready to invest in, rather than one-off experiments with no clear path to wider adoption.

We recognise that match funding requirements can create barriers for some organisations. This is why we have kept the requirement at 10% of the total project cost and given applicants flexibility to meet it through in-kind contributions valued at market rates.

7. What's expected of successful applicants

The timeframe of the delivery phase will be approximately 8 months, from June 2026 to January 2027.

Additionally, your consortium is expected to make the following commitments:

- Have consulted internal legal and procurement teams to ensure appropriate contracts are ready to execute should applications be successful;
- Sign a winner's agreement with PUBLIC and commit to use the funding received for the purposes set out in your application;
- Undergo due diligence processes as required by PUBLIC;
- Participate fully in the governance and monitoring and evaluation process and activities required by the MHCLG and PUBLIC (see more detail in Section 8);
 - For local authorities, this includes being onboarded to the Open Digital Planning (ODP) community, and mandatorily completing MHCLG's Digital Planning Maturity Assessment (DPMA) as part of baselining. Apart from completing the DPMA, engagement with other ODP initiatives is optional;
- Engage with opportunities to promote your participation in Round 6 as requested by MHCLG and PUBLIC, including but not limited to participation in winners' showcases etc.

8. Management, reporting and evaluation during delivery

Before the delivery phase begins, consortia will work with PUBLIC to refine realistic project objectives, milestones, and KPIs aligned with the strategic objectives of Round 6, success criteria to trigger tranche funding, and pilot-specific outcomes. Consortia will then be expected to provide a second draft of their project management plan as submitted in part of the application process with these updates aligned with the project workstreams. The PUBLIC team will oversee all providers and ensure that solutions are on track for successful outcomes. Where specialist tech skills are needed, PUBLIC will seek advice from expert independent evaluators.

PUBLIC will monitor your project's progress throughout the lifecycle of the project's delivery – this may be through meetings, surveys, written reporting, or other reasonable requests for information. Reporting will be monthly, but we

may require weekly reporting where the monitoring team identifies that the project is higher risk; we will endeavour to keep the reporting requirements proportionate to your project’s relative size and risk.

8.1 Reporting

During the Delivery Phase, consortia will be asked to submit progress reports and attend check-ins as outlined below. Please note that the **lead applicant (i.e., PropTech provider)** in each consortium will be ultimately responsible for reporting and attending check-ins. Other delivery partners can contribute as decided by the consortium independently:

Category	Description	Frequency
Project update	Activities and key outputs of the project. This will include a brief written update and short online check-in meetings.	Monthly
Compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any changes in the project activities / budget since the application stage Any updates that might impact the project (e.g., financial instability, resourcing) Risks, blockers, or concerns for troubleshooting 	Monthly, as part of project update. <i>Please note that any issues that will have a major impact on the project must be reported immediately, even if they fall outside of monthly reporting cadence.</i>
Grant usage	Breakdown of costs and related outputs in the form of a balance sheet, set of invoices etc. This will be a written update.	Quarterly
Impact	Outcomes data on key project outcomes before and after the pilot. This will be a written update and short online check-in meetings, including an initial scoping meeting, mid-point progress meeting, and final wrap-up meeting.	Once at baseline (mandatorily within 1 month of deployment) and once post-pilot (within 1 month of pilot close).
Final report	Final asset that wraps up delivery stages, outcomes and impacts, key learnings, and next steps.	Once at the end of pilot, i.e., Jan 2027.

8.1.1 Milestone criteria

During onboarding, PUBLIC will work with successful consortia to agree on **key outputs and key performance indicators**, which will form the basis of **delivery milestones** that trigger future funding tranches. These milestones will be reviewed in a **mandatory milestone review meeting** ahead of each funding tranche deadline before the next phase of funding is signed off.

8.1.2 Guidance on monitoring outcomes data

To provide MHCLG with the evidence needed to support and inform the Digital Planning Programme's future interventions in this space, successful applicants will be required to co-design an appropriate outcomes measurement framework with PUBLIC during onboarding. This framework will capture individual project outcomes, and data related to common outcomes for each challenge statement. It will also include data collection methods for each outcome type. PUBLIC will provide monitoring and evaluation support to all consortia and endeavour to make reporting as light-touch as possible while still gathering granular, high-quality data about the Fund's strategic outcomes.

At a minimum, successful applicants will be required to articulate a clear theory of change, consider possible feedback mechanisms, and identify baseline data. Outcomes measurement frameworks should demonstrate how the proposed activities are expected to lead to measurable results and provide a basis for learning and accountability.

8.1.3 Ownership of IP

All Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) created, developed, or otherwise brought into existence in response to Round 6 of the PropTech Innovation Fund ('Foreground IP') shall vest in and remain the exclusive property of the consortium partners.

The winning applicants grant MHCLG and Public Group International Limited a non-exclusive irrevocable and royalty-free licence to use any IPR material created within the course of the funded activities for the purposes of supporting the funded activities and other projects.

9. Version control

Version	Changes
Version 1.0 published on 04 March 2026	Original Application Prospectus

10. Appendices

A. Application Form

Supplementary attachments to this document include:

- **Attachment 1. Questions about your consortium** can be downloaded [here](#). This must be completed by applicants and submitted as an attachment in Excel format via the online application portal on Judgify. This information will be used to check your eligibility and to conduct due diligence checks.
- **Attachment 2. Budget and Match Funding Template** can be downloaded [here](#). This must be completed by applicants and submitted as an attachment in Excel format via the online application portal on Judgify. This information will be used to assess your application against the "Budget and Funding" criterion.
- **Attachment 3. Questions about your proposed solution** can be downloaded [here](#). This document is provided to help applicants develop and collaborate on their proposal prior to the deadline. Please note that all final responses must be submitted through the online application portal on Judgify. Submission of this document alone does not constitute a complete application. Responses will be assessed against the relevant criteria set out in the assessment matrix in Appendix B.

B. Detailed Assessment Criteria

Assessment Criteria		Assessed Questions	Weighting	Score	Description
Impact	We are seeking proposals that demonstrate a strong understanding of systemic bottlenecks within the English planning and housing delivery system, and clear evidence that the proposed solution can deliver meaningful, measurable improvements aligned with the challenges.	F1.2, F1.5, F1.6	20%	5 - Excellent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strong, system-level understanding of the challenge, including its causes, scale, impacts, and affected stakeholders, with supporting evidence / data. Strong alignment with fund objectives, clearly showing how the proposed solution will improve the efficiency, speed, and accuracy of planning and housing delivery. Clear identification of user needs and a credible adoption pathway. Clearly defined measurable outcomes and expected benefits, supported by appropriate metrics, baseline data (or a credible plan to establish it), and a clear, realistic plan for data collection, monitoring, and reporting. Clear thought is given to anticipating challenges with data collection and measurement, with methods for mitigation.
				4 - Very Good	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clear understanding of the challenge, its causes, and affected stakeholders, though some areas may lack specificity or supporting evidence. Good alignment between the solution and the challenge, with identified users and an adoption pathway, though some aspects may lack detail. Relevant outcomes and metrics identified, with a reasonable plan for monitoring and reporting. Some gaps in measurement detail or baseline data. Some mentions of challenges they may face collecting data but limited plan for mitigation.
				3 - Good	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General understanding of the challenge and its relevance, but limited detail on causes, scale, or stakeholders. General alignment with fund objectives, though the user adoption pathway lacks clarity. Some outcomes are identified, but metrics are vague or the measurement approach is unclear. No thought is given to challenges they anticipate with data collection or mitigations.
				2 - Fair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Superficial understanding of the challenge. Description of the challenge is vague or poorly contextualised. Weak alignment with fund objectives, and unclear how the solution addresses the challenge or benefits users. Limited or poorly defined outcomes or measurement plan.
				1 - Poor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Misunderstanding or incorrect description of the challenge. Proposed solution does not meaningfully address the challenge. No meaningful monitoring and evaluation plan.

Innovation & strategic fit	We are seeking solutions that represent meaningful improvements over existing proven approaches and align with relevant government initiatives, standards, and sector needs.	F2.1	15%	5 - Excellent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clearly innovative and potentially transformative, with strong differentiation from existing solutions. Demonstrates major potential improvements in planning and housing delivery efficiency or outcomes. Clearly explains how the solution aligns with, integrates into, or complements relevant government initiatives, standards, and policy frameworks.
				4 - Very Good	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrates innovation and meaningful improvements over existing solutions, though differentiation could be further strengthened. Good alignment with relevant initiatives, standards, and policy frameworks.
				3 - Good	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some innovation demonstrated, but largely incremental, with limited differentiation from existing approaches. General awareness of relevant initiatives and standards, but alignment or integration plans lack detail.
				2 - Fair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited innovation; largely replicates existing approaches. Limited awareness of relevant initiatives and standards, with no clear alignment strategy.
				1 - Poor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meaningful innovation demonstrated. No evidence of awareness or alignment with relevant initiatives or standards.
Solution feasibility	We are seeking evidence that proposed solutions have a credible pathway to implementation and can be tested and deployed within the funding period.	F3.1, F3.2	15%	5 - Excellent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highly credible and well-defined digital solution, including architecture, functionality, delivery model, and expected outputs. Demonstrates strong feasibility within the funding period. Extensive engagement with relevant users and stakeholders, with strong validation evidence and demonstrated demand. Comprehensive identification of risks with robust mitigation strategies, including clear awareness of public sector deployment challenges.
				4 - Very Good	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technically sound solution with good feasibility and clearly defined outputs. Some engagement with users or stakeholders, with evidence of feedback or validation. Good risk awareness and mitigation planning, including consideration of public sector deployment challenges.
				3 - Good	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technically plausible but lacks sufficient detail or clarity to fully demonstrate feasibility. Limited evidence of stakeholder engagement or validation. Basic risk awareness with general mitigation strategies; limited consideration of deployment challenges.
				2 - Fair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Significant technical uncertainties or gaps raising feasibility concerns. Minimal stakeholder engagement or validation. Major risks or deployment challenges poorly understood or addressed.

				1 - Poor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technically infeasible or poorly defined solution. No evidence of user engagement or validation. Major risks ignored.
Scalability	We are seeking solutions with credible pathways to scale across the English planning and housing delivery system, particularly within local authorities, supported by sustainable business models and clear adoption strategies beyond the funding period.	F4.1	20%	5 - Excellent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clear and credible scaling plan supported by evidence, including adoption pathways, integration considerations, and long-term sustainability. Strong and credible plans to share learning and support system-wide adoption, including sector capability building.
				4 - Very Good	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good scaling potential with a plausible and realistic strategy. Reasonable plans for knowledge sharing and capability building.
				3 - Good	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scaling appears possible but lacks clear detail or supporting evidence. Some indication of knowledge sharing or capability building and system-wide benefits, but plans lack clarity.
				2 - Fair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Significant barriers to scaling identified but not adequately addressed. Limited system-wide benefits or unclear plans for knowledge sharing.
				1 - Poor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No scaling potential. No plans for knowledge sharing or system-wide benefits.
Team capacity, expertise and experience	We are seeking consortia that have the expertise, capacity, and governance arrangements to successfully deliver the project, with a proven track record of collaborative delivery of similar projects.	F5.1	15%	5 - Excellent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clear, credible, and detailed project plan with defined work packages, timelines, responsibilities and roles. Strong relevant expertise and sufficient capacity to deliver within the funding period. Strong track record delivering similar projects, with evidence of impact and effective collaboration with consortium partners.
				4 - Very Good	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clear project plan with good confidence in delivery. Relevant expertise and capacity, with only minor gaps. Good track record delivering relevant projects, including some collaborative experience with consortium partners.
				3 - Good	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basic project plan lacking sufficient clarity or detail. Some relevant expertise, but capacity or roles lack clarity. Limited evidence of relevant project impact.
				2 - Fair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited or unclear project planning. Insufficient expertise or delivery capacity. Limited relevant experience.

				1 - Poor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No or incomplete project plan provided. Significant expertise or capacity gaps affecting delivery feasibility. No relevant experience.
Budget and funding	We are seeking proposals with realistic, well-justified budgets that demonstrate strong value for money.	G1, G2	15%	5 - Excellent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A clear, realistic, and well-justified budget plan demonstrating strong value for money. Proposal brings in over 10% match funding (cash or in-kind). Please note that this does not in itself guarantee prioritisation or success.
				4 - Very Good	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A clear budget plan with appropriate justification. Minimum 10% match funding (cash or in-kind) is met.
				3 - Good	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A basic budget with some justification but limited clarity. Minimum 10% match funding (cash or in-kind) is met.
				2 - Fair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unclear or weak budget justification. Minimum 10% match funding (cash or in-kind) is met.
				1 - Poor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unrealistic or unjustified budget. Minimum 10% match funding (cash or in-kind) is met.