FAQ

1. **Do applicants need to be currently funded by MaPS to be able to apply for this?**

   Applicants don't need to be currently funded by MaPS, however, they do need to have been a recipient of at least one of these previous funding streams:

   - MaPS Debt Advice Modernisation Fund 2024-25
   - MaPS Debt Advice Modernisation Fund 2025-26
   - MaPS Debt Advice Transformation Fund 2026

2. **Why is this funding only available to previous recipients of MaPS' Debt Advice Modernisation and Transformation Fund?**

   This funding is designed to build on the progress already made through projects funded by the Debt Advice Modernisation and Transformation Fund. Feedback from market engagement indicated a strong preference for supporting organisations to further develop, scale, and implement initiatives that have already demonstrated value and shown promising results, rather than funding entirely new projects from the outset. This approach gives organisations the opportunity to maximise the impact of existing investments and accelerate the delivery of proven solutions.

3. **What are the requirements in relation to Cyber Essentials?**

   Applicants will be expected to demonstrate one of the following:

   - They hold Cyber Essentials or Cyber Essentials Plus certification, or
   - That they have in place equivalent cyber security standards

   Applicants will be asked to upload supporting evidence to demonstrate their organisation's cyber security arrangements. This could include:

   - Cyber Essentials or Cyber Essentials Plus certification
   - Alternative certifications (e.g. ISO 27001, IASME)
   - Cyber security policies or assurance documentation

~~5.~~4. **Do proposals need to directly build upon previous Debt Advice Modernisation or Transformation funded project?**

Yes. As part of the application process, applicants will be expected to describe their previous project and explain how the planned project builds on, extends or adapts this activity.

This requirement aligns with one of the scheme's objectives:

Embed and scale what works
Support the implementation, adaptation or wider adoption of approaches, tools or models that have already demonstrated value through earlier MaPS-funded activity, helping to move successful innovation into routine practice.