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Backgroun	Sova is a charity that works in the heart of communities in England and Wales to help people steer clear of crime. We do this by making sure that when people find themselves in difficult situations they have someone on their side to help them make better choices so they can stay out of trouble and build better lives. It's something we've done for more than 35 years and currently Sova supports approx 8,500 participants per year, two thirds of whom are involved in the criminal justice sector. We have more than 650 trained volunteers actively helping us deliver our services.
Objective	Sova has successfully delivered ETE and Mentoring contracts as part of NOMS ESF CFO Round 1 and Round 2 in the North East, Yorkshire and Humberside, West Midlands, East of England and South East. We aim to continue to target hard to reach offenders in custody and in the community, supporting them through case management and volunteer mentors. We will also aim to bring to bear our expertise in working with offenders with mental health needs, short sentence offenders and care leavers on this new and complex contract.
Interests	For this round of funding, Sova are particularly interested in the following areas: • Mentoring support from custody to community • Mentoring support in the community • Assessment and case management of hard to reach offenders • Improving job readiness • Provision of a Work Skills course which includes modules on increasing offender confidence and motivation in the work place • Education, Training and Employment Brokerage
Area of	Sova currently delivers as a sub-contractor to Serco, PPDG and West Yorkshire Probation Trust as part of CFO2 in the following areas: • **West Midlands** - Mentoring support from custody to community • **North East** - Mentoring support in community • **South East** - Improving job readiness and Education, Training and Employment brokerage through the gate and in the community • **East of England** - Improving job readiness and Education, Training and Employment brokerage through the gate and in the community and mentoring support • **Yorkshire and Humberside** – Improving job readiness and Education, Training and Employment brokerage in the community Sova will be looking to maintain provision in these Areas, as well as transferring models of delivery to **London**, the **East Midlands** and the **North West**.