

Coast to Capital ESF Call Specification Proposal Paper
Supporting unemployed adults to transition into employment and self-employment

ESF Priority Axis 1: Inclusive Labour Markets

ESF Operational Programme Investment Priority: 1.1 Access to employment for job seekers and inactive people

Total Commitment for this Call = £3,550,428 ESF

Minimum Application Level = £500,000 ESF

(please note that this minimum application level is under review by DWP and may increase)

Total Output – Participants = 5,462

This call for proposals aims to support disadvantaged participants into employment and self-employment. Projects must deliver activity which directly contributes to the objectives of Priority Axis 1.1. Successful applicants will do so by:

- Helping to identify the barriers individuals face in moving into work (e.g. confidence, lack of recent work experience, or other barriers like debt or transport difficulties)
- Providing locally designed support, which builds on national programmes e.g. support for those who need pre-traineeship and pre Work and Health Programme assistance, to prepare them for the next step
- Helping people with disabilities and health conditions tackle the barriers they face and provide them with the support and advice they need
- Helping unemployed people acquire the skills they need to compete for new jobs created by economic growth
- Supporting additional activities alongside mainstream provision, e.g. additional early interventions for people who are newly unemployed, very long-term unemployed or inactive people
- Providing additional and innovative approaches to pre-employment training, to ensure individuals have the core work-related skills that employers require, including preparation for apprenticeships
- Giving extra support for long-term unemployed people, e.g. new approaches to work experience and training, intermediate labour market activity and volunteering opportunities
- Providing extra support for target groups, whose circumstances mean they face particular challenges in getting back to work. This could include activities targeted at women to increase their participation, particularly in occupations or sectors where women are under-represented
- Supporting people into work in SMEs that are experiencing recruitment difficulties in sectors where market failure can be demonstrated

We are not anticipating that any of these Calls will change, but this is not completely out of the question, as (although agreed) these Calls have not yet been published by DWP.

- Help to overcome the challenges brought about by the limited range of employment in some rural areas - complementing actions supported by European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)

Any proposed activity must fit with the Coast to Capital ESIF strategy (particularly Coast to Capital Intervention Area 5) which can be found at

http://www.coast2capital.org.uk/storage/downloads/esif_strategy-1475574393.pdf

without duplicating any existing activities taking place in the LEP area.

Applications to this call should cover the entire Coast to Capital area, although smaller applications covering only part of the area will be considered. We are particularly keen to see delivery in Newhaven to meet the employment and skills needs of the Newhaven Enterprise Zone which is a joint initiative between Coast to Capital and Lewes District Council. Further information about the Enterprise Zone can be found at

<http://newhavenenterprisezone.com/> and an economic profile of Newhaven can be found here

http://www.coast2capital.org.uk/storage/downloads/newhaven_economic_profile_2017-1505225183.pdf.

Provision in Croydon and Lewes District must complement, and not duplicate, the ESF funded projects available through London LEP (Croydon is in both Coast to Capital and London LEPs) and the South East LEP (Lewes District is in both Coast to Capital and SELEP).