

**Coast to Capital ESF Call Specification Proposal Paper**  
**Training, support and guidance to increase productivity and economic growth**

**ESF Priority Axis 2: Skills for Growth**

**ESF Operational Programme Investment Priority:** 2.1 Equal access to learning for all age groups, upgrading the skills of the workforce, flexible learning, careers guidance, validation of competence

**Total Commitment for this Call = £8,000,000 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 = 9,937**

This call for proposals aims to support increased the skills levels of employed participants, and projects must deliver activity which directly contributes to the objectives of Priority Axis 2.1. Successful applicants will do so by:

- Provision of additional activities to publicly funded provision, including that funded by loans and grants
- Support for skills shortages or needs in priority sectors and local areas which are not currently being addressed by employers or individuals – completion of a training needs analysis and/or business needs analysis
- Provision of training and interventions for the existing workforce at all levels (including basic skills through to higher level skills – bear in mind the credit level restrictions for training at L3 and higher)
- Equal access to learning for all people
- Brokerage of opportunities between learners and employers
- Support for progression in work e.g. support for intermediate, technical and advanced vocational provision for career progression
- Provision of mid-career reviews
- Support for young people in employment and apprenticeships
- Funding development costs and contributing to delivery costs of vocational short courses designed to help low skilled employees to progress to higher value employment therefore tackling disadvantage, e.g. funding outreach activity, including taster courses to disadvantaged individuals to help improve take up and retention
- Support the existing workforce to encourage progression and generate opportunity
- Support for intermediate, technical and advanced skills for specific industries and sectors identified as driving growth in local economies in support of other relevant thematic objectives

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.

Any proposed activity must fit with the Coast to Capital ESIF strategy (particularly Coast to Capital Intervention Area 9) which can be found at [http://www.coast2capital.org.uk/storage/downloads/esif\\_strategy-1475574393.pdf](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](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).