

Breaking down barriers to employment, boosting confidence and self esteem and helping people develop useable skills



Who can apply

- Locally established charities, community groups or not for profit organisations
- Groups providing services in the Counties of Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Northamptonshire, Nottinghamshire and Rutland

How to apply

You will need to complete an application form telling us about your project. (You will be supported through this process).

To obtain a form please contact your local ESF Community Grants office, details are on the back of this leaflet.

When to apply

Applications will be invited in the Spring and Autumn of 2009, and the Spring 2010, if funding is still available. Your local ESF Community Grants office can give you more details.

Who can not apply

- Individuals (not representing a group)
- Groups that consist of one family
- Statutory bodies
- Profit making organisations
- Grant making bodies applying for funding to redistribute to individuals or groups
- Political groups

The grants are not intended to be made available to larger more established third sector organisations that already have the experience of and capacity to apply for funding (unless they are acting on behalf of a smaller group within their community).

Types of projects we can fund

Your project must help unemployed or economically inactive people who are at a particular disadvantage in the labour market move towards employment and be activities designed by/or in collaboration with the target group. This can cover a wide range of activities and include:

- First contact engagement activities, for example to provide support to engage individuals with barriers in a non-threatening environment
- Projects to improve confidence, motivation and social integration such as music and other creative activities, sports and gardening
- Developing local networks and groups to support people to get a job or access learning e.g. Learning Champion type activity
- Initiating and supporting co-operation between members of the community to improve social cohesion, the local environment or local facilities
- Softer skills development e.g. assertiveness, anger management and motivation
- Innovative approaches to attract under-represented groups into learning

Projects can include an element of staff development to increase your group's capacity.



Costs we can fund

- Staff and trainer costs
- Venue hire
- Single items of equipment under £1,000
- Organisation running costs related to project delivery
- Payments to project participants for childcare or travel costs etc

Types of projects we cannot fund

- Projects that promote political beliefs
- Projects that promote religious beliefs
- Projects benefiting people in employment
- Projects benefiting people aged under 16
- Projects that include the costs of building, repairs or structural work (above a £750 limit for minor adaptations)
- Projects already in receipt of money from the European Social Fund
- Projects normally the responsibility of the Government or another public service provider/agency
- Projects which duplicate provision already supported through existing LSC or DWP mainstream activity, or ESF co-financing



Equal opportunities

The European Social Fund, the Learning and Skills Council and the Regional Partners are committed to ensuring that its grants are available to all eligible groups without discrimination.

Likewise we require groups receiving grants to be open, fair and inclusive in the way they run their groups or activities.

Priority will be given to groups working with:

- People with health/disability issues
- Lone parents
- People aged 50 or over (seeking to enter the labour market)
- People from ethnic minorities
- Women

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Community Grants Local Contacts

For further information, to discuss your project and to request an application pack please contact your local Community Grants office as follows:

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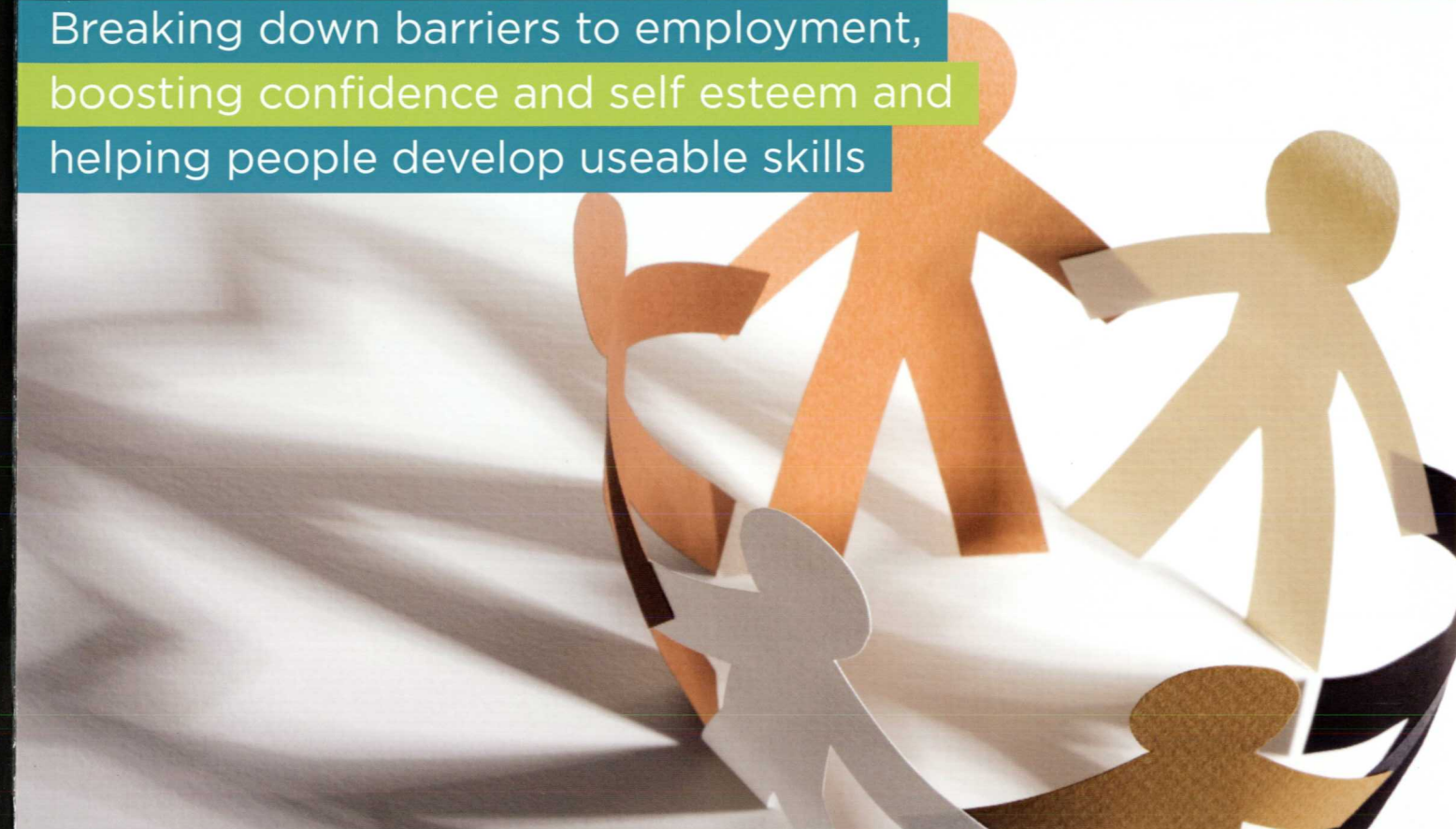
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About ESF Community Grants

The ESF Community Grants programme is designed to assist small not-for-profit groups based in and run by people from the community they support.

The aim of providing small grants is to give community groups an opportunity to access funding, through a simplified process, to undertake activity that helps engage and progress disadvantaged individuals in positive community work. Projects should provide an opportunity for them to develop their confidence and skills and be more able to take advantage of further opportunities that help them progress towards the labour market.

Groups can apply for up to £10,000.

Advice on project eligibility, help with application development and the submission of the application is available on a one-to-one basis. Potential applicants are advised to contact us well before any application deadlines so maximum support can be provided.



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