

LSC LANCASHIRE ESF CO-FINANCE SECOND BIDDING ROUND

The deadline for the submission of proposals was Monday 7th October 2002, a total of 65 proposals seeking £7,099,514 ESF were received. Table 1 below provides a breakdown of the number and value of proposals received by measure, compared to funds available.

Table 1 – Proposals Received by Measure

Policy Field & Measure	Number of Proposals Received	ESF Requested	ESF Available (including Additional Monies)	Variance
PF1 M1	1	£119,638	£152,548	£32,910
PF1 M2	3	£626,431	£302,031	£324,400
PF2 M1	1	£196,593	£230,221	£33,628
PF2 M2	11	£1,007,013	£288,226	£718,787
PF2 M3	2	£175,248	£160,271	£14,977
PF3 M1	22	£2,931,606	£546,558	£2,385,048
PF3 M2	9	£1,000,279	£447,080	£553,199
PF4 M1	1	£67,900	£0	£67,900
PF4 M2	4	£223,221	£103,273	£119,948
PF4 M3	3	£226,495	£68,488	£158,007
PF5 M1	3	£193,416	£86,586	£106,830
PF5 M2	5	£331,674	£227,315	£104,359
Total	65	£7,099,514	£2,612,597	£4,486,917

All Project Proposals have been assessed by an Assessment Panel and have also been reviewed by a panel comprising LSC Lancashire senior managers. The Assessment Panels comprised consisted of two people, with the norm being three. Where possible an external partner participated in the Assessment Panel, external assessors did not review proposals from their own sector.

Proposals were assessed against the criteria outlined in Appendix Two of the ESF Co-financing Prospectus for Round 2. However, as an overview the focus of the assessment was:

- Rationale for Project
- Activity Focus and Partnerships
- Activity Management
- Added Value and Value for Money
- Cross-cutting themes

Following assessment of the project proposals by the Assessment Panels and LSC Senior Managers, recommendations regarding those projects which should be invited to contract with LSC Lancashire were then reviewed by the LIF Steering Group before finally being endorsed by the Board of LSC Lancashire. Table 2 provides a breakdown regarding the number and value of projects which are being invited to contract with LSC Lancashire whilst the remainder of this document provides an overview of each of the projects.

Table 2 – Projects Invited to Contract by Measure

Policy Field & Measure	Number of Proposals	ESF Allocated
PF1 M1	1	£119,638
PF1 M2	2	£302,031
PF2 M1	1	£196,593
PF2 M2	2	£265,639
PF2 M3	1	£83,393
PF3 M1	10	£1,094,759
PF3 M2	5	£667,934
PF4 M1	1	£67,900
PF4 M2	1	£57,863
PF4 M3	1	£68,488
PF5 M1	1	£41,326
PF5 M2	2	£128,669
Total	28	£3,094,233

During the assessment of Round 2 proposals, GONW advised the North West LLSCs that additional funding was available for specific measures. LSC Lancashire took this opportunity to secure additional monies to enable an extended number of projects to be funded via Round 2. The additional monies that LSC Lancashire secured are specified below:

- Policy Field 3 Measure 1 – £548,202
- Policy Field 3 Measure 2 – £220,854
- Policy Field 4 Measure 1 – £100,000

As indicated in our Co-finance Prospectus for Round 2 LSC Lancashire does not intend to make a call for any further projects against its Objective 3 Co-finance Plan for the period 1st August 2002 to 31st December 2003.

OVERVIEW OF ROUND 2 PROJECTS

Policy Field 1 Measure 1

The objective of this measure is:

To provide advice, guidance, and support to enable people to develop active and continuous job search strategies and prevent them from moving into long-term unemployment.

Projects invited to Contract with LSC Lancashire for funding under this measure are:

ESF Reference No:	ESF/0203/240
Project Name:	Ad>vance - Your Career with Confidence
Lead Organisation:	Connexions Lancashire Ad>vance Adult Service
Partners:	N/A
Project Lifespan:	1 st January 2003 – 31 st December 2003
Geographic Coverage:	Countywide
Total ESF Funding:	£119,638
Total Project Funding:	£119,638
Project Description:	The overall aim of this project is to increase participation in learning by stimulating demand for learning and breaking down social, functional and emotional barriers to learning, targeting those people that are on the wrong side of the “learning divide”.

Policy 1 Measure 2

The objective of this measure is:

To improve the employability of the unemployed, returners and young people of working age through targeted interventions to enhance vocational and other key skills and remove external barriers to labour market entry.

Projects invited to Contract with LSC Lancashire for funding under this measure are:

ESF Reference No: ESF/0203/211
Project Name: Pre-Apprenticeship Guidance and Training
Lead Organisation: Construction Industry Training Board NW
Partners: Blackpool & Fylde College, Preston College and Connexions
Project Lifespan: November 2002 – December 2003
Geographic Coverage: Countywide
Total ESF Funding: £179,865
Total Project Funding: £190,665
Project Description: The project will provide a taster programme, with careers guidance, basic and key skills, an introduction to craft skills and job tasters, for young people who have passed the CITB assessment test but are without an apprenticeship.

ESF Reference No: ESF/0203/259
Project Name: Into Work in Care
Lead Organisation: Lancashire Colleges Consortium
Partners: Blackpool, Nelson & Colne, Preston, Runshaw and Skelmersdale Colleges and N&W Lancs/East Lancs Hub
Project Lifespan: 1st January 2003 – 31st December 2003
Geographic Coverage: Countywide
Total ESF Funding: £265,335
Total Project Funding: £268,335
Project Description: This project will support unemployed (including those in part-time employment/insecure employment under 16hrs per week) returnees and economically inactive people gain and keep jobs in the care sector

Policy Field 2 Measure 1

The objective of this measure is:

To widen access to basic skills provision through the development of innovative and effective ways of promoting and providing basic skills, directed at those groups disadvantaged, excluded or under-represented in the work place.

Projects invited to Contract with LSC Lancashire for funding under this measure are:

ESF Reference No: ESF/0203/258
Project Name: Engaging Disaffected Young People
Lead Organisation: Lancashire Colleges Consortium
Partners: Connexions, Blackpool and the Fylde College, Lancaster and Morecambe College and Skelmersdale and Ormskirk College.
Project Lifespan: 1st January 2003 – 31st December 2003
Geographic Coverage: Lancashire West

Total ESF Funding: £196,593
Total Project Funding: £196,593
Project Description: This project will deliver an innovative approach to bring back in to learning young people who have dropped out of learning, are not in employment or training and whose level of basic and key skills is so low as to be likely to lead to a continuing, lifetime economic and social exclusion. We will pilot local opportunities to engage these young people through informal learning, building on sports and leisure interests.

Policy Field 2 Measure 2

The objective of this measure is:

To provide help to improve the employability and remove barriers to labour market entry for those groups disadvantaged in the labour market and to develop local responses to assist individuals with multiple disadvantage in the labour market who face the risk of social exclusion.

Projects invited to Contract with LSC Lancashire for funding under this measure are:

ESF Reference No: ESF/0203/242
Project Name: Pendle Intermediary Project ESF (PIP) ESF
Lead Organisation: Pendle Borough Council, Regeneration Unit
Partners: Ethnic Minority Benevolent Association and Pendle Re-employment
Project Lifespan: 1st August 2002 – 31st December 2003
Geographic Coverage: Pendle
Total ESF Funding: £58,000
Total Project Funding: £58,000
Project Description: PIP works with unemployed residents of Pendle's deprived wards, developing employability, overcoming barriers to labour market entry and pro-actively matching skills and aspirations with vacancies.

ESF Reference No: ESF/0203/246
Project Name: Employability Skills for Special Needs Learners
Lead Organisation: Training 2000 Limited
Partners: Boots the Chemist, ATS Ltd, Linemark (UK) Ltd, Rossendale CB Ltd and Olive House
Project Lifespan: 1st August 2002 – 31st December 2003
Geographic Coverage: Blackburn with Darwen, Burnley, Hyndburn, Pendle, Ribble Valley and Rossendale
Total ESF Funding: £207,639
Total Project Funding: £207,639
Project Description: The project will provide additional support in the work place for 350, 16-24 year olds with special training needs across Lancashire. It will facilitate the development of basic skills and employability skills through additional 1:1 support and using the workplace as the context for learning.

Priority 2 Measure 3

The objective of this measure is:

To combat discrimination in the labour market, in particular to combat race, disability and age discrimination and improve the employability of these groups.

Projects invited to Contract with LSC Lancashire for funding under this measure are:

ESF Reference No: ESF/0203/228
Project Name: MALE (Male Adult Learning Experience)
Lead Organisation: Lifelong Learning Forum
Partners: Blackburn with Darwen Lifelong Learning Team and Access Point Network
Project Lifespan: 1st December 2002 – 31st December 2003
Geographic Coverage: Blackburn with Darwen
Total ESF Funding: £83,393.16
Total Project Funding: £83,393.16
Project Description: The aim is to develop and implement a research project to identify the true nature of male participation aspects of learning and employment to combat any disparity in the provision of learning and employment opportunities.

Policy Field 3 Measure 1

The objective of this measure is:

Promoting wider access and participation in lifelong learning (especially those groups least likely to take part in lifelong learning activities and lacking basic and key skills).

Projects invited to Contract with LSC Lancashire for funding under this measure are:

ESF Reference No: ESF/0203/201
Project Name: Building Capability in Neighbourhoods
Lead Organisation: Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council Lifelong Learning Service
Partners: Lancashire Council of Mosques, Individual Mosques and Madrassahs, Connexions Service, Youth Offending Team, Voluntary Youth Agencies, Community and Neighbourhood Groups, Council for Voluntary Service, Accrediting Bodies.
Project Lifespan: 1st November 2002 – 31st December 2003
Geographic Coverage: Blackburn and Darwen
Total ESF Funding: £193,730
Total Project Funding: £193,730
Project Description: This project will widen access to learning for adults least engaged with education. It will assist individuals to develop and manage their own learning.

ESF Reference No: ESF/0203/212
Project Name: Shattering Images
Lead Organisation: The Adult College
Partners: The Dukes Theatre Company
Project Lifespan: 1st August 2002 – 31st December 2003
Geographic Coverage: Lancaster

Total ESF Funding: £66,050
Total Project Funding: £66,050
Project Description: The aim is to work with the Dukes Theatre Company, which is a national theatre company to educate and develop long term unemployed disabled people from the Lancaster area. The project seeks to provide an educational programme, which incorporates NCFE 7890 Certificate in performing arts which comprises elements of drama, technological element of theatre as well as ICT, basic skills, employability skills and key skills such as computing and independent living.

ESF Reference No: ESF/0203/214
Project Name: Reaching Out
Lead Organisation: Burnley College
Partners: Burnley One Stop Shop, Brunshaw Estate Management Board, Training & Education Access Point, Al Nisa Women's Group and SW Burnley Community Enterprise

Project Lifespan: 1st August 2003 – 31st December 2003

Geographic Coverage: East Lancashire and Burnley

Total ESF Funding: £116,954

Total Project Funding: £116,954

Project Description: This project aims to encourage participation in basic skills training by members of local communities by focusing activities around a multi-cultural festival. Members of the diverse communities of Burnley will be engaged in fundraising, event organising, market/publicity and general administration of the festival.

ESF Reference No: ESF/0203/215
Project Name: Creative Pathways
Lead Organisation: Burnley College
Partners: Burnley Football Club, Mid Pennine Arts, Tara Arts

Project Lifespan: 1st August 2002 – 31st December 2003

Geographic Coverage: Burnley and Pendle

Total ESF Funding: £121,729

Total Project Funding: £121,729

Project Description: This project will develop and pilot new approaches to engaging disaffected members of disadvantaged communities currently not participating in learning and support their progress towards structured learning employment.

ESF Reference No: ESF/0203/221
Project Name: Social and Economical Regeneration through Tourism
Lead Organisation: CETAD, Lancaster University
Partners: North West Tourist Board, Lancashire Tourism Partnership, Blackpool Challenge Partnership, Lancashire Blue Badge Guides and Business Link Fylde Coast

Project Lifespan: January 2003 – December 2003

Geographic Coverage: Blackpool

Total ESF Funding: £38,448

Total Project Funding: £38,448

Project Description: The project is designed to train 15 individuals from the most disadvantaged areas within Blackpool as tour guides and put their skills to use by providing guided tours. It provides opportunities for

local people to develop their skills, gain NVQ level 3 and contribute to the economic regeneration of Blackpool.

ESF Reference No: ESF/0203/224
Project Name: Discovering IT
Lead Organisation: Skill Share
Partners: Trinity Community Partnership, Ribble Valley Visually Impaired Group, The Partnership Team, Lancashire Adult and Community Learning Alliance and the Ribble Valley Community Transport.
Project Lifespan: 1st August 2002 – 31st December 2003
Geographic Coverage: Ribble Valley
Total ESF Funding: £126,830
Total Project Funding: £126,830
Project Description: This project will continue eighteen years of providing participation in community adult learning with particular emphasis on ICT training, to groups who would otherwise have been excluded by way of location, age, finances, disability or other circumstances.

ESF Reference No: ESF/0203/231
Project Name: Pathways for Progression for the Third Sector
Lead Organisation: St Martin's College of Higher Education
Partners: Lancashire West Partnership
Project Lifespan: 1st November 2002 – 31st December 2003
Geographic Coverage: West Lancashire, Fylde, Lancaster, Ribble Valley, South Ribble and Wyre
Total ESF Funding: £68,310
Total Project Funding: £68,310
Project Description: The certificate of higher education in community capacity building and social entrepreneurship was designed in response to the needs identified by various funding regimes (ERDF Priority 2/ SRB/ Neighbourhood Renewal) for community capacity building. It will meet needs identified in our work in youth and community studies and business and management studies. This Cert HE will provide a progression route into higher education for people working in the third sector in either a paid or a voluntary capacity in the most deprived parts of West Lancashire

ESF Reference No: ESF/0203/233
Project Name: Employability Skills in the Workplace
Lead Organisation: Preston College
Partners: Lancaster Chamber of Commerce, Engineering Partnership Lancashire and Workplace Basic Skills Network
Project Lifespan: 1st October 2002 – 31st December 2003
Geographic Coverage: Countywide
Total ESF Funding: £99,631.84
Total Project Funding: £101,253
Project Description: This project will develop and test new provision to involve people in the workplace who are low skilled and not otherwise participating in learning. It will support 150 adults in first rung learning provision, delivering an average of 60 hours of training combining IT and basic skills. Training will be offered on a flexible basis in the workplace. The aim of the project is to reduce the risk of these people falling behind, due to inadequate skills and to promote a culture of lifelong learning.

ESF Reference No: ESF/0203/255
Project Name: Networks for Community Learning
Lead Organisation: Lancashire Colleges Consortium
Partners: Accrington, Blackpool, Preston, Cardinal Newman, Nelson & Colne, Skelmersdale Colleges, East and North West Lancs Hubs and TUC Learning Services
Project Lifespan: 1st January 2003 – 31st December 2003
Geographic Coverage: Countywide
Total ESF Funding: £149,570
Total Project Funding: £149,570
Project Description: This project will build the capacity of voluntary and community groups to support widening participation in learning through organising local, first steps provision, through acting as advocates into and in learning for disadvantaged groups and working with colleges, Learndirect and other providers to ensure that disadvantaged learners receive the holistic support they require if they are to overcome barriers to access and success.

ESF Reference No: ESF/0203/262
Project Name: Childminding Plus
Lead Organisation: Lancashire Colleges Consortium
Partners: Blackpool and Fylde College, Skelmersdale College, Burnley College, Surestart Mereside, Social Services, Surestart, Family Group and Childcare Network
Project Lifespan: 1st January 2003 – 31st December 2003
Geographic Coverage: Countywide
Total ESF Funding: £113,506
Total Project Funding: £113,506
Project Description: This project will develop an innovative approach to meeting the need for an increase in the number of qualified childminders and to provide learning opportunities for people with childcare responsibilities. We will do this by providing flexible training for new childminders and these childminders will provide childcare services to enable returnees and lone parents to attend training programmes

Policy Field 3 Measure 2

The objective of this measure is:

Improving employability through directing and supporting lifelong learning. Provisions that are responsive to the changing needs of employers, such as in the fields of IT, management and the environment.

Projects invited to Contract with LSC Lancashire for funding under this measure are:

ESF Reference No: ESF/0203/217
Project Name: Learning at Work
Lead Organisation: Burnley College
Partners: Northern Technologies, Training Solutions, Burnley Borough Council EDU and TUC Learning Services
Project Lifespan: 1st August 2002 – 31st December 2003
Geographic Coverage: East Lancashire, Burnley and Pendle

Total ESF Funding: £49,052
Total Project Funding: £93,962
Project Description: The aim of this project is to promote skills acquisitions by the local workforce as a prime factor in addressing the government's competitiveness agenda and local economic/social regeneration.

ESF Reference No: ESF/0203/223
Project Name: PAL (Package assisted learning) for Rural Renewal
Lead Organisation: Myerscough College
Partners: N/A
Project Lifespan: 1st January 2003 – 31st December 2003
Geographic Coverage: Countywide
Total ESF Funding: £163,360
Total Project Funding: £163,360
Project Description: This project will develop ICT material to support workplace learning in rural enterprises and train 190 tutors/workplace mentors in using ICT to support learners.

ESF Reference No: ESF/0203/234
Project Name: IT in Engineering
Lead Organisation: Preston College
Partners: Lancaster Chamber of Commerce and Engineering Partnership Lancashire
Project Lifespan: 1st September 2002 – 31st December 2003
Geographic Coverage: Lancashire West
Total ESF Funding: £94,704.83
Total Project Funding: £101,253
Project Description: This project will develop a training network, which will equip lower skilled workers in the engineering sector with IT skills.

ESF Reference No: ESF/0203/244
Project Name: Employment Skills for Engineering and Manufacturing
Lead Organisation: Engineering Partnership in Lancashire
Partners: Engineering Employers Federation and North & West Lancashire Business Link
Project Lifespan: 1st November 2002 – 31st December 2003
Geographic Coverage: Countywide
Total ESF Funding: £75,000
Total Project Funding: £159,375
Project Description: The project will increase the number of people, employees of SMEs in the engineering and manufacturing sector in Lancashire, with employment skills particularly ICT, environment and management skills.

ESF Reference No: ESF/0203/254
Project Name: IT Learning in the Workplace
Lead Organisation: Lancashire Colleges Consortium
Partners: Preston College, Cardinal Newman College, Myerscough College, Nelson & Colne College, Skelmersdale College, Business Links N & W Lancs and N & W Lancs Learndirect Hub
Project Lifespan: 1st January 2003 – 31st December 2003
Geographic Coverage: Countywide

Total ESF Funding: £285,816.50
Total Project Funding: £285,916.50
Project Description: This project will support enterprises and especially smaller companies in scoping their IT/ICT training needs against business needs. business improvement plans and providing learning/workplace development to meet these needs.

Policy Field 4 Measure 1

The objective of this measure is:

To update and upgrade employees' vocational skills, including basic and key skills.

Projects invited to Contract with LSC Lancashire for funding under this measure are:

ESF Reference No: ESF/0203/264
Project Name: Developing Support in the Workplace
Lead Organisation: Lancashire Colleges Consortium
Partners: Colleges with TUC links, N&W Lancs Learndirect and TUC Learning Services
Project Lifespan: 1st January 2003 – 31st December 2003
Geographic Coverage: Countywide
Total ESF Funding: £67,900
Total Project Funding: £67,900
Project Description: This project will develop training action plans and deliver training to 60 workplace, learning representatives so that they may improve the service they offer to other learners in the workplace. As well as developing action plans the individuals will receive individual support and mentoring, be advised on complementarity with local programmes and how to develop the effectiveness of their actions in support of their peers.

Policy 4 Measure 2

The objective of this measure is:

To identify and meet emerging skills shortages, including higher level skills.

Projects invited to Contract with LSC Lancashire for funding under this measure are:

ESF Reference No: ESF/0203/235
Project Name: Promoting Training in the Construction Industry
Lead Organisation: Preston College
Partners: UCATT, National Housebuilders Federation, Laings and Askham Construction
Project Lifespan: 1st September 2002 – 31st December 2003
Geographic Coverage: Countywide
Total ESF Funding: £57,862.50
Total Project Funding: £61,724.75
Project Description: This project will support work to build the capacity of 20 SMEs in the construction industry to support workforce learning and accreditation within the NTO 'on-site assessment and training' framework. It will

support workforce development in partnership with UCATT, the House Builders Federation, CITB and other employers in the industry.

Policy Field 4 Measure 3

The objective of this measure is:

Encouraging entrepreneurship of individuals and competitiveness of business, particularly SMEs.

Projects invited to Contract with LSC Lancashire for funding under this measure are:

ESF Reference No: ESF/0203/237
Project Name: Childcare Entrepreneur Development
Lead Organisation: New Era Enterprises (E. Lancs) Limited
Partners: National Childminding Association, Lancashire Children First (Early Years Development Childcare Partnership) and Out of School Childcare Association in Lancashire.
Project Lifespan: 10th December 2002 – 31st December 2003
Geographic Coverage: Burnley, Pendle and Rossendale
Total ESF Funding: £68,488
Total Project Funding: £68,488
Project Description: This project will help people entering self-employment by breaking down barriers through the provision of advice, guidance, mentors, business and practical support.

Policy Field 5 Measure 1

The objective of this measure is:

To identify and meet emerging skills shortages, including higher level skills.

Projects invited to Contract with LSC Lancashire for funding under this measure are:

ESF Reference No: ESF/0203/263
Project Name: Aiming Higher
Lead Organisation: Lancashire Colleges Consortium
Partners: Burnley College and East Lancs Learndirect hubs
Project Lifespan: 1st January 2003 – 31st December 2003
Geographic Coverage: Burnley
Total ESF Funding: £41,326
Total Project Funding: £41,326
Project Description: This project will support programmes, which open up opportunities for women to train and gain qualifications for progression to higher level and non-traditional occupations. The LCC will work with Burnley College to develop good practice and resource for this work. The project will also allow new local delivery of programmes by Burnley College.

Policy Field 5 Measure 2

The objective of this measure is:

To research into issues related to gender discrimination in employment such as recruitment, pay, segregation and progression.

Projects invited to Contract with LSC Lancashire for funding under this measure are:

ESF Reference No: ESF/0203/222
Project Name: Women Managers – Surviving and Thriving in Organisations
Lead Organisation: CETAD, Lancaster University
Partners: N/A
Project Lifespan: January 2003 – December 2003
Geographic Coverage: Countywide
Total ESF Funding: £59,252
Total Project Funding: £59,252
Project Description: The objective of this project is to research the needs/issues facing women working as middle managers within Lancashire's SMEs and voluntary organisations and to develop solutions/activities to address these.

ESF Reference No: ESF/0203/230
Project Name: Action Research Project: Developing Practical Mechanisms to Overcome Barriers Preventing Minority Ethnic Women Entering The Labour Market
Lead Organisation: St Martin's College Business and Community Enterprise Unit
Partners: Lancaster and Morecambe Youth and Community Service, Blackburn with Darwen Youth and Community Service and Blackburn with Darwen Council for Voluntary Service
Project Lifespan: 1st November 2002 – 31st December 2003
Geographic Coverage: Blackburn with Darwen, Burnley, Lancaster and Preston
Total ESF Funding: £69,417
Total Project Funding: £69,417
Project Description: Four teams, each made up of 10 women from four distinct minority ethnic communities, will conduct action research aimed at developing practical mechanisms to overcome barriers preventing minority ethnic women from entering the labour market. Working with a facilitator, they will be trained in action research techniques.

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