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LSC LANCASHIRE ESF CO-FINANCE - TENDERING ROUND 3

We would like to thank all organisations for taking the time to submit ESF Co-Finance tender forms to the Learning and Skills Council (LSC) Lancashire on 6th April 2005.

Following the launch of our Round 3 Prospectus on 21st February for ESF Co-finance monies, a total of 23 proposals seeking over £11.5M ESF were received. The table below summarises the number of projects received and their associated value for each of the Tender Specifications.

Tender Specification	Number of Proposals Received	Total ESF Requested	Total ESF Specified in Prospectus
- No Tender Spec identified	1	£1,200,000	0
2.1C ESOL Stepping Stone Programme	2	£206,541	£200,000
3.1J Skills for Life Provision for Blackpool and Fylde	5	£845,072	£200,000
3.1N Capacity Building Organisations that are targeting Disadvantaged Groups	7	£8,394,495	£1,200,000
3.1P Promoting Lifelong Learning through Community based ICT Provision	7	£890,340	£300,000
5.1E Minority Ethnic Female ESOL Trainers	1	£60,000	£60,000
TOTAL	23	£11,596,448	£1,960,000

The project assessment and appraisal process incorporated a number of distinct stages:

1. Assessment panels comprising of 2 LSC staff and 1 external partner scored each tender.
2. The recommendations from this process were reviewed by a group consisting of LSC Lancashire's senior managers and members of the LID Steering Group.
3. The Board of LSC Lancashire made the final approval.

Project appraisal and selection has now been finalised. From our third tendering round, LSC Lancashire will be contributing £1,964,676 of ESF funding to 8 projects throughout Lancashire.

The following information provides a brief narrative, along with the financial allocations that have been awarded to each of the projects invited to enter into contracting discussions with LSC Lancashire.

2.1C - ESOL Stepping Stone Programme

Project Reference ESF/0506/402
Project Name Stepping Stones into Life
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Legal Status Vol/Comm. Organisation
Partners Preston Muslim Forum, Preston Muslim Women's Group, Clarendon Street Community Centre, Community Network

Project Lifespan 01-Aug-05 - 31-Dec-06

Geographic Coverage Preston
ESF Recommended £62,541.00

Project Description The aim of Stepping Stones into Life is to offer 56 women from the black and ethnic minority community a tailored programme designed to build up their very basic and written vocabulary and to improve their reading, writing, speaking and listening skills. The outcome of the project will be to help women who feel disadvantaged because of their lack of literacy skills to feel more confident about fulfilling everyday tasks such as making appointments and filling in forms, and ultimately enable them to find employment.

Project Reference ESF/0506/416
Project Name Behind the Mask
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Legal Status FE College
Partners Burnley College, Accrington & Rossendale College, Nelson & Colne College, Preston College

Project Lifespan 01-Aug-05 - 30-Jun-07

Geographic Coverage Burnley Hyndburn Pendle Preston Rossendale
ESF Recommended £144,000.00

Project Description This project will identify staff with ESOL and Skills for Life qualifications some of whom will be drawn from ethnic heritage groups: Undertake research to ascertain whether ESOL needs mask the Skills for Life needs of members of Ethnic Heritage Groups: Identify existing qualifications and curricula and work with an examining body to develop accredited first stage provision (Stepping Stones provision) mapped against national standards. The project will be delivered in partnership with Burnley, Nelson and Colne, Accrington and Rossendale and Preston Colleges and will support 72 beneficiaries.

3.1J - Skills for Life Provision for Blackpool and Fylde

Project Reference ESF/0506/406
Project Name Improving Skills for Life in Blackpool through community based Financial Literacy
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Legal Status Local Authority
Partners Blackpool Primary Care Trust Health Visitors Service, Advice Link, Blackpool and the Fylde College, Age Concern, Blackpool Council/ PCT Children's Centres/ Sure Starts, Claremont West Family Centre, Council for Voluntary Services, Blackpool, Wyre and Fylde, Community Legal Services Partnership
Project Lifespan 01-Sep-05 - 30-Jun-07
Geographic Coverage Blackpool
ESF Recommended £200,000.00
Project Description The project seeks to alleviate two of Blackpool's biggest problems: poor Skills for Life, and debt. Partnering Blackpool and The Fylde College and the Fair Debt Partnership, we will attract residents from deprived communities onto an accredited financial literacy course (Money Gremlins) with a robust progression route onto related College mainstream programmes, providing additional learner support through this project. The project will also fund a capacity building project to help public, community and voluntary sector front line workers to identify a Skills for Life and Financial Literacy needs and respond effectively with sensitive referral techniques, -and will train trainers to cascade and sustain the programme.

3.1N - Capacity Building Organisations that are targeting Disadvantaged Groups

Project Reference ESF/0506/421
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Legal Status Local Authority
Partners Preston CVS, West Lancashire CVS, West Lancashire Volunteer Centre, Voluntary Youth Network, VOISE, Burnley, Pendle and Rossendale CVS, LCVYS, Lancashire Youth Association, Lancaster CVS, Lancashire Wide Network for Ethnic Minority Women, Lancashire College - South Zone, Lancashire Adult Learning - East Zone, Hyndburn and Ribble Valley CVS, Groundwork Blackburn, East Lancs Learning Partnership, Council for Ethnic Minority Voluntary Organisations, Trinity Partnership, Community Alliance, Signposts MARC, Burnley Telematics, Bootstrap, BME Pact, Blackburn with Darwen CVS, Age Concern - Lancashire, Adult College Lancaster, Wildlife Trust, North West E.Net, North & West Lancashire Learning Partnership, Prescap, Nguzo Saba Centre, Community Futures.
Project Lifespan 01-Aug-05 - 30-Jun-07

Geographic Coverage Countywide

ESF Recommended £1,198,135.00

Project Description This is a capacity building project that will promote wider access and participation in lifelong learning. The project brings together 30+ voluntary, community and faith sector infrastructure organisations, representing over 3000 groups, from across Lancashire to work in partnership with the three LEAs and two Learning Partnerships to create a consortium. This Consortium will provide clear channels of communication for the implementation of a quality improvement programme to improve the capacity of community based organisations which access and support disadvantaged groups currently not engaged in learning. Three hundred voluntary/community sector qualified trainers trained will be a key performance indicator of success.

3.1P - Promoting Lifelong Learning through Community based ICT Provision

Project Reference ESF/0506/413
Project Name e-Citizen

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Legal Status Local Authority
Partners Bootstrap, Blackburn College, BBC, Lancashire Council of Mosques, Individual mosques and Madressahs, Community & Neighbourhood Groups - Community Associations

Project Lifespan 01-Oct-05 - 30-Jun-07

Geographic Coverage B'burn with Darwen

ESF Recommended £100,000.00

Project Description A community-based ICT project that will pilot the new e-Citizen qualification (Entry Level 3) for learners with Skills for Life needs or without level 2 qualifications. A blended learning course with online resources based on the e-Citizen specification from ECDL will be developed. Seven people will be trained to deliver the course with 200 learners working towards the qualification (minimum 160 gaining it). The project will include the assessment of IT User skills needs, assessment of Skills for Life needs and will provide IAG to learners. It will be delivered through Blackburn with Darwen's Neighbourhood Learning Centres.

Project Reference ESF/0506/415
Project Name Focussing In

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Legal Status FE College
Partners Myerscough College, Skelmersdale and Ormskirk College, Blackpool & the Fylde College, Nelson & Colne College

Project Lifespan 01-Aug-05 - 30-Jun-07

Geographic Coverage B'burn with Darwen Blackpool Pendle West Lancashire Wyre
ESF Recommended £100,000.00
Project Description Working with local community organisations Nelson and Colne College, Skelmersdale College, Blackpool and the Fylde College and Myerscough College will both develop community capacity (especially in relation to supporting community access to IT) and deliver training to beneficiaries in the targeted wards. The provision will further develop the opportunities of residents within the targeted wards to actively participate in the e-gov and e-citizenship agendas.

Project Reference ESF/0506/418
Project Name Explore IT
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Legal Status Local Authority
Partners The Adult College Lancaster, Lancaster Probation Service, Poulton Neighbourhood Management

Project Lifespan 01-Aug-05 - 30-Jun-07

Geographic Coverage Lancaster
ESF Recommended £100,000.00
Project Description This project aims to help 200 individuals from Lancaster District, who lack a level 2 qualification or have skills for life needs, to gain knowledge, skills and qualifications that will enable them to participate in learning and access public or other internet based services and find work or more rewarding careers. The project will undertake initial assessment of client's abilities using computer based tools that will then be used to identify training needs and appropriate support. Clients will also have access to one to one support from a qualified guidance worker to assist them both on the course and on completion.

5.1E - Minority Ethnic Female ESOL Trainers

Project Reference ESF/0506/417
Project Name Key support with languages
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Legal Status FE College
Partners Skelmersdale College, Burnley College, Accrington & Rossendale College, Blackburn College, Preston College

Project Lifespan 01-Aug-05 - 30-Jun-07

Geographic Coverage Countywide

ESF Recommended £60,000.00

Project Description This project will recruit 30 individuals drawn from ethnic heritage communities, will offer a range of training opportunities to them including the Certificate in Adult Learning Support, ESOL and Skills for Life according to their interests needs and ambitions and the offer them support into/in employment or voluntary work. The programme will take advantage of other initiatives and opportunities through mainstream and project funding (eg. National Quality Initiative). The project will recruit individuals from anywhere in Lancashire who can then work in the areas and communities where there is most need for their support.