

**PROJECTS THAT ARE BEING INVITED TO CONTRACT  
OR BEING PLACED ON A RESERVE LIST**

**LSC LANCASHIRE ESF CO-FINANCE - TENDERING ROUND 4**

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 20 February 2006.

Following the launch of our Round 4 Prospectus on 6<sup>th</sup> January for ESF Co-finance monies, a total of 105 proposals seeking over £19 million 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
Tender specification not identified/ Project withdrawn	2	£550,687	£0
1.1B IAG for the unemployed and economically inactive	6	£1,228,416	£450,365
1.2D Vocational Sampling Programme for 16-18yr olds not in education, employment or training	3	£749,118	£300,000
2.1D Skills for Life for Offenders	3	£699,427	£300,000
2.1F Contextualised ESOL Training within Priority Sectors	7	£890,270	£232,463
2.1G Skills for Life Train the Trainer	2	£399,900	£200,000
2.1H Innovative Skills for Life Delivery	9	£1,637,341	£405,851
2.1J Capacity Building the Voluntary/Community Sector	4	£696,596	£200,000
2.2F Improving the Employability of the unemployed and economically inactive	10	£1,330,192	£200,000
2.2G Post e2e programme	3	£708,762	£292,991
2.2H Support for Young Offenders (14-19)	1	£199,560	£200,000
2.2J Improving the Employability of the unemployed and economically inactive to enter Public Sector Employment	5	£772,999	£200,000
2.2K Pre e2e programme	6	£982,882	£300,000
3.1Q Support for Older People (50+) to increase/diversify their skills	6	£806,433	£197,000
3.1R Learning for Disadvantaged Adults	13	£1,960,157	£500,000
3.2C Vocational Level 2 Programmes	9	£2,461,133	£552,108
4.1D Flexible Delivery of Skills for Life in the Workplace	3	£374,984	£150,000
4.2G Facilitated Training Needs Analysis and Brokerage Service	13	£2,864,135	£350,687
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>£19,312,991</b>	<b>£5,031,465</b>

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

1. Assessment panels comprising of 2 LSC staff and wherever possible, 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 fourth tendering round, LSC Lancashire will be contributing £5,415,510 of ESF funding to 28 projects throughout Lancashire. In addition, 3 projects are being placed on a reserve list and will be invited to enter into contracting discussions should funding become available before the closure of LSC Lancashire's current Co-finance Plan.

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.

## 1.1B – Information, Advice & Guidance

The following project is being invited to enter into contracting discussions:

<b>Project Reference</b>	ESF/0607/571
<b>Project Name</b>	Nextstep Plus
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	Nextstep Lancashire
<b>Contact</b>	Mr Geoffrey O'Donoghue 01772 457551 <a href="mailto:geoff@nextsteplancashire.co.uk">geoff@nextsteplancashire.co.uk</a>
<b>Legal Status</b>	Careers Service/ Connexions Partnership
<b>Partners</b>	IAG Providers, Jobcentre Plus, Probation Service, MBW Training Services, Blackburn with Darwen Access Point, Advance, Accrington & Rossendale College
<b>Project Lifespan</b>	1/7/2006 – 31/12/2007
<b>Geographic Coverage</b>	Countywide
<b>ESF Recommended</b>	£450,365
<b>Project Description</b>	The overall aim of this project is to increase participation in learning and work by providing access to a comprehensive package of specialist advice and guidance to adults aged 20 and over, residing in Lancashire. Priority will be given to working with those client groups who are not currently engaged in learning and the economically inactive who are most at risk of exclusion. The project will focus on identifying those who would most be helped putting in place better screening and assessment tools to enable them to identify and address personal attributes and skills deficits that prevent labour market entry and progression.

## 1.2D – Vocational Sampling Programme for 16-18 Years Not in Education, Employment & Training

The following project is being invited to enter into contracting discussions:

<b>Project Reference</b>	ESF/0607/505
<b>Project Name</b>	Smart Move
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	Training 2000 Ltd
<b>Contact</b>	Ms Lisa Bloomfield 01254 54659 <a href="mailto:lisa.bloomfield@t2000.co.uk">lisa.bloomfield@t2000.co.uk</a>
<b>Legal Status</b>	Workbased Learning Provider
<b>Partners</b>	Beneast Training, NLTG, Preston College Business Services, Connexions Lancashire Ltd
<b>Project Lifespan</b>	1/7/2006 – 31/12/2007
<b>Geographic Coverage</b>	Lancashire East, Blackpool, Chorley, Fylde, Lancaster, Preston
<b>ESF Recommended</b>	£404,207 (if all West Lancashire covered)
<b>Project Description</b>	The project will focus on unemployed 16-18 year olds who have been unsuccessful in their first choice in vocational education or training or who have not entered post 16 education or training. Specifically young people who have achieved sufficiently high grades on leaving school which would normally preclude them from participation in e2e. The group will be characterized by lack of focus and motivation and the project will offer intensive 1:1 advice and guidance, assessment, vocational tasters, work experience and support in

identifying and participating in vocational education and training that meets the individual's needs and aspirations.

## 2.1D – Skills for Life for Ex-offenders

No projects are being invited to enter into contracting discussions.

## 2.1F – Contextualised ESOL Training for Priority Sectors

The following projects are being invited to enter into contracting discussions:

<b>Project Reference</b>	ESF/0607/540
<b>Project Name</b>	No Barriers
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	Burnley Telematics and Teleworking Ltd
<b>Contact</b>	Mr Ejaz Hussain 01282 714133 Ejaz.hussain@burnleytelematics.com
<b>Legal Status</b>	Private Sector Employer
<b>Partners</b>	Burnley College, The Chai Centre, Lancs County Council East Lancs Adult Education, Access Point, LR Education and Training Ltd.
<b>Project Lifespan</b>	1/7/2006 – 31/12/2007
<b>Geographic Coverage</b>	Burnley, Hyndburn, Pendle, Rossendale
<b>ESF Recommended</b>	£115,229
<b>Project Description</b>	Targeting people whose first language is not English, No Barriers provides innovative training programmes focusing on the spoken and written language they need for inclusion as a worker in retail and social care and as a citizen. Our methodology for contextualized curriculum and delivery is firmly grounded in successful partnership development and testing of new approaches over two years in Daneshouse, with its 66% ethnic minority population. The project is a prudent expansion of our existing client base and reach, achievable within the limited time scale: 115 beneficiaries in East Lancashire, working in neighbourhood venues with comparably excluded communities.
<b>Project Reference</b>	ESF/0607/577
<b>Project Name</b>	Fluent
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	Lancashire Colleges Consortium
<b>Contact</b>	Mr Jon Piggott 01695 52232 <a href="mailto:jon@skelmersdale.ac.uk">jon@skelmersdale.ac.uk</a>
<b>Legal Status</b>	FE College
<b>Partners</b>	Member organisations of the Consortium
<b>Project Lifespan</b>	1/7/2006 – 31/12/2007
<b>Geographic Coverage</b>	Countywide
<b>ESF Recommended</b>	£217,234
<b>Project Description</b>	Through this project we will offer ESOL provision either in workplace or community locations to both members of Ethnic Heritage groups and to workers

who are from the 2005 EU accession countries. In the former case the ESOL training will be linked with the citizenship qualification and in the latter with language competency useful for everyday life and for employment. The project will be delivered in East, Central and West Lancashire.

The following project is being placed on a reserve list and will be invited to enter into contracting discussions should funding become available before the closure of LSC Lancashire's current Co-finance Plan:

<b>Project Reference</b>	ESF/0607/517
<b>Project Name</b>	ESOL for work and citizenship
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council
<b>Contact</b>	Ms Yvette Ashworth 01254 585615 yvette.ashworth@blackburn.gov.uk
<b>Legal Status</b>	Local Authority
<b>Partners</b>	Training 2000, St Mary's College, BwD Council Library Service, Campaign for Learning
<b>Project Lifespan</b>	1/7/2006 – 31/12/2007
<b>Geographic Coverage</b>	Blackburn with Darwen
<b>Project Description</b>	The project will deliver contextualized ESOL programmes to learners from ethnic minority groups. This will include ESOL for citizenship programmes. The courses will be accredited through the OCN and 110 learners will work towards a recognized qualification (minimum 76 achieving). The project will target unemployed, economically inactive and employed people across a range of sectors including construction, health and social care, leisure and tourism, textiles and retail and will work in partnership with St Mary's College and Training 2000. The project will be delivered through Blackburn with Darwen's Neighbourhood Learning Centres and other venues across the borough.

## 2.1G – Skills for Life Train the Trainer

No projects are being invited to enter into contracting discussions.

## 2.1H – Innovative Skills for Life Delivery

The following projects are being invited to enter into contracting discussions:

<b>Project Reference</b>	ESF/0607/501
<b>Project Name</b>	EMPLOY your SKILLS for LIFE - Burnley and East Lancs Consortium
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	Burnley Borough Council
<b>Contact</b>	Ms Helen Jackson 01282 839575 hjackson@burnley.gov.uk
<b>Legal Status</b>	Local Authority
<b>Partners</b>	Burnley Telematics, Burnley College, LR Education and Training Ltd, New Era Enterprises (Burnley) Ltd, Lancashire County Council East Lancs Adult Education, Nextstep, Right Price Training and Facilitation Ltd

**Project Lifespan** 1/7/2006 – 31/12/2007  
**Geographic Coverage** Burnley, Hyndburn, Pendle, Rossendale  
**ESF Recommended** £174,820  
**Project Description** Employ your Skills for Life takes innovative SfL approaches developed in 2004 and 2005 – which grounded learning in individual work aspirations and job market opportunities – and roots them fully in employment preparation and job search, whilst rolling out our experience of employment excluded community of Daneshouse and Stoneyholme to under-represented groups through Burnley and its surrounding boroughs. Burnley and East Lancs Consortium builds on the delivery partnership of that earlier to unite quality assurance and prize-winning guidance, accredited and established Skills for Life provision, training and employment support, to be delivered in community-bases to 140 beneficiaries.

**Project Reference** ESF/0607/504  
**Project Name** Right Choice  
**Lead Organisation** Training 2000 Ltd  
**Contact** Mrs Liz Fisher  
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liz@t2000.co.uk

**Legal Status** Workbased Learning Provider  
**Partners** Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council, St Mary's College, Jobcentre Plus

**Project Lifespan** 1/7/2006 – 31/12/2007  
**Geographic Coverage** Blackburn with Darwen  
**ESF Recommended** £206,046  
**Project Description** The project will focus on disadvantaged unemployed 18-65 year olds in Blackburn with Darwen Borough who have severe literacy and numeracy problems. The target group will be characterized by a lack of motivation and direction and the project will offer intensive 1:1 advice and guidance. Beneficiaries will engage in innovative literacy and numeracy delivery leading to Nationally recognised qualifications. Provision will be available in a number of locations using a range of delivery methods to ensure that individuals' needs and aspirations are met. Vocational tasters will be offered to encourage motivation and give direction for progression into work.

**Project Reference** ESF/0607/541  
**Project Name** Horticulture and Basic Skills for the Disabled in Burnley  
**Lead Organisation** Fresh Fields Enterprises Ltd  
**Contact** Ms Gail Harvey-Clapham  
01282 832820  
Gailh\_clapham@yahoo.co.uk

**Legal Status** Charitable Trust

**Partners** -

**Project Lifespan** 1/7/2006 – 31/12/2007

**Geographic Coverage** Burnley

**ESF Recommended** £69,095

**Project Description** Through this project we will work with a number of disadvantaged individuals to

equip them with Basic Skills and vocational skills which will lead them to employment/ self employment and possible involvement in a workers' co-operative which we will be developing during the lifetime of this project.

## 2.1J – Capacity Building for Voluntary/Community Sector

The following projects are being invited to enter into contracting discussions:

<b>Project Reference</b>	ESF/0607/555
<b>Project Name</b>	Building Skills for Life Capacity in the Voluntary and Community Sector
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	Lancashire Adult Learning – South Zone
<b>Contact</b>	Ms Monica Woodroffe 01257 516315 Monica.woodroffe@ed.lancscc.gov.uk
<b>Legal Status</b>	LEA
<b>Partners</b>	Lancashire Learning Consortium, Galloways Blind Society
<b>Project Lifespan</b>	1/7/2006 – 31/12/2007
<b>Geographic Coverage</b>	Countywide
<b>ESF Recommended</b>	£199,554
<b>Project Description</b>	This project will aim to improve the employability and career/promotional prospects by developing the capacity for members of the Voluntary, Community and Faith sector to support, and deliver Skills for Life provision within their communities. Working with the Lancashire Learning Consortium and other members of the VCFS, the project will identify, through the consortium or by referral, 100 beneficiaries who will follow courses leading to Skills for Life qualifications, or other complementary training opportunities. This will be particularly beneficial for disadvantaged groups, as it will promote and support wider Skills for Life community based learning.
<b>Project Reference</b>	ESF/0607/584
<b>Project Name</b>	Building Capacity Widening Participation in Skills for Life Delivery
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	Preston College
<b>Contact</b>	Ms Anne Marie Major 01772 225534 Ammajor@preston.ac.uk
<b>Legal Status</b>	FE College
<b>Partners</b>	Funding Finders, MBW, Learn Direct Centres/ UK online centres, North East Bburn Neighbourhood Renewal Manager, Partnership Team Ltd, VCS Groups
<b>Project Lifespan</b>	1/7/2006 – 31/12/2007
<b>Geographic Coverage</b>	Countywide
<b>ESF Recommended</b>	£200,000
<b>Project Description</b>	This Capacity Building project will deliver a variety of bespoke flexible, innovative programmes to 100+ trainers through a well established partnership who have been delivering capacity building to the VCS through LSC ESF co-finance funds for the past 4 years. We will provider Trainer Training to the Voluntary and Community Sector in order for them to promote and deliver Skills for Life in their communities, directed at those disadvantaged, excluded or under represented in the workplace. We will support the VCS trainers to embed Skills

for Life activities within their current provision thereby encouraging participation and achievement.

## 2.2F – Improving the Employability of the Unemployed and Economically Inactive

The following projects are being invited to enter into contracting discussions:

<b>Project Reference</b>	ESF/0607/530
<b>Project Name</b>	Earning a Future
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	East Lancashire into Employment
<b>Contact</b>	Ms Brenda Kean 01282 456186 info@east-lanacs-into-employment.co.uk
<b>Legal Status</b>	Voluntary/ Community Organisation
<b>Partners</b>	Burnley Telematics, New Era Enterprises
<b>Project Lifespan</b>	1/7/2006 – 31/12/2007
<b>Geographic Coverage</b>	Burnley, Hyndburn, Pendle, Ribble Valley, Rossendale
<b>ESF Recommended</b>	£30,000
<b>Project Description</b>	ELE's project 'Earning a Future' provides training and support for disabled/disadvantaged people across East Lancashire. Target groups – disabled; over 50s; ethnic minorities; ESOL; lone parents; carers – to train them in the skills necessary to enter or re-enter employment or to start-up in self-employment. Training will be delivered in an appropriate, supportive environment. Beneficiaries starting in self-employment will be trained in preparation of a viable business plan and those entering employment will be taught employability skills, including job-search techniques. ICT training will be offered by ELE and by partners Burnley Telematics and New Era Enterprises would deliver progression into employment.
<b>Project Reference</b>	ESF/0607/570
<b>Project Name</b>	The Coaching Academy
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	Inspire to Independence Ltd
<b>Contact</b>	Mr James Gore 01904 561521 James.gore@i2i-ltd.co.uk
<b>Legal Status</b>	Private Training Provider
<b>Partners</b>	Blackburn Rovers FC, i2i Venture Out
<b>Project Lifespan</b>	1/7/2006 – 31/12/2007
<b>Geographic Coverage</b>	Blackburn with Darwen
<b>ESF Recommended</b>	£170,000
<b>Project Description</b>	"The Coaching Academy" is based at Blackburn Rovers Football Club. The Academy is a professional, flexible program of activity based learning work tasters and individual mentoring. The Coaching Academy assists unemployed individuals from Ethnic Minority Groups and those for whom English is a Second Language. The Coaching Academy will remove the damaging barriers of low confidence, apathy and poor workplace attitudes and behaviours and progresses individuals into sustainable employment. The key objective: To provide one-to-one support needed to ensure a smooth transition into

sustainable employment.

The following project is being placed on a reserve list and will be invited to enter into contracting discussions should funding become available before the closure of LSC Lancashire's current Co-finance Plan:

<b>Project Reference</b>	ESF/0607/560
<b>Project Name</b>	Inclusive Employment
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	East Lancashire Deaf Society
<b>Contact</b>	Ms Celia Hulme 01254 844550 <a href="mailto:celiah@elds.org.uk">celiah@elds.org.uk</a>
<b>Legal Status</b>	Voluntary/ Community Organisation
<b>Partners</b>	-
<b>Project Lifespan</b>	1/7/2006 – 31/12/2007
<b>Geographic Coverage</b>	East Lancashire
<b>Project Description</b>	Inclusive Employment aims to improve the employability of unemployed and economically inactive Deaf people who are often excluded and disadvantaged in the labour market. The project will be two-fold, it will offer employers advice and guidance on how to be receptive to a potential Deaf employee and the other would be Deaf people themselves where we will be offering intensive training on how to be competitive in the labour market.

## 2.2G – Post e2e Programme

The following project is being invited to enter into contracting discussions:

<b>Project Reference</b>	ESF/0607/506
<b>Project Name</b>	Smart Step
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	Training 2000 Ltd
<b>Contact</b>	Ms Lisa Bloomfield 01254 54659 <a href="mailto:lisa.bloomfield@t2000.co.uk">lisa.bloomfield@t2000.co.uk</a>
<b>Legal Status</b>	Workbased Learning Provider
<b>Partners</b>	Beneast Training, Preston College, NLTG, Connexions
<b>Project Lifespan</b>	1/7/2006 – 31/12/2007
<b>Geographic Coverage</b>	Lancashire East, Blackpool, Chorley, Fylde, Lancaster, Preston
<b>ESF Recommended</b>	£347,187
<b>Project Description</b>	The project will support 167 unemployed e2e completers aged 16-19 to remove the barriers that prevent them entering the labour market through providing intensive, 1:1 IAG and opportunities to undertake training in order to meet WBL provider requirements, to help secure Apprenticeships, work or further study. The training will include elements of relevant frameworks including NVQs and Key Skills and prepare for Technical Certification and will match beneficiaries to local company's and offer incentives to engage employers in providing employment. IAG will aim to redirect Beneficiaries to re-align their career planning aspirations with local identified labour market needs.

## 2.2H – Support for Young Offenders

The following project is being invited to enter into contracting discussions:

<b>Project Reference</b>	ESF/0607/522
<b>Project Name</b>	Supporting Young Offenders
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	Lancaster and Morecambe College
<b>Contact</b>	Mr John Perry 01524 521216 j.perry@lmc.ac.uk
<b>Legal Status</b>	FE College
<b>Partners</b>	Connexions Lancashire, Lancashire Youth Offending Team, Myerscough College, Ben East Vocational Training Centre, Wheels within Wheels, TRAX Academy
<b>Project Lifespan</b>	1/7/2006 – 31/12/2007
<b>Geographic Coverage</b>	Countywide
<b>ESF Recommended</b>	£199,560
<b>Project Description</b>	This project will assist young offenders to access mainstream education and learning opportunities by providing additional support through Learning Mentors and individually-tailored programmes to prepare the young person for transition into post-16 education and training. In addition it will support the smooth movement from custody to community and engage disengaged young people so that by the end of an Order they are participating in suitable full-time education, training or employment. This will have a long-term impact by reducing the number of re-offenders.

## 2.2J – Improving the Employability of Unemployed and Economically Inactive to enter Public Sector Employment

The following project is being invited to enter into contracting discussions:

<b>Project Reference</b>	ESF/0607/520
<b>Project Name</b>	Bridging the Gap
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	Alcohol and Drug Services
<b>Contact</b>	Mr Bill Paterson 0161 834 9777 Bill.paterson@alcoholanddrugservices.org.uk
<b>Legal Status</b>	Voluntary/ Community Organisation
<b>Partners</b>	-
<b>Project Lifespan</b>	1/7/2006 – 31/12/2007
<b>Geographic Coverage</b>	Blackpool, Preston
<b>ESF Recommended</b>	£199,244
<b>Project Description</b>	This project aims to improve the employability of 133 unemployed individuals with substance misuse, alcohol and drug problems and at risk of social exclusion who live in Blackpool and Preston. The project will deliver four x 20-week learning programmes, to approximately 35 students each programme, which will enable the learners to develop the skills required to gain employment within the public sector substance misuse field. In addition to the training in the

area of substance misuse learners will be assessed and, if needed, offered basic skills, confidence building and assertiveness training. Basic ICT raining forms part of the core programme.

## 2.2K – Pre e2e Programme

The following project is being invited to enter into contracting discussions:

<b>Project Reference</b>	ESF/0607/507
<b>Project Name</b>	Smart Links
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	Training 2000 Ltd
<b>Contact</b>	Ms Lisa Bloomfield 01254 54659 lisa.bloomfield@t2000.co.uk
<b>Legal Status</b>	Workbased Learning Provider
<b>Partners</b>	Beneast Training, NLTG, Preston College Business Services, Education and Youth Services, Connexions Lancashire Ltd
<b>Project Lifespan</b>	1/7/2006 – 31/12/2007
<b>Geographic Coverage</b>	East Lancashire, Blackpool, Chorley, Fylde, Lancaster, Preston, South Ribble, Wyre
<b>ESF Recommended</b>	£300,000
<b>Project Description</b>	The Smart Links project will focus on 16-18 year old young people who are not in employment, education or training. The group will be characterised by a lack of focus and motivation and the project will offer intensive 1L1 advice and guidance, action planning, vocational tasters / work experience and support in identifying and participating in education and training that meets the individual's needs and aspirations. Beneficiaries will participate in a personal development programme of group provision and activities aimed at improving occupational focus, self esteem, confidence, health, coping skills, motivation and employability skills in preparation for progression.

## 3.1Q – Support for Older People (50+) to Increase/ Diversify their Skills

The following projects are being invited to enter into contracting discussions:

<b>Project Reference</b>	ESF/0607/544
<b>Project Name</b>	A New Era for 50+
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	New Era Enterprises (E. Lancs) Ltd
<b>Contact</b>	Ms Tess McMahan 01282 450536 tess@newera-burnley.co.uk
<b>Legal Status</b>	Voluntary/ Community Organisation
<b>Partners</b>	LR Education and Training Services Ltd
<b>Project Lifespan</b>	1/7/2006 – 31/12/2007
<b>Geographic Coverage</b>	Burnley, Hyndburn, Pendle, Rossendale
<b>ESF Recommended</b>	£75,000

<b>Project Description</b>	This project will engage with people aged 50-65, employed, unemployed and economically inactive, particularly those at risk of redundancy, in Burnley, Pendle, Rossendale and Hyndburn, to assist participants in gaining qualifications at a level suitable to each person, so they are better equipped to move into employment or further study. There will be a focus on those who work or wish to work in health and social care or retail, and qualifications offered will be appropriate to those sectors, and also improving confidence and employability.
<b>Project Reference</b>	ESF/0607/548
<b>Project Name</b>	Focus at 50
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	SYSCO Training LLP
<b>Contact</b>	Mr Ian Smith 0151 547 7660 ian.smith@sysco.uk.com
<b>Legal Status</b>	Private Training Provider
<b>Partners</b>	CENTRA Education and Training Ltd
<b>Project Lifespan</b>	1/7/2006 – 31/12/2007
<b>Geographic Coverage</b>	Blackpool, Chorley, Fylde, Preston, South Ribble
<b>ESF Recommended</b>	£180,000
<b>Project Description</b>	Delivery will take place at a time, pace and location that is convenient to, and responds to the individual. It is our intention to undertake the majority of project activity within an employer's premises to avoid disruption to our clients. Where it is appropriate to conduct group activities we shall either hire convenient, local locations or use the premises of our strategic partner CENTRA Education and Training Ltd, who have a hub office in Duxbury Park, Chorley and satellite centres across the county including a Learning and conference centre – North Preston.

### 3.1R – Learning for Disadvantaged Adults

The following projects are being invited to enter into contracting discussions:

<b>Project Reference</b>	ESF/0607/536
<b>Project Name</b>	Barnardo's Blackpool Project
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	Barnardo's
<b>Contact</b>	Ms Kate Smith 01253 626480 Kate.smith@barnardos.org.uk
<b>Legal Status</b>	Voluntary/ Community Organisation
<b>Partners</b>	-
<b>Project Lifespan</b>	1/7/2006 – 31/12/2007
<b>Geographic Coverage</b>	Blackpool
<b>ESF Recommended</b>	£100,000
<b>Project Description</b>	The project will work with parents to co-ordinate informal opportunities for learning, ie taster sessions, short courses, and support individual people in identifying, accessing and sustaining training, learning and employment opportunities. This will be achieved by employing members of staff to work

alongside existing parenting staff. The staff would develop knowledge of and relationships with local training and community learning providers. The project will also support volunteers, who are actively volunteering at the project, to initially undertake the ASDAN accredited qualification in volunteering, with a view to moving them on into further education, training and employment. Target Number: 130.

<b>Project Reference</b>	ESF/0607/543
<b>Project Name</b>	A New Era for You
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	New Era Enterprises (E Lancs) Ltd
<b>Contact</b>	Ms Tess McMahon 01282 450536 tess@newera-burnley.co.uk
<b>Legal Status</b>	Voluntary/ Community Organisation
<b>Partners</b>	LR Education and Training Services Ltd
<b>Project Lifespan</b>	1/7/2006 – 31/12/2007
<b>Geographic Coverage</b>	Burnley, Hyndburn, Pendle, Rossendale
<b>ESF Recommended</b>	£125,000
<b>Project Description</b>	This project will draw people in innovative ways into working towards qualifications. It will offer a programme of learning support in gaining a qualification at a level suitable to each participant, so they are better equipped to move into employment or further study. The qualifications offered through the project – entry level, 1, 2 and 3 – will be selected and delivered in ways that maximise student retention through enjoyment and confidence gained through achievement. 130 beneficiaries will include people who lack basic or key skills at level 2 or below, single parents and parents with dependent children, and non-learners.
<b>Project Reference</b>	ESF/0607/553
<b>Project Name</b>	Natural Progression
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	Lords House Farm
<b>Contact</b>	Ms Mary Walker 01254 877400 <a href="mailto:Mary.walker@lordshousefarm.co.uk">Mary.walker@lordshousefarm.co.uk</a>
<b>Legal Status</b>	Voluntary/ Community Organisation
<b>Partners</b>	-
<b>Project Lifespan</b>	1/7/2006 – 31/12/2007
<b>Geographic Coverage</b>	Countywide
<b>ESF Recommended</b>	£76,978
<b>Project Description</b>	A flexible structured approach to the provision of a diverse range of commercially desirable practical skills linked to social enterprise and employability for a range of disabled, socially disadvantaged or unskilled adults, that have been out of learning for some time. Interlinked courses in animal care, horticulture & conversation, catering & hospitality and retail sales will be supported by accredited and non-accredited training leading to structured work experience in commercial placements, supervised by support staff. Employment opportunities or further (higher-level) vocational training will be facilitated as a result of this unique provision.

**Project Reference** ESF/0607/554

**Project Name** Access to Learning for Disadvantaged Adults

**Lead Organisation** Lancashire Adult Learning

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**Legal Status** LEA

**Partners** Youth and Community Service, Lancaster & Morecambe, Sure Start Tanhouse and Digmoor, St Chad's Parish Church and Church Hall, Sure Start South West Burnley, Chorley and South Ribble Mind, CVS Centre, LCC - Social Services, Chorley CVS, Preston Community Network, Homestart

**Project Lifespan** 1/7/2006 – 31/12/2007

**Geographic Coverage** Countywide

**ESF Recommended** £313,604

**Project Description** The project will aim to provide disadvantaged adults with the opportunity to gain key skills, work towards their learning goals and aspirations, and build up their own confidence and levels of self esteem. It will seek to engage adults who may have very low self esteem and had little or no opportunity to further their own skills. Working with voluntary, statutory and community organisations, potential learners will be provided with highly supportive learning opportunities that are appropriate and relevant to their learning goals. The Project will support 300 beneficiaries in total.

**Project Reference** ESF/0607/594

**Project Name** Colne Open Door Centre - Training Facility Development

**Lead Organisation** Colne Open Door Centre

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**Legal Status** Charitable Trust

**Partners** Nelson and Colne College, Pendle Community Network, Connexions, Waterbridge Sure Start, Colne Neighbourhood Management, Colne Connected Business sub-group, Waterside Community Network, Safe Space

**Project Lifespan** 1/7/2006 – 31/12/2007

**Geographic Coverage** Pendle

**ESF Recommended** £50,174

**Project Description** This project aims to promote wider access to learning and participation in lifelong learning for those groups least likely to take part. Delivering taster sessions, learner assessments and qualifications eg basic skills, E-citizen etc, removing barriers to information, advice and guidance, in deprived areas. Delivery will be in the centre's new training room, based in Waterside a deprived ward in Pendle, developing confidence skills, achieve soft outcomes and employability skills, beginning the progression route to an employable person. Partnership will be with Nelson & Colne College who will deliver the required qualifications.

**Project Reference** ESF/0607/605

**Project Name** Widening Access to Lifelong Learning

**Lead Organisation** Preston College

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<b>Legal Status</b>	FE College
<b>Partners</b>	Funding Finders, Partnership Team Ltd, Learn Direct Centres, MBW Training, SW Burnley Community Association, NE Blackburn Neighbourhood Management, Blackpool Borough Council, Connexions, VCS Groups
<b>Project Lifespan</b>	1/7/2006 – 31/12/2007
<b>Geographic Coverage</b>	Countywide
<b>ESF Recommended</b>	£175,000
<b>Project Description</b>	The well established partnership will be assisting 30+ VCS groups in order to enable them to deliver lifelong learning and basic skills programmes to over 250 of the target groups outlined in the tender spec for 3.1R. The VCS groups will be delivering family and community learning, developing the target groups to manage their own learning using DfES progress files, and be providing outreach and one to one services for which they have difficulty currently accessing funding.

### 3.2C – Vocational Level 2 Programme

The following project is being invited to enter into contracting discussions:

<b>Project Reference</b>	ESF/0607/503
<b>Project Name</b>	Re-Skilling the Workforce
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	Business Link Lancashire Ltd
<b>Contact</b>	Ms Caroline Cowburn 07753 984536 ccowburn@bllancs.co.uk
<b>Legal Status</b>	SBS
<b>Partners</b>	Runshaw College, Training West Lancashire, Lancaster & Morecambe College, Myerscough College, Preston College, NLTG, Training 2000
<b>Project Lifespan</b>	1/7/2006 – 31/12/2007
<b>Geographic Coverage</b>	Countywide
<b>ESF Recommended</b>	£552,108
<b>Project Description</b>	This project will support 200 employers by equipping their workforce with vocational skills at level 2 with particular emphasis on the following occupational areas: care, construction, IT and manufacturing. It will provide support to those in employment who already have an NVQ level 2 (or equivalent) qualification that may be out of date or not relevant to their current employment. 552 individual beneficiaries will be assisted to work towards a vocational qualification at level 2, including 232 females.

The following project is being placed on a reserve list and will be invited to enter into contracting discussions should funding become available before the closure of LSC Lancashire's current Co-finance Plan:

<b>Project Reference</b>	ESF/0607/597
<b>Project Name</b>	Filling a Gap
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	Lancashire Colleges Consortium

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<b>Legal Status</b>	FE College
<b>Partners</b>	Member organisations of the Consortium
<b>Project Lifespan</b>	1/7/2006 – 31/12/2007
<b>Geographic Coverage</b>	Countywide
<b>Project Description</b>	We will provide the opportunity across Lancashire for individuals with qualifications no longer current or irrelevant in their current employment to update their qualifications so that they are appropriate to the sector in which they are currently employed. We will focus particularly on those areas of Construction, Care and IT and through the Centres of Vocational excellence link with the relevant Sector Skills Council

#### 4.1D – Flexible Delivery of Skills for Life in the Workplace

The following projects are being invited to enter into contracting discussions:

<b>Project Reference</b>	ESF/0607/515
<b>Project Name</b>	Skills for Life in the Workplace
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	Lifelong Learning Services: BwD Borough Council
<b>Contact</b>	Ms Yvette Ashworth 01254 585851 <a href="mailto:Yvette.ashworth@blackburn.gov.uk">Yvette.ashworth@blackburn.gov.uk</a>
<b>Legal Status</b>	Local Authority
<b>Partners</b>	Exam on Demand, BwD Economic Regeneration Team, Campaign for Learning, Blackburn Council for Voluntary Services
<b>Project Lifespan</b>	1/7/2006 – 31/12/2007
<b>Geographic Coverage</b>	Blackburn with Darwen
<b>ESF Recommended</b>	£75,000
<b>Project Description</b>	The project will establish a team of peripatetic Skills for Life (SfL) tutors and assessors delivering to FENTO quality standards, who will be able to deliver flexibly in the workplace at the most appropriate times for beneficiaries. It will build on the existing ESF project by delivering the activities to beneficiaries outside of the normal working day including evenings and weekends. Delivery will be either in the workplace or at a venue convenient for the beneficiaries. Initial screening and final assessment will use ICT using a bank of laptops. SfL tutoring will be tailored to the beneficiary's individual needs.
<b>Project Reference</b>	ESF/0607/595
<b>Project Name</b>	Skilling Up
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	Lancashire Colleges Consortium
<b>Contact</b>	Mr Jon Piggott 01695 52232 <a href="mailto:jon@skelmersdale.ac.uk">jon@skelmersdale.ac.uk</a>
<b>Legal Status</b>	FE College

<b>Partners</b>	Member organisations of the Consortium
<b>Project Lifespan</b>	1/7/2006 – 31/12/2007
<b>Geographic Coverage</b>	Countywide
<b>ESF Recommended</b>	£150,000
<b>Project Description</b>	This project will support companies and their employees by working with the companies to establish their training needs. When this has been done, companies will be informed about Train to Gain / Train to Gain brokerage and support directly where workers needs for improvements in their Skills for Life achievements. Delivery will be through on-site training for staff at a time that takes into account shift patterns thus minimizing time away from production activities. The training provided to the workforce will be at a level appropriate to their previous achievement.

#### 4.2G – Facilitated Training Needs Analysis and Brokerage Service

The following projects are being invited to enter into contracting discussions:

<b>Project Reference</b>	ESF/0607/528
<b>Project Name</b>	Training Plans for Construction SMEs
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	CITB – ConstructionSkills
<b>Contact</b>	Ms Gwen Caddick 01744 616004 <a href="mailto:Gwen.caddick@citb.co.uk">Gwen.caddick@citb.co.uk</a>
<b>Legal Status</b>	Charitable Trust
<b>Partners</b>	ELEVATE and Constructing the Future
<b>Project Lifespan</b>	1/7/2006 – 31/12/2007
<b>Geographic Coverage</b>	Countywide
<b>ESF Recommended</b>	£87,293
<b>Project Description</b>	The project will allow for Lancashire’s SMEs to respond to the Construction Sector’s target to improve business performance each year and to have a fully qualified workforce by 2010. The process of change will be achieved through a partnership approach with business improvement agencies. The project will focus on implementing a co-ordinated and consistent approach to SMEs so that they can work with facilitators to improve upon their experience and skills and those of their employees, to undertake a facilitated Training Needs Analysis and receive a training plan which identifies Skills for Life, NVQ and Management and Leadership training requirements.
<b>Project Reference</b>	ESF/0607/598
<b>Project Name</b>	The Needs of Business
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	Lancashire Colleges Consortium
<b>Contact</b>	Mr Jon Piggott 01695 52232 <a href="mailto:jon@skelmersdale.ac.uk">jon@skelmersdale.ac.uk</a>
<b>Legal Status</b>	FE College
<b>Partners</b>	Member organisations of the Consortium, North and West Lancashire Chamber of Commerce, TUC Learning Services

<b>Project Lifespan</b>	1/7/2006 – 31/12/2007
<b>Geographic Coverage</b>	Countywide
<b>ESF Recommended</b>	£263,394
<b>Project Description</b>	<p>This project will help businesses to grow by showing how skills development can be linked with achieving business objectives. Delivery Partners will work with the Chamber of Commerce to offer a Business Needs Analysis for 240 SMEs across Lancashire. A whole company BNA will be undertaken with specialist follow up in areas of Management and Skills for Life if required. Companies will be supported in developing a training plan from the BNA and the outcomes of this will be referred to the Train to Gain Brokerage Service.</p>