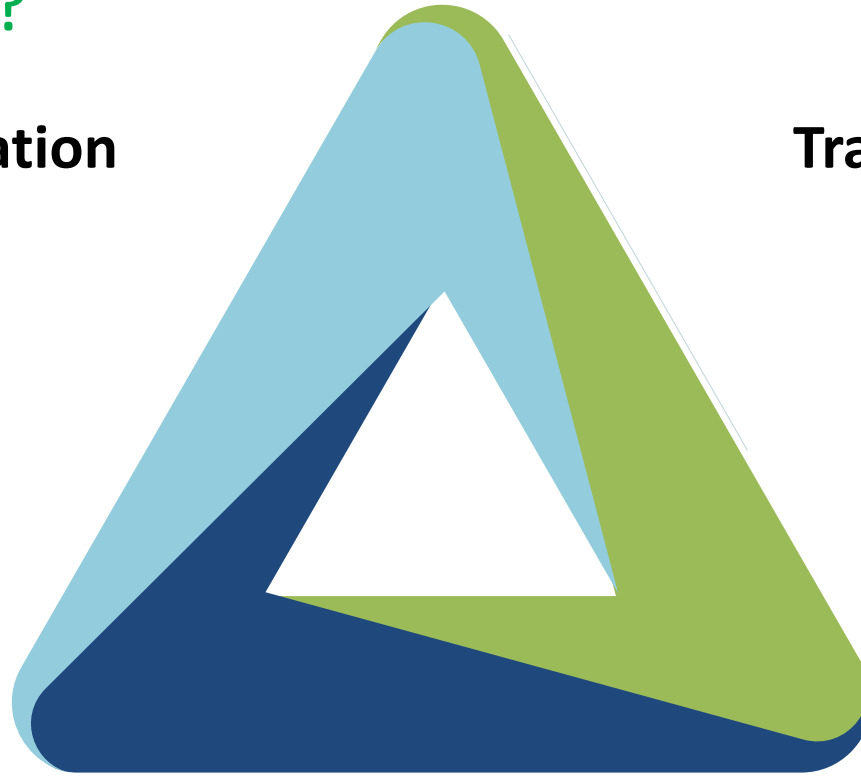


What is ESFA Community Training Grants Programme?

Education

Training



Employment



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What can you apply for?

Funding available

- Grants between **£5k and £20k** available per project
- Max £1282.42 per participant for Dorset

Participants

- Work with those who are:
- **Economically inactive** (priority) or **unemployed**
 - 16 years or older
 - Are eligible to work in the UK

Where

Projects taking place in one of the following LEP/LEAP areas:

London North & East
Thames Valley Berkshire
Dorset – Dorset and Bournemouth, Poole and Christchurch Councils

Your organisation

Third Sector Organisations and Small Organisations are eligible to apply.

What

Provide activities that will bring them closer to the labour market (into education or employment)

Additional aims

Ensuring funding is accessed by grassroots and smaller organisations whose size or activities might mean they may not access mainstream ESF monies.



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Priority groups

**Those over 50 years of age;
with disabilities;
Ethnic Minorities; and
women.**

Dorset

Those in rural areas and within isolated pockets in urban areas who face barriers to accessing the labour market. Especially young people in rural area.

Thames Valley Berkshire

Residents in areas of multiple deprivation and people in particular communities of interest (rather than geographically focused), who share common barriers to economic and social inclusion.

London North and East

Parents/mothers, carers, BAME groups, migrants and refugees, homeless, ex-offenders.



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Project examples

- **First contact engagement activities**, e.g. activities that benefit Participants who are not normally in contact with official organisations.
- **Projects to improve confidence, motivation and social integration** such as sport, gardening, music, art and other creative activities.
- **Developing local networks and groups to support people to get a job or access learning** e.g. Job Clubs or Learning Champion type activity.
- **Softer skills development** e.g. assertiveness, anger management and motivation.
- Innovative approaches to **attract under-represented Participant groups** into learning.



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Live project examples

Child Workforce Taster Courses £20,000, 12 months.

Providing training and routes into childcare roles, particularly for lone parents.

Includes recruitment, English and maths and accreditations.

Crumbs Professional Training Programme £16,000, 12 months

In Dorset, Crumbs Professional Training Programme works with adults with disabilities to develop skills in hospitality.

Offers practical training opportunities to build experience.

Hear Me Out £20,000, 12 months.

Assisting those who are deaf or hard of hearing into employment, including assistance with phone calls, BSL translation, ensuring proper arrangements made in role and funding accessed where necessary.



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Upcoming dates

The next application deadline is **18 January 2021**. If you submit your application a week before we can provide comments on any key omissions before final submission.

To learn more about the programme and how to apply, application workshops will be held online on 8th and 16th December. Book your space [here: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/esfa-application-workshop-via-zoom-tickets-119114573897](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/esfa-application-workshop-via-zoom-tickets-119114573897)

For additional information on how to apply visit [Groundwork's website \(https://www.groundwork.org.uk/esfa-grants-dorset/\)](https://www.groundwork.org.uk/esfa-grants-dorset/) or contact Groundwork, at communitytraininggrants@groundwork.org.uk.



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