**Apply for apprenticeship levy transfer funding**

**We will review levy transfer funding applications in July for 8 weeks, commencing 6th July 2020.**

East Sussex County Council can support employers in East Sussex to take on new apprentices and develop the skills of existing employees. We do this by transferring apprenticeship levy funds that we’re not using.

**We will be accepting applications from Monday 6th July – Friday 25th August.**

Please note, due to delays caused by the Covid-19 crisis, this will be the only time that we will be accepting new applicants for this year.

**Who can apply for funding:**

To apply for levy transfer funds you must be one of the following:

* Business or organisation in East Sussex
* Voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) in East Sussex
* East Sussex school that doesn't pay into the council's apprenticeship levy

You must also:

* Be registered on the apprenticeship service - contact us for help to register
* Meet the requirements in the apprenticeship funding rules on GOV.UK

**Strategic priority aims**

Priority will be given if the entrant is one of the following:

* New entrant to apprenticeships / entering employment
* A young person aged between aged 18-25
* A care leaver

To gain maximum benefit from the funds, we will also prioritise applications using the 6 key priority sectors identified in East Sussex:

• Health and Social Care

• Construction

• Engineering

• Creative and Digital

• Visitor Economy / Hospitality

• Land-based (e.g. agriculture, horticulture, viticulture)

**Apply for levy transfer funds**

You can apply for levy transfer funding before recruiting your apprentice. We will not transfer the funds until you know who your apprentice will be.

The training provider also needs to confirm they’ll accept the apprentice before we transfer the funds.

We'll contact you within two weeks of the deadline to let you know the outcome of your application.

If there are not enough funds to cover all the applications that meet the selection criteria, we'll decide who's the best fit. We'll base this on the strategic priority aims and how much the applicant is asking for.

If you have any questions, send an email to Apprenticeships@eastsussex.gov.uk

**What you'll need to apply**

To apply, you'll need:

the name, level and duration of the apprenticeship course

the cost of training and assessing your apprentice

details of the training provider

details of which strategic priority aims the apprenticeship will meet

Please fill out the application form and send to Apprenticeships@eastsussex.gov.uk