***Coast to Capital (C2C) ESF Community Grants***

***London Learning Consortium***

London Learning Consortium is a Community Interest Company that works for the benefit of communities and businesses across London and the Southeast. We deliver skills and education programmes ourselves and in partnership with Voluntary and Community Sector learning providers and other learning and skills delivery organisations. We provide a range of services to our partners and funders within the learning and skills sector. Our work focuses on where the need is and how best to ensure impact.

***Education and Skills Funding Agency***

The ESFA has contracted with LLC to act as a managing agent and to make ESF Community Grants available in the form of small grants (up to £20,000), to third sector and other small organisations for the purpose of mobilising disadvantaged or excluded unemployed and inactive people to enable their progress towards employment.

***ESF (European Social Fund) Funded***

The ESF Community Grants are funded by the European Social Funds.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/european-social-fund-eligibility-documents/esf-national-eligibility-rules-and-programme-guidance>

***ELIGIBITLITY***

***Grant Recipient Eligibility***

To be successful in applying for a Community Grant, Applicants must be a Third Sector Organisation (any size which operates within the Third Sector) or Small Organisation (Employ fewer than 49 full time equivalent staff and have an annual turnover or balance sheet equal to or below EUR 10 million).​

**Applicants must be able to provide their last year’s Financial Return.**

Organisations that access grants need to be well placed to reach excluded individuals facing barriers, which hinder their access to mainstream provision Grants. You will:

* engage with marginalised individuals and support them to re-engage with education, training, or employment.
* support a range of activities aimed at assisting the disadvantaged or excluded to move closer to the labour market by improving their access to mainstream ESF and domestic employment and skills provision; and
* provide support to the hardest to reach communities and individuals, especially those from deprived communities, to access employment or further learning and training.



***Target Groups***

**Participants targeted must be 16 +, Not in Receipt of any type of Income and Not in any type of Training our Courses:**

* Participants over 50 years of age
* Participants with Mental Health, Disabilities and/or Learning Difficulties (LLDD)
* Homeless people
* ex- offenders
* LGBTQ+
* Participants from an ethnic minority (BAME)
* Participants who are Women
* Parents/mothers
* Carers
* Migrants and refugees
* Groups with low labour market participation

***Delivery Area***

**The C2C participants must also be from the following Local Authorities listed below:**

* Arun (West Sussex)
* Adur (West Sussex)
* Brighton and Hove (Brighton and Hove Unitary Authority)
* Chichester (West Sussex)
* Crawley (West Sussex)
* Epsom and Ewell (Surrey)
* Horsham (West Sussex)
* Mid Sussex (West Sussex)
* Mole Valley (Surrey)
* Reigate and Banstead (Surrey)
* Tandridge (Surrey)
* Worthing (West Sussex)

We now have a limited amount to allocate and **envisage to organise three more C2C panels (28th January 2022, 4th March 2022, 8th April 2022**).

We aim and hope to allocate the rest of the Grants available to organisations that deliver projects within **Epsom and Ewell (Surrey), Mole Valley (Surrey), Reigate and Banstead (Surrey) and Tandridge (Surrey),** and who target ideally, but not exclusively, **BAME, 50+, No Basic Skills and who are Economically Inactive.**

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