

Futures

Grants Available for Community Groups to Support Locals into Jobs and Training



[Futures](#) have been selected by the Skills Funding Agency (SFA) to administer the Community Grants Fund across the D2N2 area and the Leicestershire Local Enterprise Partnership area.

Jointly funded by the SFA and the European Social Fund, Community Grants give small voluntary and community organisations with a turnover of less than £300,000 an opportunity to access funds to deliver projects that help engage and progress 'hard to reach' individuals towards the labour market. The grants will support participants' progression so that they are confident in their ability to move into employment.

Grants of between £5,000 and £20,000 are available for projects or initiatives that help people take steps towards a future career and reduce unemployment and inactivity, including:

- initial help with basic skills
- taster work experience including voluntary work
- training, advice and counselling
- confidence building
- job search assistance and other help necessary to secure employment
- first contact engagement activities

“The reality is that many unemployed people need more intensive and specialised support and guidance than Job Centres or similar organisations are able to provide. Community and voluntary organisations that know their local communities well are in a better position to provide this kind of support. We’re inviting these kind of organisations to apply for funding that will allow them to help unemployed people overcome significant barriers to employment.” **Claire Penny, Grant Manager**

There will be three application rounds in 2019/20:

Round 1 15th April 2019 – 17th May 2019

Round 2 15th Nov 2019 – 15th Dec 2019

Round 3 15th June 2020 – 15th July 2020

Please contact **Claire Penny, Futures for Business Consultant** on **07709353071** or **Rosemary Mansfield, Bid Specialist** on **077501682416** if you have any questions about the application.

There are six launch events, organisations can attend any event, even if it is not in your LEP area:

Nottingham

02/04/19, 10am-12pm Beech and Oak Room, Nottingham CVS, 7 Mansfield Road, Nottingham, NG1 3FB

Derby

02/04/19 2pm-4pm Meeting Room 1, Derby Arena, Royal Way, Pride Park, Derby, DE24 8JB

Market Harborough

03/04/19, 10am-12pm The Angel Hotel, 37 High Street, Market Harborough, Leicestershire, LE16 7AF

Leicester

03/04/19, 2pm-4pm Conference Room, Voluntary Action Leicester, 9 Newarke St, Leicester, LE1 5SN

Chesterfield

09/04/19 – 10am-12pm Devonshire House, Station Rd, Brimington, Chesterfield S43 1JU

Worksop

09/04/19 – 2pm-4pm Worksop Turbine Innovation Centre, Shireoaks Triangle Business Park, Coach Close, Worksop, Nottinghamshire, S81 8AP

To book a place, please email comm.grant.apply@futuresadvice.co.uk

If these dates and times don't work for you please let us know, as we may run a webinar if there is enough demand.



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