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| **Question Received** | **Answer**  |
| Regarding the recent opening of the UK SPF People and Skills, given the size of the minimum submission have any lead partners come forward to lead a region wide or local authority wide collaborative partnership. We would be very keen to be a delivery partner but as a smaller charity we would not look to be a lead partner – is there a way of convening with other eligible VCSE organisations to develop a delivery partnership? | Eligible VCSE organisations are able to work together in a partnership approach to create a coordinated and well-integrated delivery structure of employability provision.  The Local Authorities are arranging workshops in week commencing 16th January that eligible VCSE organisations will be invited to which would allow networking to take place.  Contact details for each Local Authority will be updated on the NTCA website.   |
| [Our organisation] was part of a wider North Tyneside delivery partner for ESF funding.  This partnership ended on 30th September 22.  Would this end date preclude us from applying for part of the UKSPF funding? | Applicants who have delivered on ESF-funded employability support programmes since April 2022 are eligible to apply for funding under this call. Applicants are required to provide the ESF Project Reference number(s) on the project application form. Please refer to Section 8 of the Open Call Specification for eligibility criteria. |
| Do you have (and are able to pass on) a list of VCSE organisations that are eligible to apply for this opportunity?  | NTCA does not hold a list of eligible VCSE organisations. Please refer to Section 8 of the Open Call Specification for eligibility criteria. The Local Authorities are arranging workshops in week commencing 16th January that eligible VCSE organisations will be invited to which would allow networking to take place. |
| Do VCSE delivery partners also need to be defined as VCSE organisations and currently delivering (i.e., in the 2022/ 23 financial year) an ESF funded employability support project supporting unemployed or economically inactive residents to progress towards and / or into the labour market across the North of Tyne area | Please refer to Section 7 of the Open Call Guidance:* All organisations involved in direct delivery of support to beneficiaries must also be VCSE organisations.
* Administrative / back-office support can be provided by non-VCSE organisations
* Not all VCSE delivery partners need to be currently delivering ESF-funded employability support projects (in the 2022/23 financial year)
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| [Our organisation] submitted a tender application last month for the NTCA Flexible Procurement Agreement for Post 16 Skills Framework.  Can you confirm if this open call is related to this application, and if so, if we are eligible to apply?  Our ESF funding finished last year and I wanted to confirm we were still able to apply for this due to funding ending recently. | The UKSPF People and Skills Open Call is not related to the NTCA Flexible Procurement Agreement for Post 16 Skills Framework.Applicants who have delivered on ESF-funded employability support programmes since April 2022 are eligible to apply for funding under this call. Applicants are required to provide the ESF Project Reference number(s) on the project application form. Please refer to Section 8 of the Open Call Specification for eligibility criteria. |
| Has a unit cost been established, and what is the expectation for the number of outputs / outcomes that will be delivered? | The unit cost should be on a sliding scale between £5000 minimum - £8000 maximum per beneficiary, depending on the level of support required.It is expected that 40% of E33 outputs/outcomes will be achieved. |
| Are VCSE Organisations who delivered as part of the Newcastle CLLD programme eligible to apply to this open call (as a delivery partner) and if so, can we use the ESF project numbers assigned to the overall CLLD project? | Yes, the overall project should make the ESF Project Number available to organisations involved in project delivery. |