

Supporting Information for
Expression of Interest for UK Shared
Prosperity Fund Delivery Partners

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Background Information

The UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) has been designed as the UK Government's replacement programme for the European Structural Funds, primarily the European Social Fund (ESF) and the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF). Education Development Trust (EDT) currently delivers a range of ESF-funded employability and careers programmes in the North East, Yorkshire and Humber, the South East, and London. We are focussed on continuing this provision through utilisation of the equivalent 'People and Skills' strand UKSPF funding, specifically the following UKSPF intervention:

Intervention E33

"Employment support for economically inactive people: Intensive and wrap-around one-to-one support to move people closer towards mainstream provision and employment, supplemented by additional and/or specialist life and basic skills (digital, English, maths and ESOL) support where there are local provision gaps"*

[UK Shared Prosperity Fund: prospectus - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/92422/ukspf-prospectus.pdf)

EDT are looking for delivery partners with successful experience of delivering equivalent programmes, ideally current or recent providers of ESF provision, within the regions listed above. We particularly want to work with current providers of ESF Employability programmes. Through partnerships with like-minded organisations we aspire to maximise opportunities for the extension and enhancement of current successful employability programmes beyond the current lifetime of ESF funding in England. We recognise however, that local authorities may not always make funding available to ensure a seamless transition between the completion of existing ESF employability programmes and the start of equivalent UKSPF programmes.

UKSPF funding is procured at a local authority level. We are therefore seeking to identify delivery organisations with a track record of delivering applicable provision in one or more local authorities in our identified regions.

2.0 SERVICE OFFER

Whilst the UKSPF fund is a national programme, it will be procured on a local basis and shaped by local priorities. Funding rates and funding criteria will additionally be determined by the local authorities procuring UKSPF. There are however core fundamentals of any 'E33 Intervention' programme, including:

EXAMPLE PROJECTS	INDICATIVE OUTPUTS	INDICATIVE OUTCOMES
<p>Personalised and intensive support delivered through keyworkers, including referrals to relevant local training, skills and specialised support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Areas investing in the keyworker function may also procure additional services, offering life skills and basic skills support, where there are gaps in local provision ▪ Basic skills delivered in alternative or novel settings. Maths and English up to Level 1, ESOL courses and essential digital skills ▪ Supported employment provision and placements for individuals with health and disability needs, including person-centred vocational profiling ▪ Support groups for people with similar health barriers to share personal experiences, coping strategies, or information about their conditions ▪ Counselling and advice services, including tailored work-focused mental health support, to help individuals with coping strategies and support plans for transition into work ▪ Financial support to enrol onto courses and complete qualifications, debt advice to help manage money, housing support, financial support for clothes or travel, and childcare support ▪ Enrichment activities for the socially isolated delivered in community centres such as sports, arts, and other interactive activities. Volunteering and work experience opportunities to improve opportunities and promote wellbeing ▪ Referrals to services that offer a holistic approach to substance misuse treatment ▪ Specialist outreach for housing or those with criminal backgrounds ▪ Person-centred emotional, practical or financial support for carers, and advice on how to balance caring and work responsibilities, or support around health and wellbeing 	<p>Number of economically inactive people engaging with keyworker support services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of economically inactive people supported to engage with the benefits system ▪ Number of socially excluded people accessing support ▪ Number of people supported to access basic skills ▪ Number of people accessing mental and physical health support leading to employment ▪ Number of people supported to engage in job searching ▪ Number of people receiving support to gain employment ▪ Number of people receiving support to sustain employment ▪ Effective working between keyworkers and additional services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Increased active or sustained participants of UKSPF beneficiaries in community groups [and/or] increased employability through development of interpersonal skills ▪ Number of people sustaining employment ▪ Number of people gaining a qualification or completing a course following support ▪ Number of people gaining qualifications, licences, and skills ▪ Number of economically active individuals engaged in mainstream skills education, and training ▪ Number of people engaged in life skills support following interventions ▪ Number of people with proficiency in pre-employment and interpersonal skills (relationship, organisational and anger-management, interviewing, CV and job application writing)

3.0 APPLICATION

Please complete the form located here: [UKSPF EOI](#)

Note that this is an initial expression of interest, to enable us to determine the range and breadth of delivery organisations who would be interested in partnering with us to deliver local UKSPF provision. We will undertake a more detailed opportunity-specific due diligence process for each specific UKSPF opportunity we will pursue.

Education Development Trust will not be liable for any bid costs, expenditure, work or effort incurred by any other organisation in proceeding with or participating in this procurement, including if the procurement process is terminated or amended. We reserve the right at any time to decide not to proceed with this procurement process.

Deadline: Open-ended

Queries regarding Applications/Submissions

Any questions regarding the content of applications must be made via email to [**employabilitycareersopps@edt.org**](mailto:employabilitycareersopps@edt.org)

Submission of Applications

Completed Applications must be submitted via the Microsoft Forms link. We will not accept applications submitted via other means.