

Neighbourhood Learning in Deprived Communities Fund

Why the NLDC Fund was established

The purpose of the NLDC Fund is to support **local voluntary and community sector organisations** throughout County Durham, to develop their capacity to deliver learning opportunities for residents of disadvantaged neighbourhoods.

The fund will help these organisations to offer adult learning opportunities in the poorest neighbourhoods by developing local programmes in line with the Skills Funding Agency 'Skills for Jobs' initiative and will:

- widen participation by attracting 'hard to reach' learners;
- ensure that learning provision addresses local needs;
- help the delivery of the National Skills Strategy;
- improve skills for employment;
- regenerate communities;
- increase numeracy and literacy levels;
- enhance equality and diversity.

The main beneficiaries must be people over the age of 19 years.

Eligible Bodies/Partnerships

The main types of organisations eligible to receive funding are:

- **Voluntary and Community Sector Organisations**

Other organisations that are eligible include (the list is not exhaustive):

- Local Authorities with a responsibility for adult learning;
- Further Education Colleges;
- Learndirect Centres;
- Sure Start Centres;
- Schools – wishing to promote learning for adults.

To be eligible, these organisations must be able to demonstrate that they are working in partnership with a voluntary and community sector organisation, by providing documentary evidence of this relationship in the proposal form.

How the Money Works

The amount of grant awarded will be assessed on each proposal, having regard to the funding available.

Capital funding will not be available.

Revenue grants only will operate from 1st August 2010 – 31st July 2011.

Please see the funding timetable below:

Period 1 – 1 st August 2010 to 31 st March 2011	
1 st August 2010	Fund Opens
31 st January 2011	Closing date for receipt of applications
31 st March 2011	Monitoring deadline
Period 2 – 1 st April 2011 to 31 July 2011	
1 st April 2011	Fund Opens
1 st June 2011	Closing date for receipt of applications
31 st July 2011	Monitoring deadline

Revenue

Revenue funding can be used for:

- delivering activities;
- accredited and non-accredited tutor costs must not exceed £25 per hour;
- consumables e.g. stationary, travel, childcare;
- room hire, up to a maximum of £10 per hour, where the premises are not under the control of the applicant;
- items of equipment costing less than £100, or with a lifespan of less than one year.

NLDC funding is to encourage new learners to engage in innovative learning programmes. Programmes can be repeated with a new cohort of learners however this must take place during the same funding year.

NLDC is meant to be a launch pad for these innovative activities and if you believe that the programme can continue across both funding periods please stipulate this in your bid and provide costings. If your bid is for both funding periods you will be paid in the relevant funding period but you will only have to submit one bid. You are still required to submit the monitoring information for both funding periods.

Match Funding

NLDC funding can be used to match funding from other sources which contributes to the achievement of the total cost of your project.

There is no requirement for you to have matched funding for your project, but it will be helpful to show how the project fits in with your other activities and the funding for them. You may be able to use the Fund itself, as match funding for income from other sources.

Who do I Contact for More Information?

Please contact your local co-ordinator for further information and copies of the prospectus and application form. These contacts can also give advice on completing the application form.

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