

Request

With the cessation of European Social Fund monies and the creation of its replacement, the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, we are currently mapping what employment support and employability offerings are on offer in each local authority that we have homes. With this in mind, please could you give me some more information on UKSPF in your area, such as:

1. How much money has been allocated to the "People and Skills" element of the funding in your area?
2. Has this money been allocated yet?
3. If so, which organisations has it been allocated too (so we can signpost interested customers).
4. If not, will there be an opportunity for interested parties to bid into the pot of funding to offer employability services?
5. Who is the lead contact regarding UKSPF in your council?

Response

The UKSPF funding for People and Skills has been split into 3 key areas of delivery as follows:

- NEET young people
- Those furthest away from the labour market
- Focus on over 50's

The funding for the NEET strand is coming directly to the Local Authorities in each of the 10 GM areas.

The funding for the other two strands are currently out to tender as one opportunity through GMCA – on the Chest. They will appoint a prime provider to deliver this element. There could be opportunities for sub contracted provision once the Prime has been awarded.

UKSPF Multiply is also an offer around skills development. This again, was procured by GMCA and the Growth Company was awarded the contract as the Prime Provider. There may be opportunities to work with them as part of the sub contracted supply chain.

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