

# London Voluntary Sector Training Consortium



## **ESF Opportunities in London with each CFO**

***ESF Capacity Building Workshop***  
*Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April @ Europe House*  
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- The LDA has now received a clear indication of its final settlement from central government.
- The LDA will receive a settlement of £217 million for 2011/12. This amount includes project spending, administration, closure costs and corporation tax. The LDA's total expenditure for next year is expected to be £432 million. This will be funded by sources which include grant from government, capital receipts and borrowing.
- The overall economic development settlement for the capital totals £388 million over three years – beyond the closure of the LDA in March 2012. The sum of funding beyond 2011/12 will pass to the Greater London Authority (GLA).
- The LDA will now work with the Mayor and the GLA to allocate resources to projects to deliver the Mayor's priorities during 2011/12. The LDA continues to plan the transition of projects to the GLA by the end of March 2012.

- Bidders must be registered on ACTOR
- Passed a PQQ and submitted one ITT
- Periodically ACTOR is “frozen” to allow all of the ITTs to be assessed for forthcoming provision. The next freeze date is Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April
- To Register on Actor go to:

<https://skillsfundingagency.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.shtml>

There are currently 3 ITTs available via ACTOR:

- Single Adult Skills Budget provision (formerly Adult Learner Responsive, Apprenticeships, Workplace Learning/Train to Gain, and Programmes for the Unemployed)
- Adult Community Learning
- Provision for Learners with Learning Difficulties and/or Disabilities (on behalf of the YPLA).

There are 3 protocols in place through which the SFA will identify and select from eligible colleges and training organisations:

- Direct Selection
- Mini Competition
- Full Competition

# DWP ESF



Elements of the revised ESF strategy include:

- DWP Ministers have decided to spend 25% of DWP's available ESF on additional Work Programme (WP) places for people on Income Support and Incapacity Benefit who would otherwise be ineligible for the WP.
- DWP is planning to spend 75% of its European Social Fund money over the 2011-13 period on employment focused activity for families with multiple problems.
- Contracts for ESF have to be contracted for through fair and open competition and to achieve this contracts for provision will be let via the DWP Framework Agreement for the Provision of Employment Related Support Services.
- The development of an integrated offer to families with multiple problems with the DWP working with local government as well as DfE and CLG to ensure the design of provision is joined up with the wider government strategy and the work that Local Authorities and LDA/GLA are developing on the ground.
- The timescale for the 'families with multiple problems' contracts is expected to go live by the end of 2011.

- London Councils currently have no plans to run any ESF rounds during 2011.
- The consultation for their grants programme after outcome of a judicial review is now complete.

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# Community Grants



Hoping to launch a Community Grants round late summer

This will not be region wide and will be limited to a small number of London boroughs



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[www.dwp.gov.uk/esf/funding-opportunities/](http://www.dwp.gov.uk/esf/funding-opportunities/)

Regional ESF EPMU - [www.ida.gov.uk/our-work/european-funds/news/index.aspx](http://www.ida.gov.uk/our-work/european-funds/news/index.aspx)



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