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### ESF OBJECTIVE 3

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## CURRENT CO-FINANCING OPPORTUNITIES IN TYNE & WEAR, NORTHUMBERLAND, CO DURHAM, TEES VALLEY: JOBCENTRE PLUS, ROUND 7.

Jobcentre Plus has published invitations for organisations to tender in respect of eleven project specifications. These cover a range of delivery themes in ESF Measures 1.2 and 2.2. Each specification is **restricted to a particular area only** as indicated in the specifications summary below. Project duration is from 9<sup>th</sup> October 2006 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008.

The **Deadline** for receipt of applications is **12 noon on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2006**.

Note on sub-contracting: **formalised sub-contracting is not permitted** in this funding round - providers being expected to deliver a 'substantial amount' of the training themselves. This **does not exclude**, however, providers 'buying in' specialist services where appropriate. JCP also welcomes partnership or consortium arrangements where a lead partner may submit an application on behalf of smaller partner organisations.

**The Options** (the following is intentionally a highly summarised account of the JCP options. Interested parties should of course consult the actual published specifications for details).

#### **Option 1 (pf/m 1.2): Durham**

**Title:** Self-Employment

**Aim:** to target self-employment as route out of long-term unemployment and welfare dependency

**Delivery:** to include personal consultants providing individualised support across three critical stages pertinent to beneficiaries achieving self-employment: Assessment and Awareness; Business Planning; 'Test Trading' (further training/support in lieu of actual trading opportunities). See **Unit Cost** below for indicative delivery focus.

**Required:** comprehensive induction, individual assessment to inform an action plan, development of soft skills

**Number of beneficiaries:** 100

**Eligibility:** unemployed, 18 or over, not able to access JCP mainstream; priority to disadvantaged groups (see Appendix 1 below).

**Access:** between 16 hours and under 29 hours a week per beneficiary (carers except.; 'trading period' up to 26 weeks).

**Referral:** minimum 50% other than Job Centre referral; compulsory JCP Pre Entry interview, to start on project within 10 days.

**Key parameters:** 18 –24(<6mths), 5%; 18 –24(>6mths), 25%; 25+(<12mths), 19%; 25+(>12mths), 51%; women, 50%; people with disabilities, 15%; in self-employment on completion, 31%; further education/training, 30%; working towards vocational qualification, 93%; vocational qualification achieved, 33%; units towards, 14%.

**Resource:** £150,000

**Indicative Unit Cost:**

Awareness/Assessment, £30 (100 starts)

Business Planning £324 (75 starts)

Test Trading £2242 (55 starts) – 50% paid on start, 50% as outcome payments viz. 80% job entry/20% further education/training.

**Option 2 (pf/m 2.2):** Northumberland

**Title:** Rural Coalfield Advisory Team

**Aim:** to identify job goals and employability skills and aptitudes, and overcome barriers to employment.

**Delivery:** a team of advisors providing one to one support in community based venues; to help individuals overcome barriers to employment.

**Required:** comprehensive induction, individual assessment to inform an action plan to overcome barriers, development of soft skills; job search (incl. CVs, self-presentational skills); vocational qualifications, provision of support fund.

**Access:** to a max of under 29 hours for each beneficiary; project to be available Monday through to Friday (inclu) for 51 weeks a year.

**Number of beneficiaries:** 217

**Eligibility:** 18 plus not able to access JCP mainstream provision; groups prioritised (see Appendix 1 below)

**Referral:** to include, but not depend upon, JCP referral; compulsory JCP Pre Entry interview to start on project within 10 days.

**Key parameters:** 18 –24(<6mths), 5%; 18 –24(>6mths), 24%; 25+(<12mths), 27%; 25+(>12mths), 43%; women, 50%; in work on completion, 50%; people with disabilities, 15%; further education/training, 28%; working towards vocational qualification, 65%; vocational qualification achieved, 32%; units towards, 14%; positive outcomes 80%.

**Resource:** £544,422

**Indicative Unit Cost:** £2,509

### **Option 3 (pf/m 1.2): Tees Valley**

**Title:** Community Reachout Project

**Aim:** to identify job goals and employability skills and aptitudes, and overcome barriers to employment.

**Delivery:** a team of advisors providing one to one support in community based venues; to help individuals identify employment opportunities and overcome barriers.

**Access:** to a max of under 29 hours for each beneficiary; project to be available Monday through to Friday for 51 weeks a year.

**Required:** comprehensive induction, individual assessment to inform an action plan, development of soft skills; job search (incl. CVs, self-presentational skills); vocational qualifications; employment opportunities must be identified; financial support fund.

**Number of beneficiaries:** 419

**Eligibility:** 18 plus not able to access JCP mainstream provision; groups prioritised (see Appendix 1 below)

**Referral:** to include, but not depend upon, JCP referral; compulsory JCP Pre Entry interview, to start on project within 10 days.

**Key parameters:** 18 –24(<6mths), 5%; 18 –24(>6mths), 25%; 25+(<12mths), 19%; 25+(>12mths), 51%; women, 50%; people with disabilities, 15%; in work

on completion, 42%; further education/training, 30%; working towards vocational qualification, 93%; vocational qualification achieved, 33%; units towards, 14%.

**Resource:** £1,345,979

**Indicative Unit Cost:** £3,212

#### **Option 4 (pf/m 1.2): Tees Valley**

**Title:** Self-Employment

**Aim:** to target self-employment as route out of long-term unemployment and welfare dependency

**Delivery:** to include personal consultants providing individualised support across three critical stages pertinent to beneficiaries achieving self-employment: Assessment and Awareness; Business Planning; 'Test Trading' (further training/support in lieu of actual trading opportunities). See **Unit Cost** below for indicative delivery focus.

**Required:** comprehensive induction, individual assessment to inform an action plan, development of soft skills

**Number of beneficiaries:** 170

**Eligibility:** unemployed, 18 or over, not able to access JCP mainstream; priority to disadvantaged groups (see Appendix 1 below)

**Access:** between 16 hours and under 29 hours a week per beneficiary (carers except.; 'trading period' up to 26 weeks).

**Referral:** minimum 50% other than Job Centre referral; compulsory JCP Pre Entry interview, to start on project within 10 days.

**Key parameters:** 18 –24(<6mths), 5%; 18 –24(>6mths), 25%; 25+(<12mths), 19%; 25+(>12mths), 51%; women, 50%; people with disabilities, 15%; in work on completion, 31%; further education/training, 30%; working towards vocational qualification, 93%; vocational qualification achieved, 33%; units towards, 14%.

**Resource:** £250,000

**Indicative Unit Cost:**

Awareness/Assessment, £30 (170 starts)

Business Planning £324 (130 starts)  
Test Trading £2242 (90 starts) – 50% paid on start, 50% as outcome payments viz. 80% job entry/20% further education/training.

### **Option 5 (pf/m 1.2): Tees Valley**

**Title:** Intermediate Labour Markets

**Aim:** to improve the employability of individuals distant from the labour market

**Delivery:** to provide temporary paid (national minimum wage or higher) work contracts with training (vocational qualification), together with personal employability development and job search. Occupational areas targeted: Customer Service/Call Centres, Hospitality, Child Care, Construction, Health and Community Care, I.T.

**Access:** to a max of under 29 hours for each beneficiary, up to 26 weeks.

**Required:** comprehensive induction, individual assessment to inform an action plan, development of soft skills and basic/key skills, identified employment opportunities.

**Number of beneficiaries:** 150

**Eligibility:** unemployed, 18 or over, not able to access JCP mainstream; priority to disadvantaged groups (see Appendix 1 below). New Deal completers are eligible.

**Referral:** to include, but not depend upon, JCP referral; compulsory JCP Pre Entry interview to start on project within 10 days.

**Key parameters:** 18 –24(<6mths), 5%; 18 –24(>6mths), 25%; 25+(<12mths), 19%; 25+(>12mths), 51%; women, 50%; people with disabilities, 15%; in work on completion, 31%; further education/training, 30%; working towards vocational qualification, 93%; vocational qualification achieved, 33%; units towards, 14%.

**Resource:** £750,000

**Indicative Unit Cost:** £5,000

### **Option 6 (pf/m 2.2): Tees Valley**

**Title:** Community Crossroads Project

**Aim:** to work in partnership with key agencies to deliver innovative and comprehensive employment related programmes (complementing JCP provision) for disadvantaged residents.

**Delivery:** provision in each of the 5 LA areas in Tees valley; identify barriers and employment opportunities; target individual support in relation to specific barriers; link to other agencies and specialist support.

**Access:** to a max of under 29 hours for each beneficiary; project to be available Monday through to Friday for 51 weeks a year.

**Required:** comprehensive induction, individual assessment to inform action plans; development of soft skills; aftercare support for 13 weeks; supportive environment, financial support fund.

**Number of beneficiaries:** 1641

**Eligibility:** beneficiaries from the 5 Tees Valley local authority areas; aged 18 plus, facing barriers of social isolation, lack of social skills; health or disability problems; ex offenders.

**Referral:** to include, but not depend upon, JCP referral; compulsory JCP Pre Entry interview to start on project within 10 days.

**Key parameters:** 18 –24(<6mths), 5%; 18 –24(>6mths), 25%; 25+(<12mths), 19%; 25+(>12mths), 51%; women, 50%; people with disabilities/health conditions, 15%; in work on completion, 20%; further education/training, 30%; positive outcomes, 80%.

**Resource:** £492,300

**Indicative Unit Cost:** £300

**Option 7 (pf/m 1.2):** Tyne & Wear (City of Sunderland and South Tyneside)

**Title:** Self-Employment

**Aim:** to target self-employment as route out of long-term unemployment and welfare dependency

**Delivery:** to include personal consultants providing individualised support across three critical stages pertinent to beneficiaries achieving self-employment: Assessment and Awareness; Business Planning; 'Test Trading'

(further training/support in lieu of actual trading opportunities). See **Unit Cost** below for indicative delivery focus.

**Required:** comprehensive induction, individual assessment to inform an action plan, development of soft skills

**Number of beneficiaries:** 170

**Eligibility:** unemployed, 18 or over, not able to access JCP mainstream; priority to disadvantaged groups (see Appendix 1 below).

**Access:** between 16 hours and under 29 hours a week per beneficiary (carers except.; 'trading period' up to 26 weeks).

**Referral:** minimum 50% other than Job Centre referral; compulsory JCP Pre Entry interview, to start on project within 10 days.

**Key parameters:** 18 –24(<6mths), 5%; 18 –24(>6mths), 25%; 25+(<12mths), 19%; 25+(>12mths), 51%; women, 50%; people with disabilities, 15%; in self-employment on completion, 31%; further education/training, 30%; working towards vocational qualification, 93%; vocational qualification achieved, 33%; units towards, 14%.

**Resource:** £250,000

**Indicative Unit Cost:**

Awareness/Assessment, £30 (170 starts)

Business Planning £324 (130 starts)

Test Trading £2242 (90 starts) – 50% paid on start, 50% as outcome payments viz. 80% job entry/20% further education/training.

**Option 8 (pf/m 1.2):** Tyne & Wear (Newcastle Gateshead)

**Title:** Construction Routeway

**Aim:** to provide opportunities to gain skills, qualifications, work experience in construction industry.

**Delivery:** bricklaying, joinery, plastering, painting and decorating

**Access:** to a max of under 29 hours and not less than 16 hours for each beneficiary (caring responsibilities except)

**Required:** comprehensive induction, individual assessment to inform an action plan, development of soft skills; max 50 weeks training to include off the

job occupational training and employer based work placements. NVQs (level 2); beneficiaries to qualify for CSCS Card.

**Number of beneficiaries:** 100

**Eligibility:** unemployed, 18 or over, not able to access JCP mainstream; priority to disadvantaged groups.

**Referral:** to include, but not depend upon, JCP referral; compulsory JCP Pre Entry interview to start on project within 10 days.

**Key parameters:** 18 –24(<6mths), 5%; 18 –24(>6mths), 25%; 25+(<12mths), 19%; 25+(>12mths), 51%; women, 50%; people with disabilities, 15%; in work on completion 45%; further education/training, 34%; working towards vocational qualification, 100%; vocational qualification achieved, 33%; units towards,14%; positive outcomes, 81%.

**Resource:** £400,000

**Indicative Unit Cost:** £4,000

**Option 9 (pf/m 1.2):** Tyne and Wear (Newcastle City)

**Title:** Prescription for work

**Aim:** to identify job opportunities and goals, promote employability skills and aptitudes, and overcome barriers (particularly health problems) to employment for disadvantaged groups (especially those on long term sick/IB)

**Delivery:** a team of advisors providing one to one IAG outreach service linked to local medical/GP centres; to act as catalyst for those with health related barriers especially re-engaging with the labour market

**Access:** to a max of under 29 hours for each beneficiary; project to be available Monday through to Friday for 51 weeks a year.

**Required:** comprehensive induction covering project rationale, individual assessment to inform an action plan; signposting to, and linking with relevant agencies; job search.

**Number of beneficiaries:** 245

**Eligibility:** unemployed aged 18 plus who cannot access JCP mainstream; prioritising – people in receipt of IB, older people without relevant

skills/qualifications, young people with low skills or who are not work established

**Referral:** to include, but not depend upon, JCP referral; compulsory JCP Pre Entry interview to start on project within 10 days; to target local medical/GP services for patient referrals.

**Key parameters:** 18 –24(<6mths), 5%; 18 –24(>6mths), 24%; 25+(<12mths), 27%; 25+(>12mths), 43%; women, 50%; in work on completion, 31%; further education/training, 47%; positive outcome, 80%; people with disabilities, 15%.

**Resource:** £196,000

**Indicative Unit Cost:** £800

**Option 10 (pf/m 2.2):** Tyne & Wear (North Tyneside)

**Title:** Community Advisor Project

**Aim:** to identify job goals and employability skills and aptitudes, and overcome barriers to employment.

**Delivery:** a team of advisors providing one to one support in community based venues; to help individuals identify employment opportunities and overcome barriers.

**Required:** comprehensive induction, individual assessment to inform an action plan, development of soft skills; job search, vocational qualifications; to signpost to appropriate health advice to help overcome physical mental health barriers, and to link with other agencies for other specialist support

**Access:** to a max of under 29 hours for each beneficiary; project to be available Monday through to Friday (inclu) for 51 weeks a year.

**Number of beneficiaries:** 150

**Eligibility:** 18 plus not able to access JCP mainstream provision; prioritising – people in receipt of IB, older people without relevant skills/qualifications, young people with low skills or who are not work established

**Referral:** to include, but not depend upon, JCP referral; compulsory JCP Pre Entry interview to start on project within 10 days.

**Key parameters:** 18 –24(<6mths), 5%; 18 –24(>6mths), 24%; 25+(<12mths), 27%; 25+(>12mths), 43%; in work on completion, 50%; women, 50%; people

with disabilities, 15%; further education/training, 28%; working towards vocational qualification, 65%; vocational qualification achieved, 32%; units towards, 14%; positive outcomes, 80%.

**Resource:** £300,000

**Indicative Unit Cost:** £2,000

**Option 11 (pf/m 1.2):** County Durham and Tyne & Wear (City of Sunderland and South Tyneside only)

**Title:** Community Reachout Project

**Aim:** to identify job goals and employability skills and aptitudes, and overcome barriers to employment.

**Delivery:** a team of advisors providing one to one support in community based venues; to help individuals identify employment opportunities and overcome barriers.

**Access:** to a max of under 29 hours for each beneficiary; project to be available Monday through to Friday for 51 weeks a year.

**Required:** comprehensive induction, individual assessment to inform an action plan, development of soft skills; job search (incl. CVs, self-presentational skills); vocational qualifications; employment opportunities must be identified; financial support fund.

**Number of beneficiaries:** Durham 252, Tyne & Wear 167,

**Eligibility:** 18 plus not able to access JCP mainstream provision; prioritised groups (see Appendix 1 below)

**Referral:** to include, but not depend upon, JCP referral; compulsory JCP Pre Entry interview, to start on project within 10 days.

**Key parameters:** 18 –24(<6mths), 5%; 18 –24(>6mths), 25%; 25+(<12mths), 19%; 25+(>12mths), 51%; women, 50%; people with disabilities,15%; in work on completion, 42%;further education/training, 30%; working towards vocational qualification, 93%; vocational qualification achieved, 33%; units towards,14%.

**Resource:** £1,345,979

**Indicative Unit Cost:** £3,212

**Option 12 (pf/m 1.2):** Northumberland and Tyne & Wear (Newcastle, North Tyneside and Gateshead)

**Title:** Community Reachout Project

**Aim:** to identify job goals and employability skills and aptitudes, and overcome barriers to employment.

**Delivery:** a team of advisors providing one to one support in community based venues; to help individuals identify employment opportunities and overcome barriers.

**Access:** to a max of under 29 hours for each beneficiary; project to be available Monday through to Friday for 51 weeks a year.

**Required:** comprehensive induction, individual assessment to inform an action plan, development of soft skills; job search (incl. CVs, self-presentational skills); vocational qualifications; employment opportunities must be identified; financial support fund.

**Number of beneficiaries:** Northumberland 136, Tyne & Wear 275,

**Eligibility:** 18 plus not able to access JCP mainstream provision; prioritised groups (see Appendix 1 below)

**Referral:** to include, but not depend upon, JCP referral; compulsory JCP Pre Entry interview, to start on project within 10 days.

**Key parameters:** 18 –24(<6mths), 5%; 18 –24(>6mths), 25%; 25+(<12mths), 19%; 25+(>12mths), 51%; women, 50%; people with disabilities, 15%; in work on completion, 42%; further education/training, 30%; working towards vocational qualification, 93%; vocational qualification achieved, 33%; units towards, 14%.

**Resource:** £1,233,000 (up to £408,000 for Northumberland; £825,000 for Tyne & Wear)

**Indicative Unit Cost:** £3,000

JCP's Round 7 Prospectus detailing the tender specifications for this funding round can be downloaded from the JCP website –

[http://www.jobcentreplus.gov.uk/JCP/Partners/Europeansocialfund/Dev\\_008917.xml.html](http://www.jobcentreplus.gov.uk/JCP/Partners/Europeansocialfund/Dev_008917.xml.html)

Applicants will also need to download the following –

- Jobcentre Plus terms and Conditions
- Jobcentre Plus ESF Round 7 Tendering Instructions and Guidance Notes for Applicants
- Jobcentre Plus ESF Round 7 Application Form (one-stage)
- Jobcentre Plus ESF Co-Financing Terms and Conditions
- Jobcentre Plus Provider Guidance

Queries regarding accessing these documents may be directed to 0191 211 4265

JCP are holding a **Provider Briefing Event on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2006**. Contact Brenda Wright on 0191 211 4236 to reserve a place (no more than two per organisation) – deadline for this, 4.00 pm Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2006.

You may also access information and links through ESFVON's website- [www.esfvon.org.uk](http://www.esfvon.org.uk), or if you have further queries ring us at ESFVON on 0191 274 9886 (fax: 274 2235)

## **Appendix 1**

### **Beneficiary sub-groups indicated by JCP:**

Young people without skills, or low levels of skills, or who have never become established in the world of work

Adult long-term unemployed who have redundant skills

Those with caring responsibilities

Men and women (possibly with motivational problems) who have been who have been economically inactive for a long period, including those who have migrated into inactivity from long term unemployment e.g. those people claiming Sickness, Disability and Incapacity Benefits and Lone Parents

Older people over the age of 50

Young people leaving care

People with severe literacy and numeracy problems, or who lack key skills

Disabled people

Members of ethnic minority groups

People living in rural communities