



South East  
Region

ESF  
Community  
Grants



Developing the  
skills of local  
people

Supporting people  
into employment

The South East Region  
Community Grants programme  
is funded by the Learning &  
Skills Council and European  
Social Fund (ESF) and managed  
by Surrey Community Action



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## About ESF Community Grants

South East Region ESF Community Grants are part of the European Social Fund (ESF) programme, distributing £2,286,000 in small grants during 2008 – 2010.

Grants of up to £12,000 are available to third sector organisations in the South East who support the most disadvantaged individuals to access further learning opportunities or progress to employment. People benefitting from these grants will be experiencing barriers to access services and will not be in paid work or be economically inactive.

Priority will be given to groups who work with:

- ✓ Lone parents
- ✓ Women
- ✓ People with health/disability issues
- ✓ Older people (50 years plus)
- ✓ People from ethnic minorities and diverse communities

A limited number of discretionary grants will be made to small voluntary and community organisations during 2009 to help them develop their skills and capacity.



## Who Can Apply

Charity or 'not for profit' and voluntary and community organisations based and providing services in Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Hampshire, Kent, Oxfordshire, Surrey and Sussex.

## How to Apply

You will need to complete an application form telling us about your project. To obtain a form return the tear-off slip or contact your local Community Grants office as shown on the back of this leaflet.

Grants will be distributed in December 2008 and the spring and autumn of 2009 and 2010.

## Who Cannot Apply

- ✗ Individuals
- ✗ Statutory organisations. (eg schools or local authorities)
- ✗ Organisations that are affiliated to, and receive funding from national organisations
- ✗ Voluntary sector activities solely for the benefit of a statutory service
- ✗ Groups promoting political or religious beliefs

## Types of Projects We Can Fund

We are looking to fund projects that engage participants in activities that will encourage further learning and/or lead to employment. Project activities could include:

- ✓ Initial help for people who need support with basic skills or for whom English is a second language
- ✓ Training in new skills or skills development
- ✓ Providing advice and coaching/mentoring
- ✓ Helping people with confidence building and personal development through training courses, coaching/mentoring or peer group support
- ✓ Assisting people with job searches, including CV and interview support
- ✓ Providing taster work experience including voluntary work or arranging such placements
- ✓ Helping people with first contact engagement activities, e.g. to provide support to individuals to help them overcome barriers to learning and/or employment

### Examples of what we CAN fund include:

- ✓ Staff and trainer costs
- ✓ Transport costs
- ✓ Venue hire
- ✓ Single items of equipment under £1,000 where these are essential to the project. (Projects primarily for equipment may not be eligible.)

Payments to beneficiaries for child care etc. are also available.



### Types of Projects We Cannot Fund

- ✗ Projects normally the responsibility of the Government or another public service provider/agency
- ✗ Projects already in receipt of money from the ESF
- ✗ Building/ construction work
- ✗ Projects benefiting people aged under 16 or who are in employment

### Equal Opportunities

The European Social Fund, the Learning & Skills Council and Surrey Community Action and its partners are committed to ensuring that its grants are available to all eligible groups without discrimination.

We likewise require groups receiving grants to be open, fair and inclusive in the way they run their group or activities.



My organisation is interested in applying for an ESF Community Grant. Please send me the application form and grant guidelines.

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position in your organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

Organisation name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organisation address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_



Please return to:

Community Grants  
Community Council for Berkshire  
Epping House  
55 Russell Street  
Reading RG1 7XG

The South East Region ESF Community Grants are funded by the Learning & Skills Council and European Social Fund. The programme is managed by Surrey Community Action in partnership with the local organisations below.

To request an application pack please use the tear-off slip. For further information or to discuss your project, contact your local Community Grants office as follows:

**BERKSHIRE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE, OXFORDSHIRE  
and MILTON KEYNES**

Community Grants  
Community Council for Berkshire  
Epping House, 55 Russell Street, Reading RG1 7XG  
01189 612000 • [communitygrants@ccberks.org.uk](mailto:communitygrants@ccberks.org.uk)

**HAMPSHIRE, THE ISLE OF WIGHT,  
PORTSMOUTH and SOUTHAMPTON**

Community Grants  
Community Action Hampshire  
Beaconsfield House, Andover Road, Winchester S022 6AT  
01962 857381 • [communitygrants@action.hants.org.uk](mailto:communitygrants@action.hants.org.uk)

**KENT and MEDWAY**

Community Grants  
Action with Communities in Rural Kent  
15 Manor Road, Folkestone CT20 2AH  
01303 850816 • [communitygrants@ruralkent.org.uk](mailto:communitygrants@ruralkent.org.uk)

**EAST and WEST SUSSEX and BRIGHTON & HOVE**

Community Grants  
Action in rural Sussex  
212 High Street, Lewes BN7 2NH  
01273 407305 • [communitygrants@ruralsussex.org.uk](mailto:communitygrants@ruralsussex.org.uk)

or

**SURREY / GENERAL ENQUIRIES**

The Regional Community Grants Manager  
Surrey Community Action, Astolat, Guildford GU4 7HL  
01483 459292 ext 237 • [communitygrants@surreyca.org.uk](mailto:communitygrants@surreyca.org.uk)  
[www.surreyca.org.uk](http://www.surreyca.org.uk)  
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Action with Communities in Rural Kent

Action in rural Sussex

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