

PART 2 – CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE

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Title: European Social Fund - London Call 2

Information may have to be disclosed in the event of a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. In the event of a request for confidential facts and advice, please consult the Information Governance team for advice.

This information is not suitable for publication until the stated date because:

This Part 2 report contains information, the disclosure of which may prejudice the GLA's interests. As negotiations are ongoing with potential grant recipients, there is the possibility that the amounts of funding awarded to grant recipients and the output and/or result targets may change, grant recipients could withdraw from the process and/or the GLA could decide not to award the funding to grant recipients. It would therefore be commercially insensitive to publish the information annexed to this Part 2 until the process has been concluded and Financial Agreements have been signed.

Date at which Part 2 will cease to be sensitive or when this information should be reviewed with a view to publication: 31/03/2020

To be reviewed once the relevant agreements have been negotiated, signed and the GLA has informed the Department for Work and Pensions (and by the latest 31/03/2020).

Legal adviser recommendation on the grounds for not publishing information at this time:

In the event of any request for access to the information contained in this document under section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the Act"), it is considered that access can be denied on the basis that the disclosure of such information would prejudice the GLA's and the proposed grant recipients' commercial interests and therefore, is covered by the exemption under section 43 of the Act.

Section 1 of the Act creates the general right of access, which provides that any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled:

- to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request; and
- if that is the case, to have that information communicated to him/her.

Part II of the Act contains a number of exemptions from disclosure for certain classes of information. In particular, section 43 of the Act provides that information is exempt information if disclosure under the Act would, or would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it). The paragraph above states that the information is considered commercially sensitive as its release could affect the GLA's ability to negotiate the grant funding with the potential grant recipients.

The section 43 exemptions are qualified exemptions and their use is therefore, subject to a public interest assessment.

Public Interest Assessment

At present, on balance, it is considered that the public interest is best served if the information is not disclosed at this point. Disclosure by the GLA would be likely to have a detrimental effect on the:

- GLA's, and the potential grant recipients' commercial interests and the delivery of the proposed project; and
- GLA's delivery of a project which promotes economic development and wealth creation in Greater London.

The eligibility of these exemptions should be reassessed in the event of an FOI request for this information as the level of sensitivity will change over time and different circumstances may alter the arguments in favour of non-disclosure.

Legal Adviser - I make the above recommendations that this information is not suitable for publication at this time.

Job title: Commercial Lawyer

Date:

Once this form is fully authorised, it should be circulated with Part 1.

Decision and/or advice:

The annex lists the applications received for the European Social Fund for which Mayoral approval to award funding is sought.

Annex: ESF Call 2 applications

ESF Priority Axis 1: Inclusive Labour Markets				
ESF results to be achieved under Priority Axis 1 include: Unemployed participants employed, including self-employment, upon leaving; Inactive participants into employment or jobsearch on leaving; Participants in education/training upon leaving; Participants sustained in employment, education or training for 26 weeks out of 32 weeks				
Organisation	Project Name	Project description	Proposed ESF (£)	Proposed Total Project Value (£)
City Gateway Limited	Coaching for Potential (Pathways Project)	<p>The project is an intensive tailored support programme delivered through one to one coaching for marginalised individuals in East London. Focusing on young people (16-24) and women (aged 19 and above), the coaching will help them overcome barriers that prevent them achieving progression into education, employment or training and fully participating in their community.</p> <p><u>Proposed Outputs</u> Participants supported: 510 Results: 193 progressing towards or into employment, education or training</p>	£604,804	£1,234,294
Clarion Futures	Love London Working	<p>Building on a current ESF project, the project will support customers of 9 social housing providers. Delivery will focus on two strands of activity: support for individuals who have barriers to employment, but who have a clear objective of progressing into employment; and more intensive support for people with multiple and complex barriers to participation, to address their underlying issues and move closer to or into the labour market.</p> <p><u>Proposed Outputs</u> Participants supported: 10,039 Results: 3177 progressing towards or into employment, education or training</p>	£9,479,677	£18,959,354
Generation: You Employed, UK (a non-profit organisation founded McKinsey & company)	Generation: training and mentorship to place jobseekers and inactive adults into jobs throughout the London LEP	<p>Generation will engage, train, support and place unemployed and inactive adults into jobs in the London area. The project will develop the skills needed by several sectors, such as digital, healthcare, social care, hospitality and retail. Delivery will be provided via two strands: through intensive 'bootcamps', developing skills for specific targeted roles, or; career support sessions and tailored referrals, helping participants identify the right next steps in their journey.</p> <p><u>Proposed Outputs</u> Participants supported: 5,200 Results: 2573 progressing towards or into employment, education or training</p>	£2,959,584	£7,947,924

ESF Priority Axis 2: Skills for Growth

ESF results to be achieved under Priority Axis 2 include:

Participants gaining basic skills; Participants gaining level 2 qualification; Participants gaining level 3 or above qualification; Participants progressing in work; Number of small and medium enterprises successfully completing projects

Organisation	Project Name	Project description	Proposed ESF (£)	Proposed Total Project Value (£)
Dudley College of Technology	London Advance	<p>Working closely with the London Borough of Waltham Forest, delivery will be structured around the development of an Enterprise and Innovation Hub. Through the Hub, the project will build capacity in SME's to provide training and internship opportunities aimed at enhancing the contribution of advanced skills to SME growth. Through a process of employer engagement and business networking, the project will provide a variety of training solutions specifically aimed at the local Construction industry in the Local London sub-region, seeking to identify and address skills gaps within local employers, particularly SMEs and Micro businesses</p> <p><u>Proposed Outputs</u> SMEs supported: 308</p>	£500,000	£1,000,000
London South Bank University	Accelerating Growth of the Digital and Creative Economy through Innovation, Work-force and Leadership Development (AGILE)	<p>The aim of the project is to upskill individuals working in the digital and creative sector and community businesses. Participants will be enabled to enhance their individual levels of employability, innovation and employment success, resulting in improved digital, business leadership and management skills and behaviours, and engagement with digital technology, leading to improved productivity.</p> <p><u>Proposed Outputs</u> Participants supported: 1,500 Results: 1,506 qualifications gained; 1,050 participants progressing in work</p>	£944,658	£1,889,316
New London Educational Trust	London Learning	<p>The project will deliver an integrated programme of in-work skills development activities and employer-led careers camps focusing on the retail, health & social care, hospitality and catering sectors. The model will facilitate improvement in personal effectiveness to safeguard participant's employed status and increase their opportunities for in-work progression.</p> <p><u>Proposed Outputs</u> Participants supported: 800 Results: 1,440 qualifications gained; 151 participants progressing in work</p>	£1,010,278	£2,020,556

Rinova Ltd	Hospitality Pathways	<p>Through a range of interventions, the project will encourage access to lifelong learning for individuals who are currently employed or wishing to enter the hospitality industry, via a network of 200+ Sector SME's supported by the project. Via innovative training/upskilling and engagement models, the project will promote the take up of Apprenticeships, encourage meaningful employer engagement and collaboration, and capacity build SME's to encourage more staff progression and recruitment for the industry.</p> <p><u>Proposed Outputs</u> Participants supported: 3,587 SMEs supported: 200 Results: 1,865 qualifications gained</p>	£2,374,970	£4,749,940
Twin UK	GLA Interns with Twin London	<p>Through the delivery of a targeted programme of graduate internships, the project will liaise with small business owners to ensure that internships are responsive to the needs of the economy, thereby increasing the relevance of the skills developed by graduates, and the capacity of the SME base in South and Local London to maximise opportunities for business growth through linking with further and higher education institutions.</p> <p><u>Proposed Outputs</u> SMEs supported: 184</p>	£500,000	£1,000,000

