

Maximising Funding and Investment



Bid support services

Changes to the public funding of skills and employment services highlight the importance of preparing high-quality applications, and of developing integrated packages of funding.

Our services encompass research, drafting and reviewing bids, as well as the design and development of delivery models, partnerships and supply chains which are the essential pre-requisites of a successful application.

The DWP's Innovation Fund

DWP's Innovation Fund will be making awards of £30m over the next three years to projects piloting new ideas to tackle worklessness. Awards of between £1m and £3m will be available to projects

in England, Wales or Scotland; as a 100% payment by results programme, applications need to be made jointly between delivery and investment partners.

Success will depend on the creativity shown, the strength of your partnership, how it complements other provision, as well as the robustness of your financial modelling. We can work with you to:

- ensure employers are at the heart of your approach, drawing on our expertise of employer/sector-led welfare to work projects;
- build relationships and ensure your partners play to their respective strengths;
- provide constructive challenge to ensure you are building on what exists and helping it work even better;

- bespoke a version of our tried and tested Cash Flow Assessment Tool to ensure that your business model works.

The DWP's ESF Programme

DWP has also announced its new £200m ESF programme targeting support for families with multiple problems. The Department will commission provision in each of the Work Programme contract areas, from lead contractors already on the Employment Related Support Services framework. Successful bidders are expected to show:

- integration of their proposed intervention with existing local services;
- capacity to mobilise outreach workers reaching into target communities;

- ability to work with target families in the community and the home;
- how the provision links in with the Work Programme.

Rocket Science is one of the UK's leading welfare to work consultancies. We work with Prime Contractors, local partnerships and welfare to work projects across the UK.

For an informal discussion about your ideas for an Innovation Fund or ESF bid, please contact:

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Rocket Science has over 10 years' experience designing, developing and evaluating welfare to work programmes for national and local government, delivery partnerships and providers. We offer:

National credibility:

- Delivering a learning and practice network on tackling worklessness for Department for Work and Pensions;
- Working with Local Government Improvement and Development in designing guidance for local economic assessments and researching best practice guides on tackling worklessness;
- Conducting a strategic review of Employer Coalitions for Department for Work and Pensions.

Regional approaches:

- Design of regional frameworks to improve employability pathways in the North East and Scotland;
- Stakeholder engagement and strategy development for Employment and Skills Boards;
- Mapping and developing employment and skills supply chains for providers and commissioners across and within contracting areas;
- Managing grant funds which build third sector provider capacity and complement employment programmes.

Local solutions:

- Scoping and developing employment and skills strategies to help maximise the use of discretionary funding;
- Evaluation of employment and skills programmes;
- Design of innovative, demand-led approaches to secure and retain job outcomes;
- Capacity building and support for local providers, including the third sector, to secure contracts and become high performing organisations.



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