

# SCOTTISH LOCAL AUTHORITIES

EMPLOYABILITY, UKSPF and THIRD SECTOR INTERFACE CONTACTS

November 2023 update



This document lists the Employability Leads, UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) and Third Sector Interface (TSI) contacts for each of the 32 local authorities (LAs) in Scotland. It also indicates whether these LAs will make funds available to third and private sector organisations for the purpose of employability support services in the next 12 months, what that value may be (where known) and advises on the routes of promotion and application where possible.

Funding opportunities referred to, may cover No One Left Behind (NOLB), Tackling Child Poverty (TCP), Parental Employability Support (PES), UKSPF, core council and other local funding.

Whilst every care has been taken to ensure that this information is as up to date as possible, there may be instances where staff have moved on or responsibilities have changed. Also, the contact listed for UKSPF may be the contact for the People and Skills priority OR the whole fund. Whatever your enquiry, the listed contact will signpost you to the relevant colleague.

**Providers can apply [HERE](#) to be included in the National Employability Flexible Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS).**

**Many LAs use Public Contracts Scotland to promote their procurement. You can search for information on relevant funding opportunities [HERE](#).**

**[Supplier Development Programme](#) offer free training and support to SMEs and third sector organisations who would like to bid for public sector contracts.**

Please feel free to share with your partners and networks and if you require any further information, please contact Susie Donkin at the Improvement Service – [Susie.donkin@improvementservice.org.uk](mailto:Susie.donkin@improvementservice.org.uk)

This information was correct as of October 2023.

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<b>Funding opportunities available to organisations in the next year?</b>	<p>Place Based Investment Fund is open for Expressions of Interest for 2024/25 funding.</p> <p>For UKSPF, Expressions of Interest are being sought under the Communities and Place priority only for 2024/25 funding. If projects meet the criteria of the fund, we will send an application form to complete along with the guidance document.</p> <p>The remaining funding allocation for Communities and Place for 2024/25 is £2.3 million.</p>
<b>What will be the approximate value of funding available?</b>	<p>NOLB: Unknown until 2024-25 funding allocation advised.</p> <p>UKSPF: Total Value until 2025 – approx. £5m over all priorities.</p>
<b>What routes will you use to distribute funds?</b>	Challenge Fund, inhouse/procurement process, Dynamic Purchasing System and local employability framework.
<b>Where will these opportunities be advertised?</b>	Combination including procurement via Public Contracts Scotland. Challenge Funds via ACC website and social media as well as via TSI.

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<b>Funding opportunities available to organisations in the next year?</b>	NOLB, UKSPF, Child Poverty
<b>What will be the approximate value of funding available?</b>	£1m
<b>What routes will you use to distribute funds?</b>	Grant Award
<b>Where will these opportunities be advertised?</b>	Through the LEP and Aberdeenshire Council website – <a href="http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk">www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk</a>

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<b>Funding opportunities available to organisations in the next year?</b>	UKSPF, NOLB, Child Poverty
<b>What will be the approximate value of funding available?</b>	£200k +
<b>What routes will you use to distribute funds?</b>	Small grants, local frameworks
<b>Where will these opportunities be advertised?</b>	Through LEP partners, LA website, VAA Bulletin and social media

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<b>Funding opportunities available to organisations in the next year?</b>	Unknown until 2024-25 funding allocation advised.
<b>What will be the approximate value of funding available?</b>	TBC
<b>What routes will you use to distribute funds?</b>	TBC
<b>Where will these opportunities be advertised?</b>	TBC

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<b>Funding opportunities available to organisations in the next year?</b>	Various contracts and grants from strands of SG funding available for funding from April 2024. Funding for 2023/2024 is already committed.
<b>What will be the approximate value of funding available?</b>	Unknown until 2024-25 funding allocation advised.
<b>What routes will you use to distribute funds?</b>	Local Small Grants Process and Contracts
<b>Where will these opportunities be advertised?</b>	<a href="https://www.joinedupforjobs.org/noticeboard">https://www.joinedupforjobs.org/noticeboard</a> Providers can sign up for regular newsletters with funding opportunity announcements. Contracts will be advertised via Public Contracts Scotland.

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<b>Funding opportunities available to organisations in the next year?</b>	Child poverty employability projects and Quick Quotes for NOLB commissioned programmes complete for 23/24. Grant scheme for Stirling & Clacks City Region Deal (CRD) Flexible Skills programme still to be advertised
<b>What will be the approximate value of funding available?</b>	£177k for child poverty employability funding through grant scheme, £250k for Clacks & Stirling CRD programme through grant scheme
<b>What routes will you use to distribute funds?</b>	Small grants, Quick Quotes, looking at possibly setting up a local framework for 2024/25.
<b>Where will these opportunities be advertised?</b>	Small grants schemes will be promoted via LEP and Clacks Provider Network. Quick Quotes for NOLB were advertised via PCS.

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<b>Funding opportunities available to organisations in the next year?</b>	Employability Support for Uist/Barra Multiply for Uist and Barra Short Duration sectoral specific training - 12 weeks blocks
<b>What will be the approximate value of funding available?</b>	£80,000
<b>What routes will you use to distribute funds?</b>	Small Grants payment and Local Procured Framework
<b>Where will these opportunities be advertised?</b>	Due to the local set up, providers are limited all attend the LEP, are on the Local framework and we develop models collectively.

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<b>TSI Contact</b>	Norma Austin Hart / Claire Brown - <a href="mailto:info@tsdg.org.uk">info@tsdg.org.uk</a>
<b>Funding opportunities available to organisations in the next year?</b>	Several different funding opportunities available: Community led service design work with parents, employability programmes, early intervention (stage one and two) programmes, Better Off In Work, specialist support for disabled people.
<b>What will be the approximate value of funding available?</b>	£500k +
<b>What routes will you use to distribute funds?</b>	Informal Quotes (under £20k) Quick Quotes (£20-50K) Invitations to Tender (£50K plus) and Direct Awards
<b>Where will these opportunities be advertised?</b>	In line with DGC procurement relevant Tenders are posted on PCS. Prior Information Notices have also been posted on PCS.

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<b>Funding opportunities available to organisations in the next year?</b>	NOLB, CP/PES, UKSPF, Council Core Employability Funding, Tay Cities Skills & Employability Programme, other funding provided as added value from future providers.
<b>What will be the approximate value of funding available?</b>	£3.8m
<b>What routes will you use to distribute funds?</b>	Competitive Challenge Fund and Grant Awarding Process
<b>Where will these opportunities be advertised?</b>	PCS, Council Website, Discover Work (LEP) Website

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<b>Funding opportunities available to organisations in the next year?</b>	UKSPF – Recruitment Incentive Grant, UKSPF – Training Grant, Various – NOLB/TCP
<b>What will be the approximate value of funding available?</b>	Unknown until 2024-25 funding allocation advised.
<b>What routes will you use to distribute funds?</b>	Small grants and Public Contracts Scotland
<b>Where will these opportunities be advertised?</b>	Council platforms, Public Contracts Scotland

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<b>Funding opportunities available to organisations in the next year?</b>	No One Left Behind and UK Shared Prosperity Fund
<b>What will be the approximate value of funding available?</b>	Approx £750k
<b>What routes will you use to distribute funds?</b>	Grants programme
<b>Where will these opportunities be advertised?</b>	East Dunbartonshire Council Facebook and Twitter

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<b>Funding opportunities available to organisations in the next year?</b>	Small Grants have been awarded for 23/24. Potential for some procurement for remainder of 23/24.
<b>What will be the approximate value of funding available?</b>	Up to £100k approximately
<b>What routes will you use to distribute funds?</b>	Local Small Grants Process, Regional Framework, Local Procurement
<b>Where will these opportunities be advertised?</b>	Promoted through Council’s main communication channels and through partner organisations (e.g. LEP partners/TSI/SDS etc). Procurement through Public Contract Scotland. Sign up to East Lothian Works mailing list for potential funding information: <a href="mailto:elworks@eastlothian.gov.uk">elworks@eastlothian.gov.uk</a>



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<b>Funding opportunities available to organisations in the next year?</b>	No One Left Behind Funding for 24-25 UKSPF
<b>What will be the approximate value of funding available?</b>	Unknown until 2024-25 funding allocation advised.
<b>What routes will you use to distribute funds?</b>	Through our Local Employability Framework, Small Grants Awards, Quick Quotes etc
<b>Where will these opportunities be advertised?</b>	These will be advertised through our Local Employability Partnership.

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<b>Funding opportunities available to organisations in the next year?</b>	No One Left Behind, Parental Employment Support, UK Shared Prosperity Fund (People & Skills & some Multiply) and Falkirk Council Funded provision.
<b>What will be the approximate value of funding available?</b>	In the region of £1m
<b>What routes will you use to distribute funds?</b>	Local Employability Framework, accessed through Public Contracts Scotland
<b>Where will these opportunities be advertised?</b>	Public Contracts Scotland

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<b>Funding opportunities available to organisations in the next year?</b>	UKSPF and NOLB funding has been allocated through the Opportunities Fife Partnership (LEP) Commissioning Framework.
<b>What will be the approximate value of funding available?</b>	No additional funding identified at this stage.
<b>What routes will you use to distribute funds?</b>	Continue to use the commissioning framework and enhance activity with 2023/24 funds commissioned through the NOLB process. Any additional funds would be used to fund additional provision in which other third sector providers and private providers could apply.
<b>Where will these opportunities be advertised?</b>	National Employability Dynamic Purchasing System, Fife Voluntary Action and <a href="http://www.opportunitiesfife.org">www.opportunitiesfife.org</a>

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<b>Funding opportunities available to organisations in the next year?</b>	Specialist employability support. 4 x key worker service contracts for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ethnic Minorities; Addiction, Homelessness &amp; Criminal Justice; Disabled People; Parents</li> </ul> ITTs will be issued in November 2023 for activity to start in April 2024. Partnership/consortium bids are encouraged.
<b>What will be the approximate value of funding available?</b>	Combined value £5m over 2 years. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ethnic Minorities - £700k                      Addiction, Homelessness, Criminal Justice – £1m</li> <li>Disabled People - £1.3m                      Parents - £2m</li> </ul>
<b>What routes will you use to distribute funds?</b>	National Employability Dynamic Purchasing System
<b>Where will these opportunities be advertised?</b>	Public Contracts Scotland

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<b>Funding opportunities available to organisations in the next year?</b>	Various, including support for those with disabilities.
<b>What will be the approximate value of funding available?</b>	Details will be contained within relevant Tender Specifications.
<b>What routes will you use to distribute funds?</b>	National Employability Dynamic Purchasing System. Open Tender via Public Contracts Scotland
<b>Where will these opportunities be advertised?</b>	Inverclyde Council website. Public Contracts Scotland.

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<b>Funding opportunities available to organisations in the next year?</b>	Opportunities to deliver specialised training to local participants targeting gaps in provision
<b>What will be the approximate value of funding available?</b>	Approximately 30% of our total allocation depending on funding stream
<b>What routes will you use to distribute funds?</b>	Local Grants Process, Public Contracts Scotland, Own procurement
<b>Where will these opportunities be advertised?</b>	Website, third sector bulletins, social media, through LEP membership

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<b>Funding opportunities available to organisations in the next year?</b>	Grants Programme
<b>What will be the approximate value of funding available?</b>	Minimum of £250k
<b>What routes will you use to distribute funds?</b>	Small Grants Programme
<b>Where will these opportunities be advertised?</b>	Website, third sector bulletins, social media, through LEP membership

North Lanarkshire Council	
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<b>Funding opportunities available to organisations in the next year?</b>	Parental employment funds/ All age employability funds/ sector specific grants
<b>What will be the approximate value of funding available?</b>	£1m
<b>What routes will you use to distribute funds?</b>	Local Small Grants Process; National Employability Dynamic Purchasing System
<b>Where will these opportunities be advertised?</b>	Council Website, LEP Partners, national networks

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<b>Funding opportunities available to organisations in the next year?</b>	We plan to do a procurement exercise for Employability/CP coordination service. We are also looking to do small grants to third sector.
<b>What will be the approximate value of funding available?</b>	£70K – Employability/CP Co-ordination Service £30K – Employability Small grants
<b>What routes will you use to distribute funds?</b>	Local Framework, Small grants
<b>Where will these opportunities be advertised?</b>	Public Contract Scotland and Local media

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<b>Funding opportunities available to organisations in the next year?</b>	Challenge fund for all employability opportunities
<b>What will be the approximate value of funding available?</b>	£1.4m
<b>What routes will you use to distribute funds?</b>	Grants
<b>Where will these opportunities be advertised?</b>	Direct emails to local networks of local organisations, social media, partner networks, partner websites, drop-in sessions

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<b>Funding opportunities available to organisations in the next year?</b>	Employability/ People and Skills, Multiply / Numeracy Support, Business Support and Enterprise
<b>What will be the approximate value of funding available?</b>	Budgets for 23-25 period (please note that a range of commissioning has already taken place): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Employability/ People and Skills £1.6M 2023-25 (2 years)</li> <li>• Multiply / Numeracy Support £462k 2023-25 (2 years)</li> <li>• Business Support and Enterprise £1M 2023-25 (2 years)</li> </ul>
<b>What routes will you use to distribute funds?</b>	Currently small grants (LEP Programme); Public Contracts Scotland and considering local framework as additional process for 24/25.
<b>Where will these opportunities be advertised?</b>	Public Contracts Scotland, advertised locally through Council website and social media. We already have a wide range of providers who we keep up to date with any contracts.

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<b>Funding opportunities available to organisations in the next year?</b>	SBC are asking organisations looking for grant funding to submit and expressions of interest (EOI) form which can be found on the link below to support a wide range of projects in the Scottish Borders. The purpose of this is to let the Council know what organisations are looking for to match your requests to the funding opportunities that are available. NOLB, UKSPF (People and Skills) projects form part of this process.
<b>What will be the approximate value of funding available?</b>	£470k
<b>What routes will you use to distribute funds?</b>	Small grants
<b>Where will these opportunities be advertised?</b>	<a href="https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/downloads/download/1579/project_funding_expression_of_interest_form">https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/downloads/download/1579/project_funding_expression_of_interest_form</a>

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<b>Funding opportunities available to organisations in the next year?</b>	Targeted interventions will be available to dress through SLEP funding. The Scope is to reduce inequalities to those with a disability or criminal convictions progress towards employment, education and training and access employment funded opportunities.
<b>What will be the approximate value of funding available?</b>	£50k
<b>What routes will you use to distribute funds?</b>	Small Grants
<b>Where will these opportunities be advertised?</b>	Quick Quote/ Local Procurement, Local Employability Partnership

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<b>Funding opportunities available to organisations in the next year?</b>	Commissioned services based on need of residents in South Ayrshire which will be identified through data sources from all LEP partners
<b>What will be the approximate value of funding available?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• £130k for commissioning in line with the NOLB and Child Poverty priorities.</li> <li>• £86k allocated for targeted employer recruitment incentives and job brokering for clients.</li> <li>• £18k grant for employers to support parents into work and through in-work progressions.</li> </ul>
<b>What routes will you use to distribute funds?</b>	Smalls Grants and Quick Quote through South Ayrshire Council’s Procurement Department
<b>Where will these opportunities be advertised?</b>	<a href="https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/">https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/</a> Social media - <a href="https://www.facebook.com/people/Thriving-Communities-Employability/100069378692141/">https://www.facebook.com/people/Thriving-Communities-Employability/100069378692141/</a>

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<b>Funding opportunities available to organisations in the next year?</b>	A range of procured activity identified by the LEP to complement keywork delivery and based on demand and need including employability groupwork, confidence building, vocational tasters, sector based activity
<b>What will be the approximate value of funding available?</b>	Circa £500k
<b>What routes will you use to distribute funds?</b>	SLC Youth Employability DPS and Employability Framework
<b>Where will these opportunities be advertised?</b>	Public Contract Scotland

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<b>Funding opportunities available to organisations in the next year?</b>	Funding for new local employability interventions that respond to local need
<b>What will be the approximate value of funding available?</b>	Circa £500k (based on 2023/24 allocations)
<b>What routes will you use to distribute funds?</b>	Small grants and new local framework
<b>Where will these opportunities be advertised?</b>	Through localised information networks e.g. LEP, Employer Engagement updates, Stirlingshire Voluntary Enterprise group e-mailing lists, Stirlingshire Voluntary Enterprise Website, Council Website and social media, Public Contracts Scotland for new framework.



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<b>Funding opportunities available to organisations in the next year?</b>	Framework Service Requests, Client Engagement Small Grant Schemes, Client Barrier Removal and Client Progression funds.
<b>What will be the approximate value of funding available?</b>	There will be different ranges of funding available from small grants up to £10k to larger service requests from Organisations already on our Framework
<b>What routes will you use to distribute funds?</b>	Local Framework and Small Grants.
<b>Where will these opportunities be advertised?</b>	Framework already exists. Grant schemes either through social media, Third Sector Interface and Local contacts

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<b>Funding opportunities available to organisations in the next year?</b>	UKSPF Sector Based Work Academy tender out for commission and evaluation Barrier Removal provision across all of the moray pathways network ERI (MERI) Scheme for all ages
<b>What will be the approximate value of funding available?</b>	£1.5 m
<b>What routes will you use to distribute funds?</b>	DPS for Sector Based Work Academy Local flexible framework / Quick Quotes for smaller amounts under 50k
<b>Where will these opportunities be advertised?</b>	Moray Pathways, email across the network, via TSI Moray, National via DPS system.

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<b>Funding opportunities available to organisations in the next year?</b>	Employability Grants and further opportunities will be available
<b>What will be the approximate value of funding available?</b>	£500k +
<b>What routes will you use to distribute funds?</b>	Local procurement framework and further routes TBC
<b>Where will these opportunities be advertised?</b>	<a href="https://www.west-dunbarton.gov.uk/business/grant-and-loan/working4u-employability-grants-programme/">https://www.west-dunbarton.gov.uk/business/grant-and-loan/working4u-employability-grants-programme/</a>

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<b>Funding opportunities available to organisations in the next year?</b>	Various throughout the year as budgets are agreed
<b>What will be the approximate value of funding available?</b>	Unknown until 2024-25 funding allocation advised.
<b>What routes will you use to distribute funds?</b>	Public Contracts Scotland, Local grants
<b>Where will these opportunities be advertised?</b>	Via Voluntary Sector Gateway and local networks including sectoral forums, lead bodies and Public Contracts Scotland