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(B2) ESF Sustainable Development Specialist Project Leader Award Guidance

Note: to be used in conjunction with (B2) ESF Sustainable Development Specialist Project Leader Award Guidance. The national awards apply to the 2014-2020 England ESF programme.

General entry level criteria

In order to apply for an award, projects must sign the declaration on the application form that they meet the following general entry level criteria:

The applicant organisation must not be facing prosecution for breaches of equality or environmental legislation or have been prosecuted since the start of the 2014-2020 programme.

The applicant must not be subject to investigation from audit authorities for fraudulent or improper use of public funds, including ESF.

The applicant must be in receipt of ESF / match funding under the 2014-2020 England ESF programme at the time they apply for an award.

The applicant must be a provider or sub-contractor that is currently being funded under the ESF programme in England or was funded in the academic year 2015/2016 (August 2015 to July 2016).

The applicant must not be a previous winner of the ESF Leaders Award.

The applicant must answer all the relevant questions on the form, and supply the evidence required.

The applicant must agree on the application form to allow any evidence or examples provided to be used for publicity and for sharing good practice – which could include use in training materials (materials will be 'anonymised' if used for training purposes).

Applications will need to be signed by the project manager. Applications can be made in hard copy or on-line – faxes are not accepted.

Award winning projects must agree to take part in official ESF publicity that arises from the awards – this could include participation in an awards event or a conference and photos of project managers, staff and participants.

The closing date for nominations is 16 September 2016

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Completing the Application Form Question	Why is this question being asked?
Instruction Q1. Applicant organisation details Enter the name and job title of the applicant organisation's officer who has authorised the application plus the contact details etc. of the organisation as indicated. Q2. Organisation Type Enter the type of organisation as indicated plus contract details. If the applicant is a Co-financing Organisation (CFO) provider (i.e. contracted directly to a CFO such as DWP, Skills Funding Agency, NOMS etc.) then you should also complete section 3. If applicant is a sub-contractor to a CFO provider, section 4 must be completed to show that the CFO provider has given authority for the application.	To obtain appropriate contact details of applicant organisation. To check that a named senior / responsible person within the organisation has authorised the application. To identify the applicant organisation and ensure that the application is matched to the correct region. To help ensure that correct clearance procedure is followed for CFO providers and subcontractor applicants.
Q.3 The Co-financing organisation (CFO) details should be completed by either: a CFO provider who is an award applicant in their own right; or a CFO provider's subcontractor applying for the award and who has liaised with their CFO provider to obtain the necessary details of the CFO to which the provider is contracted. Q5. Please provide a brief overview of your project, including the project's main aims and objectives. (Maximum 500 words)	ESF CFO providers are contracted to CFOs such as DWP or Skills Funding Agency. The CFO provider who is contracted to the CFO may, in turn, sub-contract some provision to smaller, or 'niche' sub-contractors. Clearance for short-listed nominations will be sought from CFOs (for CFO provider applications) and from CFO providers and CFOs for sub-contractor nominations that have been short listed This information will provide background / context on the project for the award scorers / assessors.
Q6. Please describe the extent to which your project either: a) uses / or plans to use environmentally based project activity to promote job or skills and / or b) promotes / or plans to promote environmental skills, including new green skills, or green skills for existing jobs. (Maximum 500 words)	This information will be assessed by the award scorers / assessors.

Q7. Please highlight ways in which you feel your project/support has added or will add value in terms of: (Maximum 500 words in total) a) filling a gap in local or national provision; b) providing a positive impact on the environment; c) having the potential to be replicated elsewhere; d) promoting public transport / green transport; e) Other ways of adding value not identified above, including innovative, transnational approaches.	This information will be assessed by the award scorers / assessors to help them consider how the project has added value – or how it is likely to add value.
8. Achieving results Please tell us about the impact (or the planned impact) of your activity – what results have been (or should be) achieved in terms of outcomes and outputs such as: jobs; skills; qualifications? Maximum 500 words)	This information will be assessed by the award scorers / assessors to help them consider how the project has added value – or how it is likely to add value.
9. Is there anything else you want to tell us about your project which is likely to be of interest to other practitioners or policy makers? (Maximum 500 words)	This question is being asked to enable applicants to include additional information (not already covered above) which they feel may further support their application.