

# CAREERS Local

Targeted support to develop enterprise and employability skills



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The Careers Local Enterprise Grant will provide grants to schools, specialist schools, academies, Pupil Referral Unit (Alternative Learning Centres), Virtual Schools, those Elected Home Educated (through registration with the Local Authorities) and colleges to provide targeted interventions to help young people develop enterprise and employability skills, to improve their career opportunities.

## The aim of the Enterprise Grant is:

- To support young people aged 15 - 19 who are at risk of becoming NEET to develop enterprise and employability skills, in line with the D2N2 Employability Framework.
- To enhance and supplement existing CIEG infrastructure (such as the Careers and Enterprise Company funding operating in D2N2) and deliver purposeful enterprise and employability activity.

## The objectives of the Enterprise Grant is to:

- Support young people at risk of NEET to engage in employability and enterprise activity.
- Support young people at risk of NEET to prevent them from disengaging.
- Embed the D2N2 Employability Framework into activities supporting young people at risk of NEET.
- To lever additional funding, evidenced through an Enterprise Action Plan, to support employability and enterprise activity for all young people within the school / college applying for the grant.
- Raise awareness of the employment opportunities locally especially advanced and higher apprenticeships and create pathways for young people to access the opportunities.

## The Enterprise Grant will achieve added value by:

- Demonstrate adherence to the qualifying criteria of the Enterprise Grant.
- Enhancing and extending enterprise and employability activities in schools and colleges to deliver their Enterprise Action Plan.
- Providing tailored enterprise and employability activities to young people who are at risk of disengaging with education, to allow them to develop the personal skills and competencies valued by local employers.
- A Co-ordinating Body will administer the Grants in D2N2.
- Schools/colleges are eligible to apply. Where schools / colleges are working together in Clusters or similar groupings, one can apply on behalf of all schools/colleges in the Cluster.

## To receive an Enterprise Grant a school/college must:

- Have signed up to and work to the principles of the D2N2 Employability Framework.
- Develop an approved Enterprise Action Plan with strategic local employer involved, in line with the D2N2 Employability Framework.
- Apply for an Enterprise Grant, setting out the activities to be funded and impact on young people at risk of NEET.
- Monitor and evaluate the impact of the activities delivered for young people at risk of NEET in terms of their employability and enterprise skills and of them becoming NEET.

## **STRATEGIC CONTENT AGREED BY D2N2 ESIF COMMITTEE**

### **The D2N2 area will benefit from (to be confirmed):**

- At least 1000 young people aged 15-19 who are at risk of becoming NEET

### **People who will benefit from this programme are:**

- Young people aged 15 – 19 who are at risk of becoming NEET

### **Contracting and funding allocation:**

- The programme will be procured through the SFA opt-in.
- This contract will be for up to 2-years.
- There will be one contract of £2million funding allocation from ESF and Skills Funding Agency (the opt-in agency). Direct grant allocation details will be made available in the specification.

PROPOSED STRATEGIC OVERVIEW