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# North of Tyne Combined Authority (NTCA)

Small Grant Programme

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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We have created an ongoing list of frequently asked questions following the information session and communication with potential applicants.

Question	Answer
Can a lead organisation apply to work in partnership with other delivery organisations?	<p>Yes we are keen to see collaboration and partnership bids.</p> <p>Only the lead delivery partner will need to meet the eligibility criteria.</p>
Are people in full time education who are unemployed and or economical inactive relevant to the grant?	Yes as long they are of working age.
How will the monitoring work? Will you be showing a unit cost.	There are no unit costs specified. We are looking at the number of people supported across the different output and outcome areas.
Are asylum applicants considered among the economically inactive people as they are not seeking employment while they wait for their applications (they are not allowed to work) and if a project working on giving them soft skills and certificate to enable them to find employment if and once their application is accepted would be eligible?	<p>Asylum seekers are eligible to receive funding if they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• have lived in the UK for 6 months or longer while their claim is being considered by the Home Office, and no decision on their claim has been made, or</li> <li>• are receiving local authority support under <a href="#">section 23C</a> or <a href="#">section 23CA of the Children Act 1989</a> or the <a href="#">Care Act 2014</a></li> </ul> <p>An individual who has been refused asylum will be eligible if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• they have appealed against a decision made by the UK government against granting refugee status and no decision has been made within 6 months of lodging the appeal, or</li> <li>• they are granted support for themselves under <a href="#">section 4 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999</a>, or</li> <li>• are receiving local authority support for themselves</li> </ul>

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<p>If someone is receiving North of Tyne support are they able to apply to this programme?</p>	<p>Yes, having an existing grant from NTCA would not stop you from applying, assuming this is for different activity, and is not more funding for the same project. We would need to understand the additional support this would provide.</p>
<p>How does the £2m turnover for eligibility work. Is that across several partners or the lead organisation?</p>	<p>The eligibility screening would be based on the lead applicant only, though all partners would need to be Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) organisations.</p> <p>Applicants must have turnover below £2m at their last financial year end.</p>
<p>Are learners with learning disabilities (possibly aged 16-24) who will be on work placement, classed as inactive if they have day release at college studying Maths/ English?</p>	<p>If someone is in education, they are classed as economically inactive.</p> <p>In addition, if they are receiving Universal Credit, but not currently looking for work, they will meet the economically inactive definition.</p> <p>Economically inactive individuals are those not in work and not actively seeking work (unlike unemployed individuals who are actively seeking work).</p> <p>However, if you plan to engage with people who are already on a work placement, they would not be suitable as they're already engaging with existing/mainstream provision.</p>
<p>Does this have to be a standalone project or can an application be made to part fund a larger pre-existing project.</p>	<p>Yes, this can be part of a wider project.</p>
<p>What information you would need to evidence that the people supported are economically inactive? Would you require passports, confirmation of benefits etc?</p>	<p>You do not need to provide evidence of eligibility of economic inactivity when submitting your claims.</p> <p>We expect projects to ensure the people they support are eligible. Template registration forms and referral forms will be created. We would want you to retain copies of these for any audit to confirm your records but would not ask for copies of these only submission of the output/outcome data.</p>

What type of numbers are you expecting?	We want applicants to determine the numbers of people supported. We know that different people will have different levels of support needs, intensity of support and engagement.
If people move into volunteering is that seen as success?	Yes, volunteering is an optional output.
We work across Newcastle and North Tyneside. Can we cover both areas.	Yes. We want to be flexible and allow you to cover the areas you feel is right.
I note a 9am Monday morning deadline. Can people get help if they have problems submitting after 5pm on a Friday? If yes, how?	<p>Please do look at the questions as soon as possible and ask us as soon as possible for any support.</p> <p>0207 117 2456 or by email at: <a href="mailto:NT.YEP@rocketsciencelab.co.uk">NT.YEP@rocketsciencelab.co.uk</a></p> <p>Whilst the deadline is 9am we will not close the portal immediately. We will work with you if you have any last-minute challenges to support you.</p>

### Support for applicants

If you have any questions about the application process, please contact us on 0207 117 2456 or by email at: [NT.YEP@rocketsciencelab.co.uk](mailto:NT.YEP@rocketsciencelab.co.uk)