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Investing in jobs and skills



Programme Overview

- £5bn National Programme
- Regional allocation of £305m ESF; £133m ring-fenced for South Yorkshire
- Managed in 2 phases: YH £85m, SY £22.5m for 2011-13
- 100% regional ESF is co-financed
- Regional ESF steered by Regional ESF Framework



Programme Priorities

- Priority 1: extending employment opportunities; helping the unemployed and economically inactive people enter jobs, especially those at a disadvantage in the labour market including
 - those with disabilities and health conditions
 - lone parents and other parents who face barriers to work
 - older workers (50+)
 - offenders and ex-offenders
 - people from ethnic minorities
 - NEETs or those at risk of becoming NEET
- Priority 2: developing a skilled and adaptable workforce; reducing the numbers of the employed without basic skills or qualifications.:



Other strands

- Community Grants
- Innovation and Trans-national Strand
- Technical Assistance



Co-Financing

- P1 and P2 co-financed through Skills Funding Agency; DWP Job Centre Plus and NOMS
- ESF procured separately by CFOs
- Some models e.g. SFA Fund Manager route effective at partner engagement and responsiveness



Provision to date – Priority 1

- Generic provision including:
 - advice and guidance for ESF customers
 - Outreach and engagement activity
 - Employability activity such as assistance and advice for individuals in finding employment
 - basic skills/Skills for Life (literacy, numeracy, ICT, ESOL)
 - vocational training and qualifications (up to & including level 2) supporting access to and progression in work



Provision to date - Priority 2

- Enhancements to national Train to Gain
- Increase qualifications of employed adults up to and including Level 2
- Includes non-accredited learning for employees
- Higher Level skills (level 3+) provision
- Skills Enhancement Fund main provider for P2 in 07-10



ESF and Spending Review

- CFOs awaiting steer from Ministers on 2011-13 provision
- DWP and SFA procurement to commence post Spending Review
- Contracts expected to start June 2011



ESF and Low Carbon Economy

- P1 SFA learning provision potential to deliver low carbon themed learning provision and engagement activity?
- Priority 2 current opportunity to deliver workforce skills through Skills Enhancement Fund
- SFA CFO Plan 2011-13: 'significant focus on supporting priority sectors in the region including bioscience environmental technologies'
- Expect steer from Ministers shortly on ESF and green skills to support national policy and initiatives e.g. Green Deal
- ESF underpinning ERDF investment



Summary

- Skills Enhancement Fund under P2
- Significant sums available for 2011-13
- Ministers to confirm shortly
- Procurement models changing
- Underpin ERDF Investments



Questions

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