

## Open Call 5 (Business Growth 2) and OC6 (Green and Low Carbon Skills)

### FAQs

#### Questions which apply to both OC5 and OC6

##### **When assessing grants some organisations have more resources and money. How will smaller organisations be prioritised?**

The calls are an open bidding process and decisions will be made on the fit with the requirements of the call. Organisations will not be prioritised on factors such as size, resources or location

##### **What is your view about applicants from a partnership with a lead applicant?**

Consortium/partnership bids are welcome but will have to have a lead organisation who we are able to contract with.

##### **Can charities who are also Companies Limited by Guarantee apply?**

Charities who are Companies Limited by Guarantee, Charitable Incorporated Organisations or Community Interest Companies are able to apply

##### **Would bids from consortiums/ groups of businesses/organisations be eligible?**

Consortium/partnership bids are welcome but will have to have a lead organisation who we are able to contract with.

##### **Are Organisations that currently receive Nottingham City Council UKSPF grant funding (secured through previous Open Calls) eligible to apply?**

Yes, these organisations can apply, however the provision proposed in these new applications must be in addition to the existing activity funded using UKSPF grants and must not jeopardise or compete with planned delivery.

#### Questions specific to OC5

##### **What is the number of grants available in lot 3?**

We will be awarding one grant to a single applicant for the delivery of Lot 3

#### Questions specific to OC6

##### **Green Skills is quite a broad definition – are you specifically leaving it to providers to define this in their proposals?**

This call aims to equip individuals with entry level skills that are in demand or are projected to be in demand within the low carbon economy. Applicants should demonstrate an understanding of labour market demands for green/low carbon skills to inform their bids

##### **Are project beneficiaries expected to have completed a DWP program also?**

No, in this project we are able to help economically inactive residents and those who are unemployed, irrespective of whether they have completed a DWP employment programme or not.

##### **Is there an accreditation level expectation for the qualification outputs?**

No, we would consider qualifications at any level, applicants should be able to describe why the qualification and the levels are appropriate to the participants they engage and for Green and Low-carbon job opportunities and careers

UKSPF grant funding should not be used to replace or fund existing provision or qualifications that are currently funded. Also, we would require reassurance that there was a robust process in place to ensure double funding of provision did not occur.

**Is there a preferred sectoral focus for green skills? Any particular technologies?**

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**Are we able to engage with other providers to deliver the qualifications or do we need to deliver quals in house?**

We are not prescribing a delivery model. Applicants can deliver the skills training in house or work with other organisations. However, any external providers used will need to be named in the bid.

**'Number of people receiving support to gain employment' - is the payment on the support given or the outcome achieved?**

Delivery of projects through this call are funded by a grant. There are not any output or outcome payments.

**In the ITT, on page 5, it states the occupations 'present an opportunity for equipping long-term unemployed and economically inactive individuals with entry level skills', however the outputs on page 7 have requirements for vocational licences and qualifications (neither of which are likely to be entry-level).**

**Could you confirm the intended learning level of this call please?**

It is for the applicant to identify which qualifications (and level) and licences they are proposing to deliver as part of the project. Although page 5 refers to engaging inactive and long-term unemployed, the eligibility (on page 6) also allows for short-term unemployed to access this project.

Re the licences and level of qualifications - While not all inactive or unemployed people who are engaged will be working at the level required to achieve a vocational licence, there should be a proportion who the applicant can support to gain a licence through participation in the project. The qualifications you deliver do not have to be linked to a licence and can be at an appropriate level to help participants progress towards a low carbon / green job.

Applicants are able to propose the number that they feel they will gain the qualification or complete the course they have been put on (outcome). There is no outcome relating to achieving a vocational licence.