



Future Jobs Fund

Guide to the Future Jobs Fund

The Future Jobs Fund is an exciting new initiative, backed by significant money, which will help to generate jobs for those in greatest need, particularly young people, and also in areas of high unemployment. It is an important part of the Government's commitment to delivering real help for young people and those who face barriers to employment, making sure people stay connected with the labour market and do not suffer the adverse effects of long-term unemployment.

What is the Future Jobs Fund?

In the Budget the Government announced that we would be introducing a major new Jobs Fund. This aims to create 150,000 jobs between October 2009 and April 2011 providing real help for young people and who face significant disadvantages in the labour market.

The Future Jobs Fund builds on proposals made in the recently published Tackling Worklessness review led by Councillor Stephen Houghton. The Government is keen to work with Local Authorities and other partners to turn this important priority into a reality.

▶ [Tackling Worklessness](#) (this link will take you to the Department for Communities and Local Government website)

What makes a successful bid?

Ahead of the formal bidding process, it is important for us to let you know what sort of ideas we are looking for. We're keen to make a difference quickly and will be looking for successful bids to be delivering jobs by late autumn.

We are currently developing the criteria for bids. In the meantime, as a guide, we expect that successful bids must:

- **create additional jobs for long term unemployed people;**
- **benefit the local community; and**
- **create a significant proportion of jobs quickly.**

The majority of jobs created must go to people aged 18-24 who are approaching 12 months on Jobseeker's Allowance. We are particularly interested in hearing from organisations in areas of high unemployment to understand how we can best create new jobs in these areas.

The overall cost of each bid should not exceed £6,500 per job created (including any admin costs) but of course this can be supplemented by funding from other sources.

Beyond this we are likely to favour proposals that:

- **demonstrate the potential to lead to sustainable employment;**
- **include proposals for training to develop an individual's skills;**
- **contribute to the creation of a significant number of new green jobs; and**
- **provide value for money and / or include additional funding from other sources.**

Who can bid?

We expect that the significant majority of bids will come from upper tier local authorities or sub-regional partnerships and will demonstrate that all partners within the area have been involved in developing the proposals, however we recognise that in some circumstances there may be a case for second tier local authorities to bid for funding for their areas. Bids will need to be in line with existing locally agreed work and skills strategies and show that they do not replicate or replace existing jobs. Other large organisations such as social enterprises and voluntary sector bodies will be able to bid as long as their proposals meet the criteria set out during the bidding process.

Who gets these new jobs?

The Future Jobs Fund has been set up to provide additional job opportunities to jobseekers and other people on out of work benefits who would otherwise be unable to find work by ensuring a significant number of people, particularly those aged 18 – 24 who have been unemployed for around 12 months, are able to take up these new jobs.

As well as making a significant contribution to the Government's guarantee for young people, it will also provide much needed and valuable support to other people who have been out of work and on benefit for around a year, helping to ensure they do not lose touch with the labour market. This dual approach ensures that young and disadvantaged people do not lose touch with the labour market.

When do the jobs need to start?

We want to get this up running as soon as possible, with some jobs in place as early as October 2009.

When will there be further information?

We will give more details on the criteria for bids and on the actual bidding process in May 2009. We then expect to receive the initial set of bids later in the summer and we would look to announce the first successful bid in early autumn 2009.

How long does the funding last?

We expect funding to be awarded from this autumn on a rolling basis throughout the following 18 months at least until spring 2011. Each job created must last for a minimum of 6 months, and funding provided from the Future Job Fund will cover a 6-month period for each unemployed person taken on.

Who should I contact for further information?

Send an email to future.jobsfund@dwp.gsi.gov.uk and keep checking the DWP website at <http://www.dwp.gov.uk/futurejobsfund> for regular updates.