

Response to Request for Information

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ERDF and ESF

Request:

I am interested to find out about projects run by the council/local authority which have been funded by the European Regional Development Fund and European Social Fund Structural Funding, and Youth Employment Initiative for 2014-20

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)

1. Breakdown of budgets for this spending 2014-2020 under the European Regional Development Fund, including:
 - details of specific projects funded with their postcodes or coordinates:
 - How much money was provided by the fund- how much has been drawn down/provided already?
 - if possible the Priority Axis the project falls under,
 - set-up costs and annual running costs for each project

Note: None of our ERDF funded projects have been contracted. Therefore we have added a column with status and await confirmation from DCLG whether they will proceed.

Priority Axis	Description of project	Funding	Status
3 SME competitiveness	Black Country Advice Investment and Markets (AIM) will offer specialist support for SMEs pooling business support across four local authorities, the University and Chamber of Commerce, enhanced with specialist consultancy and delivered via the Growth Hub. The City of Wolverhampton Council is acting as accountable body on behalf of the Black Country.	£1.8 million ERDF towards a total project cost of £3.8 million Set up costs funded through mainstream. Budget to be confirmed if contracted.	Awaiting approval

<p>3 SME competitiveness</p>	<p>Black Country Transformational Growth Opportunities Local Delivery (BCT GOLD) project will issue grants to Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (SMEs) to enable a sustainable step change in their working processes, business development and performance.</p>	<p>£1.6 million ERDF out of a total project cost of £5.0 million with £3.4 million</p> <p>Set up costs funded through mainstream.</p> <p>Budget to be confirmed if contracted.</p>	<p>Approved. Pending contracting</p>
<p>Priority 6 Environment</p>	<p>Black Country Blue Network will create a high quality ecological network with a diverse range of habitats, centred on the area's historically important waterways and associated green spaces. This will be achieved through a three year programme of infrastructure and habitat improvements improve habitats along canals and rivers in the Black Country as well as other key nature greenspaces linked into this blue network facilitating better visitor management and improved access for local communities</p>	<p>£1.7 million ERDF out of a total project cost of £3.8 million.</p> <p>Set up costs funded through mainstream.</p> <p>Budget to be confirmed if contracted.</p>	<p>Outline approval. Full bid to be submitted.</p>
<p>Priority 6 Environment</p>	<p>Bilston Urban Village Strategic Environmental Infrastructure developing high quality nature reserve with improved biodiversity, interpretation and access on derelict and disused green space land in Bilston Urban Village, currently a target for anti-social behaviour.</p>	<p>£1.8 million (£800,000 ERDF, match LGF)</p> <p>Set up costs funded through mainstream.</p> <p>Budget to be confirmed if contracted.</p>	<p>Outline approval. Full bid to be submitted.</p>

2. Any drafts budgets/ plans for where future funding for these projects will come from - **not known**

3. Has post 2020 funding been confirmed already? - No

European Social Fund Structural Funding

4. Breakdown of budgets for this spending 2014-2020 under the European Social Fund Structural Funding, including:

- details of specific projects funded with their postcodes or coordinates,
- How much money was provided by the fund- how much has been drawn down/provided already?
- set-up costs and annual running costs for each project

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ESF YEI	Impact in the Black Country will support young people between 15-29 not in employment, education or training move towards employment.	£34m BC wide ESF/YEI (£5.7m Wolverhampton) No claim has been submitted yet with drawdown.	Contracted.

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6. Has post 2020 funding been confirmed already? - No