

Revised Specification 4(b) (Countywide)

ExDRA is seeking to fund the establishment of a new social enterprise to offer employment and training opportunities primarily to disabled people but also to other significantly disadvantaged people who suffer disproportionately from specific barriers to employment and training. This social enterprise should contribute to the environmental sustainability of Essex and tackle the barriers of transport and rural isolation in innovative and effective ways. The programme should be open to people irrespective of their location in Essex and must also be open to people from all impairment groups.

Applicants should show that their proposal is well researched and that it will meet Essex market needs in respect of its business whilst also meeting the needs of the programme members. It is especially important that applicants demonstrate that the enterprise will be sustainable beyond funding from ESF. The Enterprise should be run (although not necessarily delivered from) any or all of the Clacton, Harwich or Basildon Enterprise Centres where they will be assisted to get established by a Business Link for Essex Social Enterprise Start Up Consultant. Further details about these Enterprise Centres can be obtained from this website.

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There is **£220,000** of funding to help programme members within this specification. The outcomes we wish to fund are as follows:

| | Total |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| No of programme members (PM's) | 69 |
| No of women receiving support | 23 |
| No working towards a qualification | 41 |
| No of leavers gaining a qualification | 26 |

> Enterprise Centres

For information about the Enterprise Centres see below :-
Basildon centre - Jackie banks or Glynis Argue - 01268 591436)

Clacton and Harwich centres - Julie Hepburn (01255 221116