



EQUIP: New grants for small employment and skills organisations

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Paddington Development Trust is giving notice of a new round of funding under the Community Grants scheme in West and Central London. A new round of funding applications will open on 19th May 2022 and closes on 10th June 2022. Projects in this round will be required to start on the 1st August 2022.

Grants of £20,000 will be available for third sector organisations and SMEs (those with 49 FTE staff or fewer) that carry out employment and skills work and have previous proven track record of delivering EQUIP projects. The funding has been made available by the ESFA under their Community Grants Scheme. So far more than two hundred and fifty small projects have submitted successful applications in previous rounds.

In Central and West London* the allocation of grants is managed by Paddington Development Trust (PDT). PDT has called this programme **EQUIP** since its goal is to equip small organisations who in turn can equip local residents with skills and jobs advice. The money will be granted to organisations who support unemployed people (on JSA or economically inactive) to move towards employment or training. Organisations should be able to provide services remotely or safely in face to face environments.

The funding is particularly targeted towards organisations that can help those groups furthest from the labour market including older people; carers; parents, some BAME groups; the homeless; refugees; young people and ex-offenders.

The application form for this funding round can be found
<https://zfrmz.eu/I2sjnyx1NOkr8Sn512pY>

The application guidance and FAQs can be found on the [PDT Website](#)

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***West London comprises the boroughs of:** Brent, Barnet, Ealing, Hammersmith and Fulham, Harrow, Hillingdon and Hounslow.



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This final round of EQUIP is due to programme underspend and as such we can only fund twenty projects across West and Central Lot Area. Therefore, there will be strong emphasis on prior delivery and track record.