

## **ESIF-ERDF Update for VCS**

## **ERDF**

This is the seventeenth in a series to update you on the main European Funds in Greater Manchester, provided by GMCVO with the support of Network for Europe, and is part of Technical Assistance. This one covers ERDF.

### **Context**

EAFRD rural still open, extra funds added

ESF human resources - £50m Co-Finance call proceeding.

### **ERDF Call still open, new calls issued 30th June**

The ERDF P1 call (Research and Innovation) remains open, with a final deadline of 31st October.

Future calls across England are expected on 22nd September and 17th November. For Manchester, it is thought that calls will be more likely on 17th November (but times could change).

While much of the ERDF for Greater Manchester is for Financial Instruments (loan funds for enterprise, and for buildings), there is also revenue funding for support for enterprises, including start-ups and social enterprises. It is expected that there will shortly be calls for the second half of the programme - which could be used for extensions to existing projects, or could be new projects from new applicants.

### **New Call - SUD (Sustainable Urban Development)**

The ERDF SUD call remains open, with a final deadline of 31st October.

Minimum bids are £1m (ERDF plus match), but it is expected that there could be good opportunities for sub-contracting to third sector organisations.

It is expected that there could soon be more information around potential projects that were sent in for the first deadline (end of July).

There were expected to be eight SUD calls, based on the core cities but so far there have been only three. Manchester and Liverpool were the first, with Leeds a few days later. We have asked for an update on the SUDs for the next PMC-Growth Board. It will be interesting to see how they vary based on the different LEP areas, and on the relative involvement of the third sector.

### **Evaluation - Summative Assessments**

Each ERDF project is required to produce a summative assessment. Guidance (and appendices) have now been issued -

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/evaluation-of-the-european-regional-development-fund-2014-to-2020>

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