



Enhancing Opportunities Grant

Training Support for the wider community



Overcoming barriers to employment

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Sustain and Advance your Employment

Perth & Kinross Council and **Life Skills Central Ltd** are committed to developing, supporting and promoting Perth and Kinross as a thriving and inclusive economy community where individuals would like to live, work and visit. In order to help individuals meet their full employment potential, Perth & Kinross Council has made available funding for industry specific training which will address their individual skills needs.

The Enhancing Opportunities Grant has been devised to offer the wider community in Perth and Kinross funding for vocational training which is unobtainable by any other means.

The grant has been split into 3 themes:

- **Training support for individuals who are unemployed**
- **Training support for those in employment/self employment**
- **Discretionary fund**

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Training support for individuals who are unemployed

Applications received by an unemployed individual will be considered if the applicant can provide evidence to support that training will result in improved chances of employment in the local or travel to work areas. Any type of certified industry led vocational training will be considered for support, with the exception of training that an individual is eligible for via government national training programmes funded by Jobcentre Plus, Skills Development Scotland or other funding source. However, this fund **can** be used in conjunction with any other funding sources.

What can the grant offer the individual?

Up to 100% of the training costs. A maximum grant of £3,500.

Training support for those in employment/self employment

Applications received by an individual in employment will be considered if training will result in career advancement to a new or promoted post. Applicants will be required to submit evidence in support of their application. Any type of certified industry led vocational training will be considered with the exception of training that an individual would be eligible for via government national training programmes funded by Skills Development Scotland or other funding sources. However, this fund **can** be used in conjunction with any other funding sources.

What can the grant offer the individual?

If the annual working income of the household is £22,000 pro rata or less, then up to 100% of training costs may be met, up to a maximum grant of £2,000.

Discretionary fund

In addition to the training grant, applications from individuals who are unemployed or whose working household income is no more than £22,000 pro rata can apply for non-training funds for identified barriers obstructing the individual gain or sustain employment. Applicants must evidence that the support service or equipment is essential to enable them to gain or sustain employment and that the items cannot be purchased or supplied by any other means.

What can the grant offer the individual?

Consideration will be given to release funds for the purchase of essential tools, equipment or support services, up to a maximum grant of £1,000.

*There is specific eligibility criteria which must be met by applicants.
All grants are discretionary and no guarantee of success can be given to those who apply, however each application will be considered on its own merits.*

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