

Acumen Legacy Fund

Grant Guidelines

The Acumen Legacy Fund provides grants to people living in East Durham who are facing barriers to employment, skills development or vocational training programmes.

Applicable locations

The eligible area for the Fund is East Durham.

Size of Grant

Up to £1,000

What type of funding can you apply for?

Here are some examples of the type of funding you can apply for, but this list doesn't include everything.

- Accredited training programmes
- Study aids such as books
- Equipment needed for courses
- Travel costs towards training
- Contribution towards childcare costs
- Clothes and other support for job interview
- Bicycle, helmet and lock (up to £300)
- Driving lessons, where a job offer requires a full license (proof will be needed to show that your client holds a provisional driving license and that they have passed their driving theory test)
- Laptop (where there is evidence of a training placement. If request is for a higher spec, proof that it is an essential equipment for the course will need to be submitted)

Get in touch if you're unsure about whether your request, training, purchase or project is covered by this fund.

The following items have restricted maximum limits:

- Driving lessons: £600
- Bicycle, helmet, lights and lock: £300
- Laptop: £300

Who can apply?

Applications are invited from an appropriate person who will act as a referrer.

By appropriate person, we mean:

- Frontline worker who provides information, advice and guidance to help you make decisions on learning, training and work
- Career advisor
- Social worker
- Support worker from a relevant registered charity, housing association or public sector organisation

As a referrer, you will be the point of contact throughout the application process, and you will be required to provide information at the end of the grant term. You will most likely receive the funds and supervise how the grant is spent.

We cannot accept applications from:

- People already receiving significant financial support from schemes focussing on working with employers and individuals
- People who have received support from this grant in the last 12 months

What we cannot fund:

- Contribution towards course fees where the course fee is more than £2,000
- Higher education fees, home student fees and bursaries
- Items which are the responsibility of the employer or third party to provide
- Any time or activity that falls under statutory obligation to be provided
- Items that have already been purchased and activities that have already taken place

Can you apply to other programmes?

Applying to the Acumen Legacy Fund does not restrict you from applying to other Foundation funds. However, you can only hold one grant per year from this Fund.

When to apply?

Open

How to apply:

To apply for a grant, you must use our online application form which can be found by visiting: <https://ukcommunityfoundation.my.salesforce-sites.com/forms/CDCF/AcumenDevelopmentTrust2024>

When you have completed the application in full, we aim to have a decision for you within six weeks.

Need more help?

If after reading the guidelines, you have any questions or need some help completing your application, please get in touch with our team:

E-mail: info@pointnorth.org.uk

Advice line: 0191 378 6340

Advice surgery: <https://calendly.com/info-61057/fundingadvice?month=2024-06>