ESF Breakdown:

- 82.5 million available across the South East LEP area:
  - £50.3 million for **Employment and Social inclusion**
  - £1.8 million for **Youth Employment Initiative in Thurrock**
  - £32.2 million for **Education, Skills and Lifelong learning**
- Match funded by Skills Funding Agency £49 million, DWP £10 million and the Big Lottery £8 million
- £8.25 million allocated to Community Lead Local Development (CLLD) (indicative amount)
- £5 million unmatched ESF – approximate figure

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<td>Big Lottery (Inclusion)</td>
<td>• Transitions to work and beyond&lt;br&gt;• Overcoming isolation&lt;br&gt;• Filling gaps&lt;br&gt;£8m +£8m cash match. Total 16m. Outputs still under negotiation.</td>
<td>An initial document has been submitted to the Big Lottery Fund (BLF). The next stage is to add localised targets and details which will enable a funding specification to be written ready for a July call.</td>
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<td>Department of Work and Pensions (Employability)</td>
<td>Sector focus with the following components&lt;br&gt;• Employment focus – to bring inactive, unemployed &amp; under-employed people into sustained employment&lt;br&gt;• People without <em>significant</em> barriers to <em>sustained</em> employment&lt;br&gt;• Introducing people particularly to the breadth of career opportunities in SELEP growth sectors&lt;br&gt;• An agile provision that will respond flexibly to individual’s and local labour market/employer needs&lt;br&gt;• Pre-employment activities and in work support – working closely with the individual and employer throughout&lt;br&gt;• Feedback from participants and employers used to inform the programme delivery&lt;br&gt;• 4,500 starts over the three years</td>
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| SFA (Skills and Learning) | - Increasing Apprenticeship numbers: 8000 new and additional apprenticeships supported, value £23.2m  
- Supporting career choices 7875 participants supported, value £4m. Activity to include evidence base, localised careers website and roadshows, tutor CPD and education-industry programmes  
- Improving employer and provider collaboration: Value £3m, activity to include Skills Advisor portal and supporting resource  
- Improving literacy and numeracy levels: 3,400 participants supported to acquire basic qualifications, value £3.6m  
- Increasing higher level skills: Value £9.75m, activity to support 1200 undergraduate placements in SMEs and 4,500 employees in key sectors to acquire higher skills  
6 Projects initiation documents containing localised priorities, have been submitted to the SFA. SFA internal processes should be complete ready for a July call. |