

**Essex Multiply Community Grant information and Application Form 2023-25**

**Introduction to Multiply in Essex**

The Government’s Multiply programme is focused on raising participation in learning and attainment in Maths for adults aged 19 and over.

ECC has submitted an investment plan seeking the maximum allocation of £7.9m, which is the largest of any county in England. Allocation of fund for 2022/23 has been awarded.

More information can be found at: [Decision Details: Submission of investment plan for ‘Multiply’ adult numeracy programme.](https://cmis.essex.gov.uk/essexcmis5/Decisions/tabid/78/ctl/ViewCMIS_DecisionDetails/mid/422/Id/9218/Default.aspx)

This will help address the crucial skills gaps in Essex, which ranked 114 out of 151 local authorities in England – the 38th lowest – in terms of the proportion of 16-64 year olds with an NVQ3 or above.

As a result, Essex has secured the fifth largest funding allocation in the country and the largest allocation for a single local authority.

**Essex Multiply Project**

Multiply aims to raise participation in learning and attainment in Maths up to NVQ2 for adults aged 19 and over. Failure to attain this level of Maths is often a barrier to progressions to higher learning and in work. Attainment at Entry Level 3 can even bar access into technical apprenticeships at NVQ2. The Multiply scheme will go beyond traditional maths and will also focus on everyday numeracy skills to help adults with household budgeting, debt management, bargain hunting, and with their children’s homework, etc.

The project aims to offer short courses and support that will help adults to cope with the cost of living, to help their children with their schoolwork, to access employment, and to progress in work.  The project aims to whet Essex adults’ appetite for learning through short practical courses that offer maths tools that are useful to residents and families in their everyday lives.

The Government has confirmed the initial grant of £2.4m to ECC to deliver 3,450 opportunities by March 2023. By March 2025, 14,200 residents will participate in education/training: supporting businesses to upskill their workforces, helping parents to support their children’s learning and to offer adults more effective tools with which to manage their money better.

Multiply will support ECC’s objectives as set out in the [Everyone’s Essex strategy](https://www.essex.gov.uk/plans-and-strategies/everyones-essex) to support Good Jobs and Future Growth by increasing the skills of Essex residents and workers. It will also support ECCs [Levelling Up Essex White Paper](https://www.essex.gov.uk/plans-and-strategies/levelling-up-essex-strategy) which aims to level up priority places and disadvantaged cohorts across Essex. Multiply will also deliver bespoke modules to meet the skills needs of employers in sectors which are set to grow as set out in our [Sector Development Strategy](https://www.essex.gov.uk/plans-and-strategies/sector-development-strategy) and those that are struggling with skills shortages.

**Community Grants – please read this information carefully before making your application**

Community grants will be awarded in support of Essex Multiply. Grants are available up to £10,000 per proposal. As you will see, the Multiply Community Grants are all about organisations supporting the Multiply programme by plugging their existing cohorts into the provision on offer.

We are now able to accept community grant proposals from partners /organisations across the Community, Voluntary and Public Sectors to support the following:

* Provide community outreach for Multiply – to stimulate demand for learning amongst the most disadvantaged groups that skills providers currently find hard to reach
* Triage services to identify appropriate support and training for Essex residents
* Referrals to Multiply provision
* Provide ongoing support to the adults that you refer to Multiply provision
* Enable Multiply provision to be delivered from your premises, hosting these vital learning sessions for your cohorts via our Multiply providers
* Work with local Multiply providers to co-design and co-produce delivery of training
* Grants will be based on a minimum agreed number of (40 – 60) adults participating in Multiply.

**Provider Application**

**Please complete and return to** [**multiply@essex.gov.uk**](mailto:multiply@essex.gov.uk)

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| Name of Organisation / Provider |  |
| Address of Organisation / Provider |  |
| Contact name, telephone and email details |  |
| Date of Application |  |
| Area/s your proposal will cover |  |
| How much funding would you like to apply for (maximum - £10,000 per proposal) |  |
| Number of adults your proposal will support |  |
| Number of starts on Multiply learning your proposal will deliver (minimum 40-60) |  |
| Proposed start date of delivery |  |
| Proposed end date of delivery |  |
| Additional information |  |

Details of your proposal for Essex Multiply Provider Grant based on criteria outlined above (please outline your project plan below – maximum 1 side of A4)