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Planning

Adult Skills Fund

York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority

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Scope

Description

Our Adult Skills Fund (ASF) priorities

Widen Access and Participation: ASF as a gateway to learning and progression

Embed Basic and Transferable Skills: ASF providing foundations to higher skills and employment

Unlock Progression Pathways and Underutilised Talent: ASF providing routes to higher skills and better paid jobs

Develop Flexible Provision: to meet the needs of learners and businesses

Build Capacity and Capability: to enable an integrated, flexible and responsive provider base

Enable Effective Collaboration: partnership working between providers

Our strategy supports the Combined Authority's vision of enabling healthy and thriving communities in York and North Yorkshire.

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 August 2026 to 31 July 2027
- 1 year

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80510000 - Specialist training services

Contract locations

- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber

Engagement

Engagement deadline

25 February 2026

Engagement process description

The purpose of the Adult Skills Fund is to support adult learners to gain skills which will lead them to meaningful, sustained, and relevant employment, or enable them to progress

to further learning.

Procurement information available

Materials to help organisations prepare for Adult Skills Fund procurement in 2026-27 are now available.

Our Adult Skills Fund team has recorded a short webinar and provided slides and a Frequently Asked Questions document.

Please see all required information and access to the recorded webinar in the link below:

<https://yorknorthyorks-ca.gov.uk/project/adult-skills-fund/>

Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

26 February 2026

Contracting authority

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