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Subject: RE: CLLD - extension request - queries from the Panel - URGENT response required
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Further to your message below, The Recruitment Junction would be able to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] by utilising a piece of grant funding we have recently received from [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

I hope that helps. Let me know if you need any further details.

Kind regards



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Subject: CLLD - extension request - queries from the Panel - URGENT response required

Importance: High

Dear Projects,

Hope you are all ok.

This is joint email to all ESF projects that have requested an extension. All your proposals have now been considered by the Panel and the Panel members have instructed me to get in touch with you with 2 main messages and questions:

1. There has been a significantly higher demand – both in terms of ESF and match funding – than we currently have available in the pot. **At this point we simply do not have enough money to approve all your requests.** So we've decided to approach this from two angles:

- we're trying to secure more funding from the Council's allocation of COMF (this is government's funding made available to local authorities to support them in recovery from the pandemic) – but at the moment it's too early to say if we're going to be successful
- at the same time the Panel would like to find out if any of you may be able to use some other funding as match to decrease the ask from us. We've already had discussions with some projects – before they submitted their change requests - about using their reserves and how it may divert funding from their other activities. And it was also raised at the event we held on 18 Jan. These are all valid points and the Panel members do understand this. However, they felt we needed to ask you all this question because of the situation we're in.

I think I've been in touch with most projects about the final version of their match funding table (if not, please let me know I'll send you the version I've used for your project). **Could you please send me an email to confirm your position – in particular if you're able to decrease the ask from CLLD and if so, by how much and what would be the additional source of funding.** But please, be realistic.

And just to clarify – the availability of match funding is not one of the criteria for approval here. If it's not possible for your project to decrease the ask from us, it doesn't mean that your request will be rejected. We're just trying to manage a difficult situation.

2. Collectively you have forecasted a fewer number of participants than the CLLD target is. Our target for the whole CLLD (ESF) programme is to support [REDACTED] people – [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] again, the Panel would like you to consider how realistic it is for your project to try to support more participants. **Could you please send me an email to confirm if you could support more participants and if so, how many more.** Every little helps here! Even if you think that additional 5 or 8 people is the maximum you could try to aim for, it all adds up at our end. But again, please

be realistic. If your extension request gets approved, these will be the new targets in the variation to your Grant Agreement.

As we're trying to progress this as quickly as we can, can I ask for your responses **by 1pm tomorrow (Friday, 11 Feb)**, please? If you could let me know even earlier, it would be fantastic. Please send your email directly to me and/or Vic – please don't use "respond to all" as your message may go to all the e-mail addresses currently hidden in "blind copy to".

We are still aiming to let you know about the outcome next week – but it's more likely to be the end of the week rather than the beginning.

Hope this is ok. If you have questions about your individual project, please let me or [REDACTED] know (but please note, [REDACTED] work on a Friday).

Regards,

[REDACTED]

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