**The Future Careers fund 2020** is a fund which is immediately available to secondary schools, FE and 6th form colleges in a competitive grant process. Each school or college may apply for up to £2000 with the option to make an application in July or October 2020.

It is our ambition that the **Future Career Fund 2020** provides support to specifically assist schools in adapting their careers provision post COVID19.

We anticipate as many schools and colleges move to broader digital delivery, certain tools and access to virtual platforms may be key in introducing new ways of working to support blended delivery and increase accessibility for some students.

Acknowledging that some schools may also want to continue their work around raising quality Career standards, we would also welcome projects which support this and meet the necessary requirements detailed below.

**All** activity must be sustainable, measurable, whilst lending itself well to maintaining career benchmark and quality standards. If successful, Skills for Employment officers will work with schools and colleges to capture outputs and report on the impact the fund has on each school or college awarded.

The fund will be available from **July 2020** with two rounds of applications.

The **July** round will support schools who have identified immediate needs and would benefit from moving this work forward right away.

**October’s** round will then be available for schools who might have yet to identify work/projects and would benefit from Autumn funds to accommodate future needs.

* Successful applications will be processes and paid on receipt of invoice - WCC terms of payment apply

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| **Round One** |  |
| Application Close  | Friday 17th July 2020  |
| Assessment Board  | Friday 24th July 2020 |
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| Notification of Grants Awarded  | Monday 27th July 2020 |
| **Round Two** |  |
| Application Close  | Friday 2nd October 2020 |
| Assessment Board  | Friday 16th October 2020 |
| Notification of Grants Awarded  | Monday 23rd October 2020 |