



**LEVELLING
— UP —**

UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF)
And UKSPF Community Grants Overview

Background to UKSPF

- Launched on 13th April 2022, a new fund from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC)
 - Further Guidance published in July 2022
 - Applications required by August 2022
 - NWLDC Application accepted in January 2023
- A £2.6bn fund delivered by formula (not competition) to all areas of the UK
- NWLDC receiving just over £2.4m over three years
- The UKSPF replaces ESIF (European Structural and Investment Funds) due to wind down by 2025

How is the fund delivered?

- Relating to the three key areas and Levelling Up Missions, DLUHC have prepared a list of 41 interventions for England, split across the three themes and categorised as 'E' numbers, each focussing on a different delivery area with different indicative outputs.
- Officers have referred to the Council Delivery Plan, Economic Growth Plan, Zero Carbon Roadmap and other known priorities to choose an initial list of interventions from the long list of 41.
- 15 projects have been identified delivering a range of interventions, which includes the Community Grants

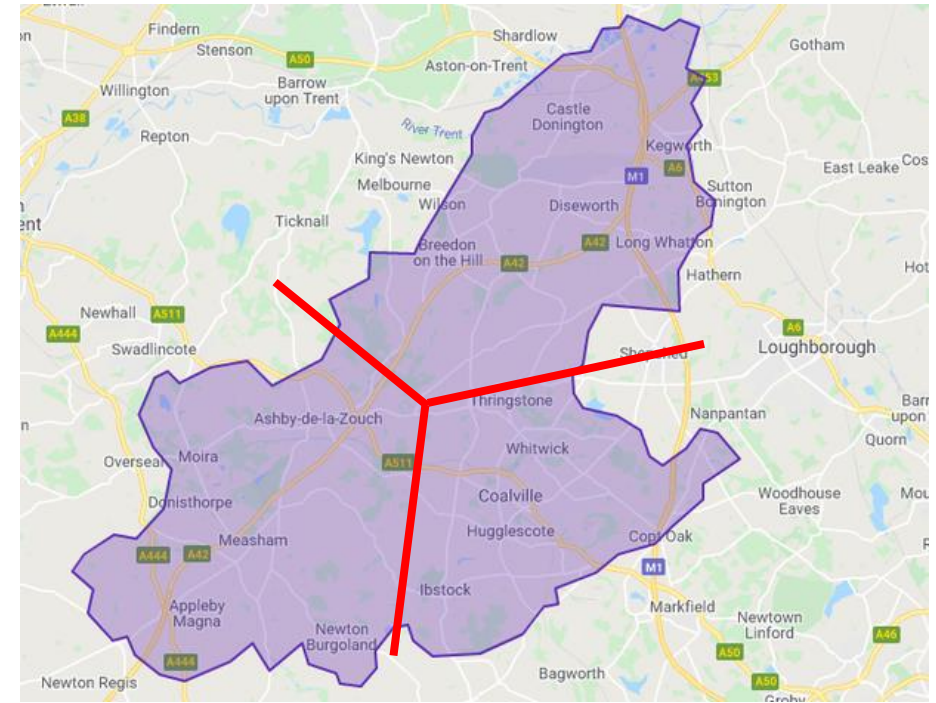


UKSPF in North West Leicestershire

Projects and, as far as possible, funding will be split equally across the district across three areas:

- Ashby and the South West
- Greater Coalville
- Northern Parishes

As well as some district wide expenditure.



UK SPF Community Grant

Community Grant Scheme

Parish	Population	Grant (per year)
Staunton Harold	137	3000
Chilcote	164	3025
Stretton en le Field	164	3025
Normanton le Heath	178	3025
Charley	199	3025
Snarestone	321	3075
Isley cum Langley	350	3075
Osgathorpe	493	3125
Sweepstone	716	3175
Belton	761	3200
Packington	798	3200
Lockington-Hemington	862	3225
Heather	947	3250
Breedon on the Hill	1,070	3300
Coleorton	1,181	3325
Appleby Magna	1,271	3350
Swannington	1,273	3350
Worthington	1,575	3450
Long Whatton and Diseworth	1,833	3550
Ravenstone with Snibstone	2,717	3850
Ellistown & Battleflat	2,852	3900
Oakthorpe and Donisthorpe	2,882	3900
Thringstone	2,891	3900
Kegworth	4,034	4350
Ashby Woulds	4,430	4500
Hugglescote & Donington	4,948	4725
Measham	5,559	5000
Castle Donington	7,266	5825
Ibstock	7,464	5950
Whitwick	8,601	6600
Ashby-de-la-Zouch	15,988	10000
Coalville (incl Agar Nook, Bardon & Greenhill)	22,566	10000

- £300,000 across two years (2023/24, 2024/25)
- Allocated based on population of parish areas
 - Minimum threshold of £3,000 for lower population areas
 - Maximum threshold of £10,000 for large urban centres
- Discretionary ‘top up’ funding available
 - Allows scope for larger projects
 - Allows scope for additional projects in areas where there are multiple, good quality applications
 - Projects that exceed allocation, or areas which have a high number of projects, will be assessed to approve access to this
- Funding cannot be carried over from one year to the other and must be spent or allocated within the 12 month period



Who can apply?

The fund is open to:

- Parish and Town Councils including Parish Meetings
- Constituted voluntary and community groups
- Uniformed groups
- Parent Teacher Associations
- Not-for-profit organisations

Eligibility of projects and expenditure

Projects **MUST** meet at least one of the following outputs:

- Create or improve an area of public space, leading to increased visits
 - *Can be town centre, high street or a local park/green space*
- Make an area wheelchair accessible
- Support a local event or initiative (*arts, heritage, cultural, creative*)
- Make an improvement to the local neighbourhood
- Create or support a local facility (*sports field, museum, village hall*)
- Create or improve an area of green space or water
- Create or improve local paths and cycleways
- Plant trees
- Make changes to an area to reduce Anti-Social Behaviour or Crime (*better lighting, cameras*)
- Campaign and advertise to encourage visits to the local area
- Provide volunteering opportunities, bringing diverse groups of the community together
- Supports an existing group to obtain, retain or develop skills knowledge and tools, particularly where this safeguards the future or helps them grow (*website building*)
- Installs or improves digital connectivity (e.g. wifi) in a community facility

Projects are encouraged to meet as many output as possible, eg:

- **Village Green Improvement in this town**
 - Improves an area of green space
 - Makes an improvement to the neighbourhood
 - Plants trees
 - Provides volunteering opportunities

Monitoring / Feedback requirements

Your project has to not only meet the outputs (previous slide) but must have outcomes. Support will be offered to applicants to understand what these outcomes will be. The outputs and outcomes will be fed back to the Department of Levelling Up and therefore the monitoring and reporting on projects is key.

Some of the outcomes the Department of Levelling Up is keen to hear back are on (and so we would encourage you to think of these for your project) are:

- Increase the footfall of visitors (e.g. to a new or improved area/park) – e.g. with handheld counters
- Improve accessibility of an area
- Improve the perception of an area/facility (particularly where this was poor beforehand) – e.g. with the use of surveys
- Increase the number of local events, or improve the perception of existing events
- Involve and increase numbers of volunteers, particularly from diverse and different social groups.

These are just broad themes and as mentioned specific outputs and outcomes will be discussed with successful projects.

Monitoring / Feedback requirements

As mentioned it is a requirement of the funding to monitor and report on the outputs and outcomes. So, most will require a baseline of data **BEFORE**

The project starts, e.g.

- The current footfall is xxx
- Current perceptions of the facility are poor

This data can also be used to support the project you have in mind, so that when completed the data can show

- An increase in footfall (from xxx to yyy)
- Improved perceptions of the facility (eg was rated 3/10 now rated 7/10)

Failure to include or agree on monitoring and feedback requirements will jeopardise project acceptance – NWL are required to report these back to Central Government

Timescales

ROUND 1 2023/24

Application Open: 3 April 2023

Application Closes: 30 June 2023

ROUND 2 2023/24

Application Open: 1 August 2023

Application Closes: 31 December 2023

ROUND 3 2024/25

Application Open: 2 April 2024

Application Closes: 30 June 2024

ROUND 4 2024/25

Application Open: 1 August 2024

Application Closes: 31 December 2024

Monitoring and Reporting

- Quarterly Reporting: August 2023
- **Six Month Reporting (with project outcome data)**
November 2023
- Quarterly Reporting: February 2024
- **Six Month Reporting (with project outcome data)**
May 2024
- Quarterly Reporting: August 2024
- **Six Month Reporting (with project outcome data)**
November 2024
- Quarterly Reporting: February 2025
- **Six Month Reporting (with project outcome data)**
May 2025

SUMMARY

- £150,000 will be made available from April 2023 - March 2024 and again in April 2024 – March 2025, for parish/town councils, constituted voluntary groups etc. Discretionary funding available.
- Projects must meet one or more of the outputs set out by The Department of Levelling Up.
- Projects must have outcomes, set out by The Department of Levelling Up of which will require some baseline data before the project.
- If applying, applicants must agree to providing monitoring and reporting data when requested
- Application form will be open from 3 April and close 30 June.

Want to discuss your project in more detail before applying contact:

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