

Prosperity Fund Board

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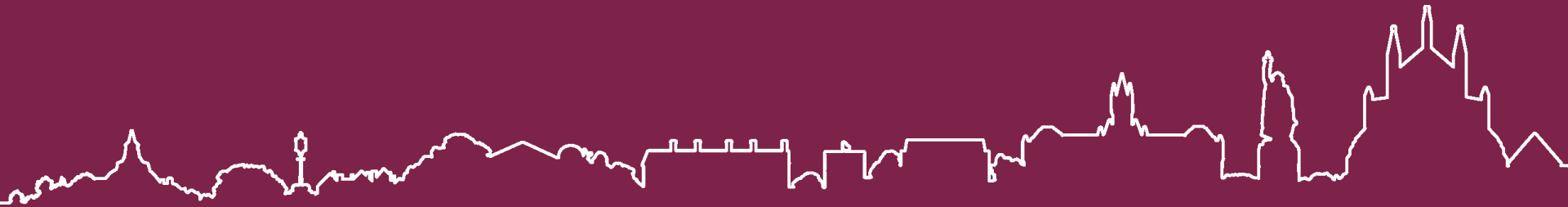


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REPF Grants

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Allocation	Applications Received
~£186,000	£253,227

Applications could apply across interventions

Sustainable Growth Grants  Micro-enterprise grants  Circular economy  E11 Net Zero Infrastructure	4 X Micro-enterprise 4 X E11
Cultural Grants  E6 - Cultural Venue Grants	2 X E6
Community Infrastructure Grants  E9 - Volunteering and Social Action  E15 - Digital connectivity for community facilities	3 X E9
Green Spaces  E3 - Enhancing rural green and blue infrastructure	3 X E3

REPF Grants

Scoring Methodology

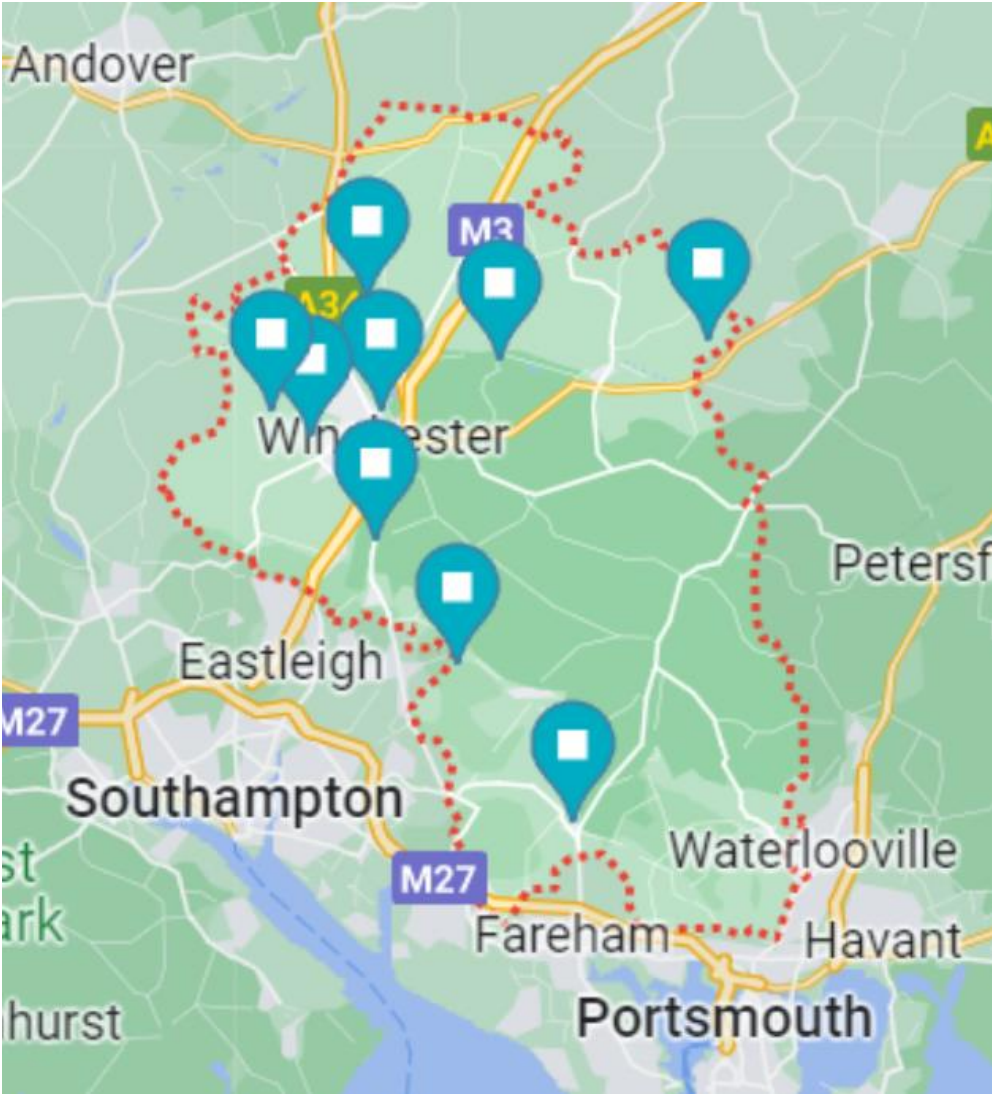
-  Grants have been scored by 3 officers (scoring methodology shared in guidance)
-  Feedback from Prosperity Fund Board with a focus on 'exceptionality' for applications over £25,000
-  Moderation and review undertaken by Susan Robbins, Corporate Head of Economy & Community, to ensure deliverability and adherence to fund priorities
-  Any applicants that no longer requiring funding removed, and 'back up' applicant informed
-  Applications are ranked and funding is made in order of moderated scores.

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Applicant	Intervention	Company Name	Project Name	Value To Approve	Score (out of 50)
Jon Wright	E9/E3	Jolly Moon	Jolly Moon Market Garden and Outdoor Kitchen	£10,306.97	43.68
J. P. Matthews	E11	Twyford Parish Council	Installation of Electric Vehicle (EV) charging points	£12,000.00	40.31
Kate English	E6	Wickham Community Association	Improving our hall equipment	£21,525.18	39.02
Patrick Foster	Micro Enterprise / E11	Oakridge Smallholdings	Farm Diversification into Holiday Letting, Sustainably Powered	£24,182.50	36.66
Tetiana Mykhailichenko	Micro Enterprise	Zen Forge	Establishment of ZenForge	£25,000.00	28.34
Claire Sclater	E9	6th Winchester Scout Group	6th Winchester Scout Group's "Barn Project"	£25,000.00	30.66
Guy Cameron	Micro Enterprise / E3	TestQuest Ltd	Bluebell Farm	£25,000.00	20.67
Christopher Langford	E11	Itchen Abbas and Avington Village Hall	Ground Source Heating	£28,000.00	36.31
William Harrigan	Micro Enterprise / E11	River Coffee Roasters Ltd	Coffee Roastery Production Expansion with Employment Opportunity & Net Zero	£32,713.00	40.1
James Fraser	E6 / E9 / E3	Winchester District Scout Council	Barn project	£38,000.00	36.66

REPF Grants



REPF Applications – £10,000 - £25,000

Micro Enterprise / E9 & E3 - Jolly Moon - Jolly Moon is a nature play business based in South Wonston, near Winchester. We run a forest school, stay & play, birthday parties, holiday nature clubs and family friendly specials. Our offering primarily focuses on children, but their parents/caregivers benefit from the experience too. More recently we have experienced high demand from special educational need and home educated children.

This proposed project is for a market garden and outdoor kitchen. This would enhance our existing offering exponentially, allowing us to serve more people, operate year round and in all weathers, provide paid employment and volunteering opportunities as well as growing healthy, seasonal and organic produce which could be donated or sold to local partners.

Grant Requested	Date	Location	Target Audience	Type of Activity	Carbon & Inclusivity
£10,307	23/24	South Wonston	Public / Young People / SEN	Business	Biodiverse site, low carbon initiatives in place and SEN provision

E11 - Twyford Parish Council - The project will deliver the installation and ongoing management of two publicly available EV fast charging points. Currently there are no publicly available EV charging points in Twyford. The nearest publicly accessible facility is over 3km away from the village.

The rural areas of the Winchester are not well served with EV charging infrastructure and Twyford with its narrow residential streets, poor access to off street parking and few lampposts is at a disadvantage when compared to urban areas which better or more access to off street parking and lamppost charging infrastructure.

The council identified that publicly accessible car parks, that residents are familiar with, would be the most suitable location for the EV chargers. In 2021 we worked with Framework supplier to assess three sites for viability of installing EV chargers.

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£12,000	23/24	Twyford	EV Owners	Business	Biodiverse site, low carbon initiatives in place and SEN provision

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E6 - Wickham Community Association - To buy new staging to replace the 30-year-old existing equipment, which is very heavy. It is also breaking apart and dangerous to the point that five pieces are now broken. It is at the end of its useful life. We wish to replace it with robust new staging which is on castors and can be manoeuvred by one person. Our current staging needs at least two people and for health and safety reasons only our caretakers can move it. After extensive research, the staging we wish to purchase is easily portable, can be fixed at two heights so can be used for tables too, and meets the needs of our increasingly diverse clientele. This is particularly the case for the cultural groups we hire rooms to, who use the staging for dancing and presentations. We are also building our reputation as a cultural venue, with comedy and drama shows, plus music at festivals, all of which need lightweight, easy-to-use staging. Our recent customer opinion survey, with over 100 respondents, highlighted that groups using the staging were not happy with its condition.

We will also buy a new projector to be used in the hall for large-scale events. We have acquired a large high-tension screen which will be hung in the main hall. We currently don't have a high specification projector and it has become obvious that to appeal to a larger variety of groups and organisations, we need to be able to offer a large scale projection in our hall - this will be used by private groups for events. It will also allow us to put on cultural events, including film clubs, and appeal to a wider clientele, and therefore increase our income and ability to retain staff. We will install the projector on a portable platform so that we can use it in other rooms if needed. It will be available for hirers at additional cost, as well as to enable us to widen our cultural offer to the local community.

Grant Requested	Date	Location	Target Audience	Type of Activity	Carbon & Inclusivity
£21,525	23/24	Wickham	Community	Community / Culture	Reduce travel out of the area

Micro Enterprise / E11 Oakridge Smallholding - Oakridge Smallholding Limited is a small farming enterprise that has developed from startup when we acquired bare land nearly 20 years ago. Since then we have invested approximately £250,000 in new farm buildings & infrastructure, around £120,000 in farm machinery and built a farmhouse on site. We initially established the business based around hay and livestock production through rearing pigs. While the business took a hiatus during the Covid Pandemic we undertook a number of building projects to improve our livestock housing and build new equine facilities to enable some farm diversification in the form of livery stables. The next stage of our farm diversification is to create a Holiday Let on the farm. We have planning permission for a Mobile Home/Caravan and a Shepherds Hut to let together as a single holiday let unit. We have discovered the mobile home has some rot/damp issues and we would like to replace it with another Shepherds Hut that will be more in keeping with the existing Hut we have and the farm setting it sits within.

At the same time we are looking to upgrade some of our electrical infrastructure on the farm and install a Solar PV system with Battery Storage and EV charger to reduce our carbon footprint and encourage EV adopters to visit and stay on our farm with the ability to charge their EV's whilst staying here and therefore encourage more sustainable tourism.

Grant Requested	Date	Location	Target Audience	Type of Activity	Carbon & Inclusivity
£24,182	23/24	Upham	Tourism	Tourism/Business	EV Chargers – Solar

REPF Applications – £10,000 - £25,000

Micro Enterprise – Zen Forge - Our mission at ZenForge is to provide quality hand forged products with personal attention to detail to a broad range of customers based in the UK and abroad. We strive to be the go-to blacksmith in the Winchester area by creating custom pieces that reflect the highest standards and craftsmanship and providing outstanding customer service.

ZenForge team are:

- Maksym Mykhailichenko - A highly skilled blacksmith with more than 13 years of experience. He began by learning his trade working for other blacksmithing forges for 8 years. He then started his own forge as sole trader, and over the course of the last 5 years has grown the business with annual gross income increasing steadily during that period. Before the war in Ukraine, he employed 6 workers in his own forge and had two further forges in Ukraine working as contractors supplying unfinished work to his team. Max managed all aspects of the business, from establishing and organising a manufacturing process at all stages, employee recruitment and technical training employment and teaching a team to generate sales, communicating with customers and leading projects. Max has Ukrainian qualifications as a Blacksmith (level 3) and prior qualifications as a welder.
- Tetiana Mykhailichenko - A creative graphic designer with more than 10 years of experience. She started as a junior graphic designer and after five years of work for creative agencies and web studios grew to a role as the design leader serving as creative guide for all key projects and events. Later, she established and managed a freelance graphic design business. Tetiana provided artwork, concepts and layouts, developed print and digital signage and advertisement and ensured maximum brand awareness of target audience and market. She became her husband's partner when Max's business reached a critical size that required more people for further growth.

Max and Tania allocated responsibilities based on their individual experiences and skills, effectively complementing the forge team for optimal results. Max oversaw the production of products and all related processes, including the acquisition, commissioning, and repair of production equipment, procurement of consumables, employee recruitment and training, production process supervision, quality control, warehouse operations, and transportation logistics. Tania provided sales and advertisement, established and managed online shops, provided communication with customers, and took care of legal and taxation aspects of their business.

Over the course of 5 years working together as a blacksmith forge team in Ukraine, Max and Tania achieved remarkable results, including a more than six-fold increase in business income, fulfilling more than 3,500 orders, and receiving 99.8% positive feedback. This track record provides a strong basis to anticipate a high level of performance for the new company based in Hampshire, which will employ the same work methods. Tania and Max will be jointly responsible for delivering the project.

Grant Requested	Date	Location	Target Audience	Type of Activity	Carbon & Inclusivity
£25,000	23/24	Sparsholt (STP)	Business	Business	Will purchase lowest carbon options for forge

REPF Applications – £10,000 - £25,000

E9 - 6th Winchester Scout Group - The Barn will transform a vacant plot on Hiller Way in Abbots Barton into a base for 6th Winchester Scout Group and a multipurpose indoor and outdoor community facility within walking and cycling distance of Winchester and its surrounding villages.

We are applying to the Rural England Prosperity fund in relation to the first phase of the Barn project which involves digging the foundations, laying a concrete base and connecting the utilities to the building, as the site is not currently connected to the National Grid or to mains water and drainage.

When complete, the building will comprise two large halls, fully-equipped interconnecting kitchen, toilet facilities, storage, meeting room and large outdoor area. It will provide an important community hub in an area that has been troubled by antisocial behaviour and loss of public space and community buildings (most recently River Park Leisure Centre and Hyde Parish Hall) and where the population is being constantly swelled by housebuilding initiatives.

NOTE – Anomaly in that Abbots Barton counts as both within the town ward, but also included in the rural area as defined by DEFRA.


Grant Requested	Date	Location	Target Audience	Type of Activity	Carbon & Inclusivity
£25,000	23/24	Abbots Barton	Young People	Community	Reduction in car use, 5 additional trees, solar powered, heat pump


Micro Enterprise / E3 – TestQuest Ltd - The project is to convert old little used agricultural barns into rentable workshop space. Amenity block and kitchen


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£25,000	23/24	Sparsholt	Business	Business	Renewables incl. Solar and Wind – biodiverse site


REPF Application – over £25,000

Project	Grant Requested	Date	Location	Target Audience	Type of Activity	Carbon & Inclusivity
E11 - Itchen Abbas and Avington Village Hall	£28,000	23/24	Itchen Abbas and Avington	Community	Community Infrastructure	Project centred around carbon reduction

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We want to replace the space heating of our hall by gas boilers with an open-loop ground source heat pump Christopher Langford will supervise the project The project will be delivered by experienced contractors.
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We have a Hall currently heated by 13-year-old gas boilers with a cheap supply contract ending on the 21st July 2024. If we do nothing our theoretical heating costs will go from £3,598/yr to £8,424/yr, and also in the foreseeable future we will have to replace these boilers. We can heat the building with an air-source heat pump. This has a Coefficient of Performance of 2.5 meaning that our requirement for 71,815 kwh of gas will reduce to 28,726 kwh of electricity costing £9,048 / year.
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We have a quote of £124,974 for a ground source heat pump, this has a COP of 4.0 meaning that our requirement will reduce to 17,974 kwh of electricity costing £5,655 / year. We also have a quote of £62,232 for an open-loop GSHP with a COP of 4.67 reducing our heating costs to £4,844. (see attached spreadsheet) Currently, non-domestic installations of heat pumps attract 20% VAT. Supplies of gas and electricity when they exceed 4,397 kwh of gas and 1,000 kwh of electricity in a month increase from 5% VAT to 20% VAT and also attract Climate Change Levy. We are unable to reclaim VAT. The Boiler Upgrade Scheme run by Offgen offers £6,000 off the cost of installing heat pumps, funds are limited The objective to reduce our heating costs is cheapest with an open-loop GSHP which also replaces our old boilers.
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Risks include delays / inability securing match funding leading to project going past 31st March 2024.

REPF Application – over £25,000

Project	Grant Requested	Date	Location	Target Audience	Type of Activity	Carbon & Inclusivity
Microenterprise / E11 – River Coffee Roasters	£32,713	23/24	Alresford	Business	Business / Net Zero	Aim to be carbon neutral by June 2024

 We are planning to expand our production capacity at our coffee roasting facility. This will be accomplished through the purchase of a larger roasting machine. The larger machine will allow us to process/roast more coffee product, allowing us to keep up with an increase in growing demand. The potential of increasing our production will create opportunities to expand our team through a range of diverse roles. The expansion will also allow us to increase our wholesale and online customer base. Environmental impact will be considered with the choice of new machine. The ability to produce and manufacture more product with lower energy usage will result in a reduction of emissions per KG of product, bringing us closer to net zero. I, Will Harrigan, director at River Coffee Roasters will deliver the project. Working closely with a European coffee roaster manufacturer, I will select and choose a model of roaster with a capacity that will allow us to increase production by approx 100% also offering a reduction in carbon emissions.

 We are currently operating near full capacity in terms of product output. We can currently roast 50kg of coffee per hour. Should the funding of this project be successful we will be able to produce 120kg of roasted coffee, allowing us to create more jobs through increasing revenue and income to the business. We also have an internal aim to be a carbon neutral company as well as B Corp certified by June 2024. Reducing our emissions of the coffee roasting process will have a huge impact in achieving this aim, as well as contributing towards the local councils emission aims.


 I have consulted with our current team who are eager to increase our production capacity so that we can continue to grow our company. I have consulted with the new machine manufacturer who will assist us in installing and setting up the new machinery.

 **Risks include delivery and damage of the machinery in transit - minimal**

REPF Application – over £25,000






Project	Grant Requested	Date	Location	Target Audience	Type of Activity	Carbon & Inclusivity
E6 / E9 / E3 – Winchester District Scout Council	£38,000	23/24	Sparsholt	Community	Community Infrastructure	Aim to be carbon neutral by June 2024

 The project aims to provide an indoor space for activities at Pinsent scout camp in inclement weather and during the winter so that activities can be offered all year round. The site is used by young people, aged 6 – 18, from all over the Winchester district and surrounding areas. Currently activities can only be offered from 1 Apr to 31 Aug. It is intended to remove this restriction and provide activities all year. The project is being delivered by the Pinsent Barn project team. The building will be erected on the site of a previously fire damaged building. We have had a prefabricated building donated and we require funds to build the foundations, service connections and erection of the building. Architectural drawings have been submitted for planning approval. 3 tenders for the foundations, services and erection have been obtained. Planning is now secured and we are due to start the building in September.

 Activities have been running at Pinsent scout camp for a number of years. However some activities like archery have to be abandoned when it is raining or very dark. Young people across the district have been consulted and the overwhelming opinion is that they would like activities to be extended into the winter months and not have to be cancelled due to inclement weather. The activities currently are fully booked during the season Apr to August and many applicants have to be turned away.


 **Minimal Risks – planning now obtained**

REPF 24/25

-  Plan to open applications for 24/25 in October 24
-  Have more drop-in sessions – both in person and online
-  Longer application window 8-12 weeks
-  Increase promotion on back of 23/24 successful projects
-  Some applications from 23/24 potential to move into 24/25


UKSPF - Underspend

Project	Grant Requested	Date	Location	Target Audience	Type of Activity	Carbon & Inclusivity
E1 – Kings Walk	£8,600	23/24	Central Winchester	Community & Business	Public Realm	

-  The above project application surrounding additional planters for Kings Walk was rejected due to not fulfilling the funds priorities. We will be contacting all those who have enquired about UKSPF funds that match the E1 and capital priorities to invite them to make an application for the underspend.

UKSPF 24/25 – over £25,000 – Central Winchester Regeneration – Friarsgate

Project	Grant Requested	Date	Location	Target Audience	Type of Activity	Carbon & Inclusivity
E1 – CWR - Friarsgate	£191,000	24/25	Central Winchester	Community	Public Realm Improvement	Central to programme of works

-  Initial UKSPF plan allocated £200k to central Winchester Regeneration – initially earmarked for St Clements Surgery and Kings Walk, these projects are already underway or completed. It is suggested that the funding provides the opportunity to make the demolished Friarsgate site into an archaeological site. The area currently has funding to demolish and ‘make good’ the site, but meanwhile uses would not have sufficient funding.

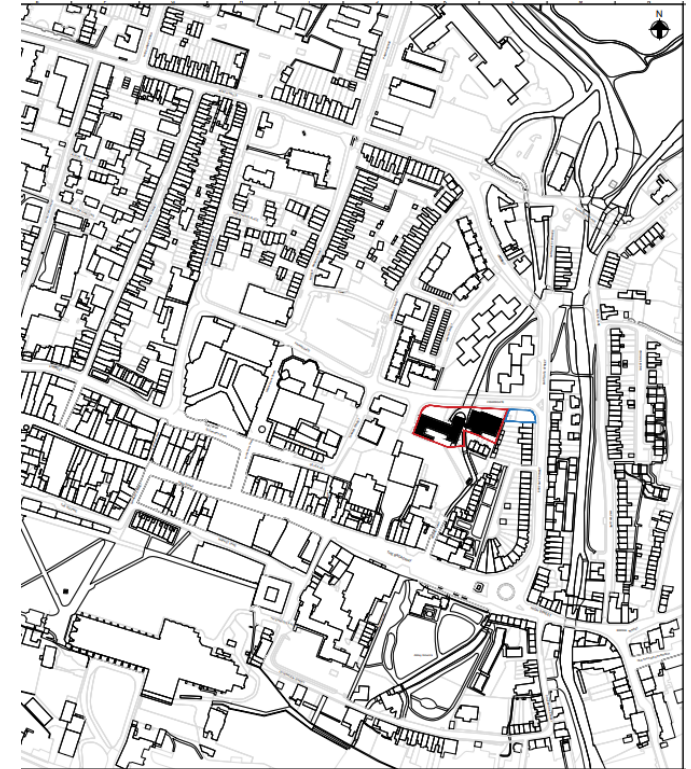


CENTRAL WINCHESTER REGENERATION
Friarsgate Medical Centre (FGMC)
UKSPF



The FGMC site:

- Central to Central Winchester Regeneration, the FGMC site is a crucial part of meanwhile uses.
- The site is currently a former medical centre, now derelict, situated on the B331 (Friarsgate) to the north of Winchester bus station.
- The approved planning application (22_01883_FUL) seeks to develop a comprehensive mixed-use regeneration scheme on the site, comprising of:
 - Demolition
 - Archaeology
 - Public Open and Mixed-Use Space



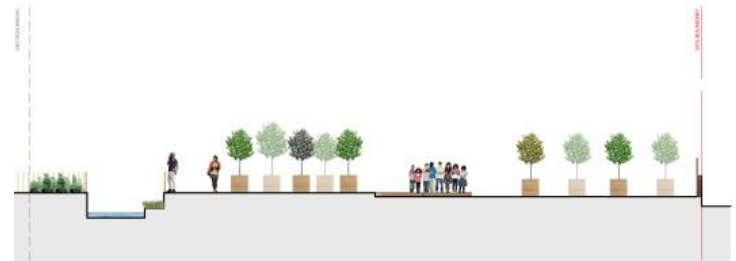
UKSPF Funding will allow FGMC to:

Achieve additional open space and recreational provision as well as achieving high quality design with green infrastructure assets.

Contribute to the local environment and public realm improvements which will be safe, accessible and well connected.

Provide a net-gain of green infrastructure on site (+23.8%).

Provide a mix of uses, constituting of high-quality design, historic context of the centre, provide enhanced public realm, pedestrian and cycle access.



Financials:

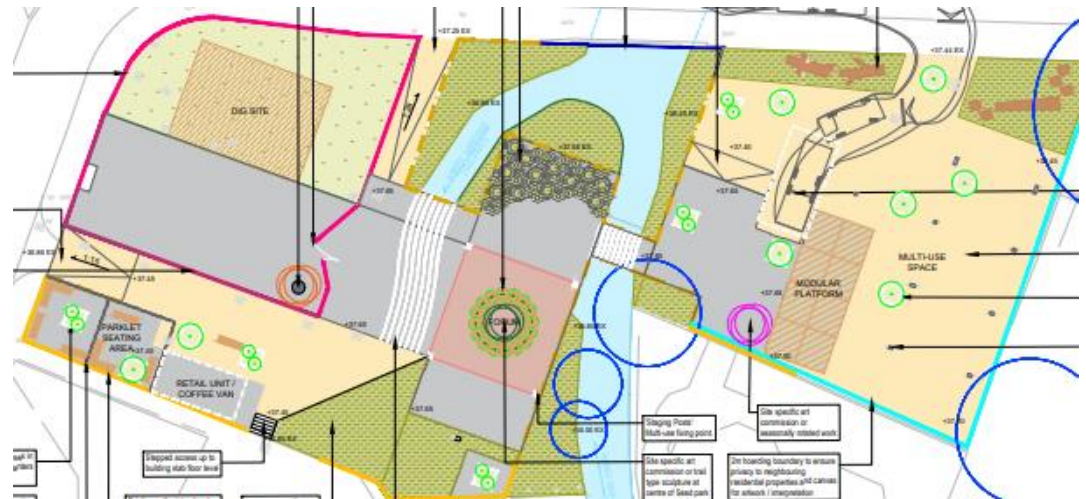
- **Project Budget: £500K**
 - From that budget, we will deliver demolition, site clearance, full accessibility including ramps, public open space on the slab and immediate area, and do a limited amount of public engagement around the dig site.
- **Overage: est.£280K**
- **Total: est.£780K**

- **UKSPF CWR allocation/ask 2024/25: £191K**
 - With the UKSPF funding, we can do enhanced, quality public realm on the slab and across the eastern side of the site inclusive of soft landscaping, planters and plants, seed parks, natural trim trial play area and provide the platform, event/truck space, multi-use space for events and exhibitions, and inclusive programme of community and educational engagement, and thermoplastic floor markings.
- **Total: est.£971K**
- **UKSPF percentage contribution: est.20%.**



UKSPF - FGMC

- Investment Priority: Communities and Place
- Objectives: Local Pride in Place
 - Investing in community infrastructure, local green space, and community-led projects.
 - Building healthy and safe neighbourhoods through investing in places that people want to work, play, and learn in.



Nation specific interventions

E1: Funding for improvements to town centres and high streets, including better accessibility for disabled people.

E3: Creation of and improvements to local green spaces, community gardens, watercourses and embankments, along with incorporating natural features into wider public spaces.

E6: Support for local arts, cultural, heritage and creative activities



Objectives:

Strengthening our social fabric and fostering a sense of local pride and belonging, through investment in activities that enhance physical, cultural and social ties and amenities, such as community infrastructure and local green space, and community-led projects.



Objectives:

Building resilient and safe neighbourhoods, through investment in quality places that people want to live, work, play and learn in, through targeted improvements to the built environment and innovative approaches to crime prevention.



Future Meetings

Friday October 27 2023

Questions / AOB

