



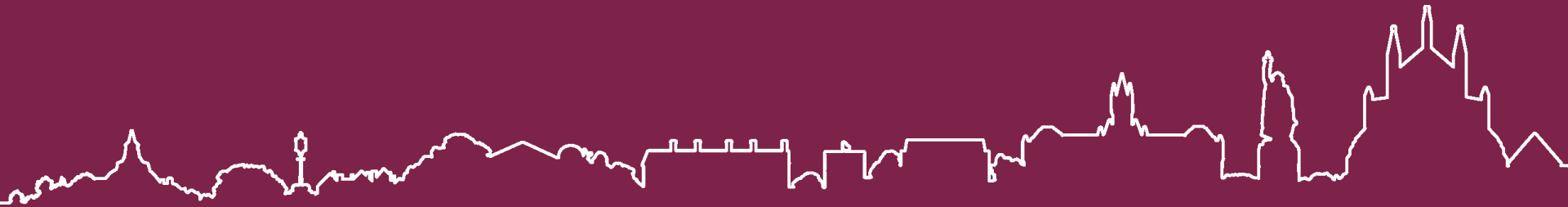
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Prosperity Fund Board 27 October 2023



Welcome and Introductions

Cllr Lucille Thompson

- Declaration of interest
- Minutes/Action Log

Section 1

Board discussion and review

Rural England Prosperity Fund

- Launch of funds for 2024/2025









UK Shared Prosperity Fund 2024/2025

- Remaining funding opportunities



Rural England Prosperity Grants

Launch of funds for 2024/2025

Round 1

-  Launch week commencing Monday 6 November 2023
-  Applications close 5pm Friday 5 January 2024 (nine weeks)
-  63% of 24/25 fund available for bids = £350,000 of £558,822
-  capital grant applications supporting small businesses projects and community infrastructure
-  The focus will be on grants between £15,000 and £25,000 with the flexibility to grant up to £50,000
-  Engagement programme to include endorsements from this year's grant recipients
-  Review and evaluation January 2024
-  Award proposal to February Partnership Board

Round 2

-  Remaining £208,822
-  Planned launch - May 2024

Rural England Prosperity Grants 2024/2025 – Priorities and Interventions = £350k

Sustainable Growth Grants – £140,000

- Micro-enterprise grants
- Circular economy grants
- Net Zero Infrastructure (E11)
- Active travel (E7)

Cultural Grants – £70,000

- Grants for existing cultural, historic and heritage organisations that make up the local cultural heritage offer (E4)
- Grants for local arts, cultural, heritage and creative activities (E6)
- Grants to fund development and promotion of the visitor economy (E17)

Community Infrastructure Grants - £90,000





- Volunteering and Social Action (E9)
- Digital connectivity for community facilities (E15)
- Grants to grow the local social economy and support innovation (E26)

Green and Blue Spaces Grants - £50,000

- Enhancing rural green and blue infrastructure (E3)

Rural England Prosperity Grants

Launch of funds for 2024/2025: discussion

-  Thoughts on how we reach out to applicants with projects that reach these priorities and interventions?
-  What sort of projects would you like to see?
-  How do we best support our applicants through the process?
-  Any other ideas that would support the delivery of the rural prosperity fund programme?

UK Shared Prosperity Fund 2024/2025

Remaining fund opportunities: discussion



£80,000 remains available to fund 2024/25 projects

Main intervention	Funding amount	Name of project
E1 Improvements to the town centres and high streets	£50,000	Re-assigned from aborted Wickham Square project
E3 Creation of and improvements to local green spaces	£30,000	Parish Council projects

UK Shared Prosperity Fund 2024/2025

Remaining fund opportunities: discussion

Main intervention		Name of project to be re-assigned	Funding allocation falling available
E1 Improvements to the town centres and high streets		Wickham Square	£50,000
Investment Priority	Interventions	Example Projects	Objectives
Communities and Place	E1: Funding for improvements to town centres and high streets, including better accessibility for disabled people, including capital spend and running costs.	Regenerating a town square. Public realm improvements, for example street art, street furniture or other decorative improvements. Regenerating a town square or high street. The delivery of outreach/engagement/participatory programmes for community spaces, including youth centres and public libraries	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. 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

UK Shared Prosperity Fund 2024/2025

Remaining fund opportunities: discussion

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E3 Creation of and improvements to local green spaces		Parish Council projects	£30,000
Investment Priority	Interventions	Example Projects	Objectives
Communities and Place	E3: Creation of and improvements to local green spaces, community gardens, watercourses and embankments, along with incorporating natural features into wider public spaces.	<p>Development of a new park, particularly in areas with the least access to greenspace.</p> <p>Development of a new community garden.</p> <p>Improvements to a canal towpath, particularly in more deprived neighbourhoods.</p> <p>Urban/riparian tree planting. Changes to management of green spaces, verges etc.</p> <p>Regeneration of existing parks or community gardens, particularly in areas with poor quality parks and gardens.</p> <p>Improving access to existing parks.</p>	<p>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. 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.</p>

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Remaining fund opportunities: discussion

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 Thoughts on:

 Priority areas/themes

 Potential types of projects

 Most effective ways to engage potential applicants

Section 2

Information and updates

UK Shared Prosperity Fund – 2023/2024 project status update

Contracted	Outstanding	Re-assigned
£96.5k	ZERO	£17.6k (City Street Market Improvements & Kings Walk Public Realm)

UKSPF 2023/2024 projects update

Intervention	Project	Description	Value	Update
E8	Sustainable Tourism	Sustainable Travel Marketing campaign	£5k	Internal Project Underway Activity programmed for Jan – Mar 2024 (Shoulder month promotion)
E9	Volunteer Programme	HCT	£10k	Grant Agreement sent Awaiting update
E13	Community Sustainability	Advice on provision of solar panel implementation	£10k	Internal Project Underway Provider commissioned
E17	Made in Winchester	Marketing campaign to support local makers	£1.5k	Internal Project Completed Social media advertising resulted in a reach of over 176k with 15+ businesses/creatives receiving direct support.
E6	Light Event	To raise awareness and drive footfall in quieter periods	£20k	Internal Project Underway 2 nd year. 10-18 Feb. Space themed. Baskets Yard. Ending with Cathedral event. Potential outreach opportunities
E6	Hat Fair outreach	Community engagement with local artists	£15k	Contracted Underway

UKSPF 2023/2024 projects update

Intervention	Project	Description	Value	Update
E11	Community Network	Co-ordinating support for Stanmore residents	£10k	Internal Project Underway Two-year project.
E16	City Street Market Improvements	Branding, signages and gazebos	£9k	Internal Project Project paused. To be undertaken in 2024/25 following procurement of ongoing market operator. 2023/24 fund re-assigned E6- Local Arts, Cultural and Heritage (Nunnaminster project)
E29	SDNP	5000 hectares of new native biodiverse woodland	£25k	Contracted Underway Two-year project. 2024/2025 - £50k
E1	Kings Walk Public Realm (CWR)	Purchase of planters/ improvements to public realm	£8.6k	Internal Project Project funded elsewhere Allocation re-assigned – Urban greening project (Well Thought)

UKSPF 2023/2024 additional project call

Urban Greening and pollution mitigation Southgate Street E1 – improvements to town centres and high streets



Southgate Street Frontage



strata



Planter support fixings



Planter support mesh



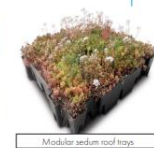
Biodiversity enhancements



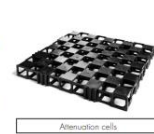
Planters to intercept drainage discharges



Planters with sufficient soil volume for small trees



Modular sediment roof traps



Attenuation cells



< 100mm depth sediment green roof



> 100mm depth biodiverse roof meadow

The grant would fund a design proposal, fabrication and installation of a steel planter, climbing plant supports, subsoil and topsoil, shrub and herbaceous plants and integral water attenuation and irrigation system

Applicant	Grant requested	Date	Location	Investment priority
Well Thought Ltd	£8,600	2023/2024	Central Winchester	Communities and Place

UKSPF 2023/2024 additional project call

Nunnaminster interpretation panels

E6: Local arts, cultural, heritage and creative activities



The Nunnaminster, later known as St Mary's Abbey, was one of Winchester's three great Late Saxon royal monasteries. Interpretation panels no longer fit for purpose. Install new panels to better serve the site and also increase accessibility for wheelchair users and young people. Further supported by digital interpretation.

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Winchester City Council	£9,000 (£8k capital, £1k revenue)	2023/2024	Central Winchester	Communities and Place

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Rural England Prosperity Fund – 2023/2024 project status update

Contracted	Outstanding	Non-assigned
£102.5.k	£72k	£12k

REF 2023/2024 projects update

Intervention	Recipient	Description	Value	Update
E9/3	Jolly Moon	Nature play business developing a market garden and outdoor kitchen	£10k	Grant Agreement Underway
E11	Twyford Parish Council	Installation of EV fast charging points	£12k	Application withdrawn Neighbouring field subject to development impacting original plans. Fund allocation re-available
E6	Wickham Community Association	Replacement of staging	£21.5k	Grant Agreement Underway
E11	Oakridge Smallholding	Farm diversification – purchase of Shepherd Hut	£24k	Pending: Awaiting Planning permission
Micro-enterprise	Zen Forge	Purchase of blacksmith equipment	£20k	Pending: Awaiting completion of due diligence. Grant reduced in line with match funding secured.

REF 2023/2024 projects update

Intervention	Recipient	Description	Value	Update
E11	Itchen Abbas & Avington Village Hall	Purchase of open-loop ground source heat pump	£28k	Pending Awaiting confirmation of match funding from HCC
E11	River Coffee Roasters	Purchase of coffee roasting facility	£32.7k	Grant agreement Underway
E 6/9/3	Winchester District Scout Council	Purchase and installation of pre-fab for year-round community activities	£38k	Grant agreement Underway

Section 3

Government Reporting



Due 1 November 2023



Verbal update at Board Meeting

Next meeting

Friday 9 February 2024 9.30am – 11.30am

Summing up Cllr Lucille Thompson

