

Prosperity Fund Board 9 February 2024

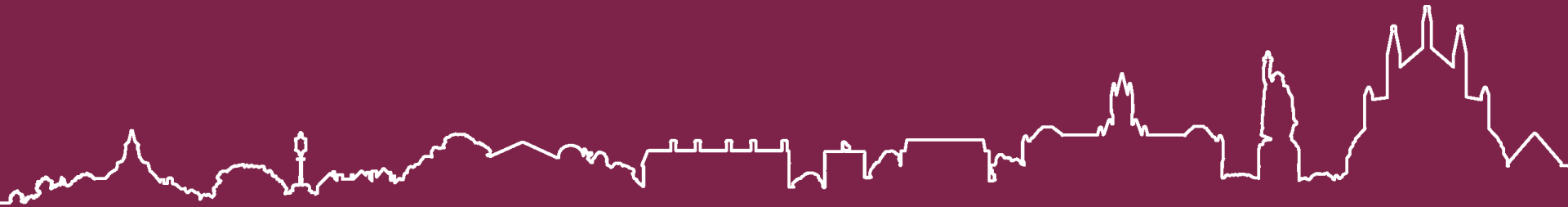


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Rural England Prosperity Fund (REPF) 2023/24



Allocation = £186,000

- 10 completed applications of which
- 8 approved

Delivery up-date

- 5 to complete by March 2024 = £144,421
- 3 paused or have been withdrawn

Applicant	Location	Project	Value	Intervention
Wickham Community Association	Wickham	Mobile staging	£21,525	E6
Oakridge Smallholdings	Lower Upham	Solar panelling and shepherd's hut	£24,183	E11
Winchester District Scout Council	Abbotts Barton & Hyde	Prefabricated barn	£38,000	E9
River Coffee Roasters	Bighton	Larger roaster to increase production	£32,713	E11
Itchen Abbas and Avington Village Hall	Itchen Abbas	Ground source heat pumps	£28,000	E11

Rural England Prosperity Fund 2024/25

Allocation = £558,726 Funding round: 13 November 2023 to 5 January 2024 for £350,000

48 entrepreneurs, small businesses and community organisations had conversations with us about their projects. 30 started applications

11 submitted applications:

- 6 passed the initial checks and are with the scoring panel – Value £157,477
- 2 awaiting assessment
- 3 decided to reapply in the next round

Applicant	Project	Value	Intervention
Easton Village Hall	solar panelling	£25,000	E11 net zero infrastructure
Denmead Community Centre	solar panelling	£24,999	E11 net zero infrastructure
Colden Common Park Pavilion	solar panelling	£18,478	E11 net zero infrastructure
The Cycle Company	fleet of e-bikes for leasing to local companies	£25,000	E7 active travel + E11 and E17
Bishop's Waltham Community Minibus	replacement of minibus equipped with wheelchair lift, run by volunteers and used to bring isolated or immobile residents to social events in the town centre	£15,000	E17 visitor economy + E9 volunteering /social action
Bishop's Waltham parking extension	26 additional spaces for overflow car park to prevent users of recreation ground parking in residential streets	£49,000	E9 volunteering/social action

REPF 24/25 – Sustainable projects from parishes



Itchen Abbas and Avington Village Hall, with an array of 36 solar panels, financed by LoCase and a successful local crowdfunding scheme

Using UKSP funding, WeCan has been contracted to conduct feasibility studies for the installation of solar paneling on community buildings in the district. These assessments have encouraged many parishes to apply for the installation costs through the REPF. Three managed to obtain all necessary consents before the 5 January deadline for submissions

Easton Village Hall

- ☛ Installation of 46 solar panels to the south-facing roof and battery storage system to reduce energy reliance on National Grid.
- ☛ The solar panels will be at their most effective during the summer months when local cricket teams use the pavilion for showers after matches.
- ☛ **Requests £25,000** and will match fund with £5000

Denmead Community Centre

- ☛ Solar paneling, inverter and battery storage to reduce energy costs currently running at £6,500 - £7,500/year
- ☛ The centre is open seven days per week and hosts activities for old and young, from Tai Chi and Luncheon Clubs to play groups and dance schools.
- ☛ By reducing outgoings and potentially recouping some income through the export of renewable energy to the grid, the Community Centre will be able to reduce hire charges for community activities and reinvest in maintenance and ongoing improvements to the facilities.
- ☛ **Requests £24,999** and will match fund with £6,000

Colden Common Park Pavilion

- ☛ 22 solar PV panels for the south facing aspect of the pavilion and associated battery storage system.
- ☛ Many sports clubs and teams use the pavilion for football and cricket matches and the three hot water tanks for the shower rooms are currently using 4000 kWh per year and this figure is expected to rise.
- ☛ **Requests £18,478** and will match fund with £11,000 for a further nine panels on the south-east aspect

REPF 24/25 – Other parish projects

Bishop's Waltham Community Minibus

🏰 A replacement minibus is needed for the community service, run by volunteers, to bring isolated, immobile and/or elderly residents from outlying areas including neighbouring villages, to Bishop's Waltham town centre.

🏰 **Requests £15,000** and will match fund with £50,000

Bishop's Waltham extension and enhancement of Priory Park overflow car park

🏰 The overflow car park for the recreational facilities and clubhouse at Priory Park has received planning consent from WCC for 26 additional car parking spaces.

🏰 The facilities are in constant use for a wide variety of sports, community and social events, some of which occur simultaneously, and users are parking in nearby residential roads on busy days

🏰 **Requests £49,000** and will match fund with £55,000



REPF 24/25 – local business support

The Cycle Company, Shawford

This small business was started three years ago offering sales, rental and maintenance of pushbikes and e-bikes. The company has worked with organisations around the district to encourage active travel and has recently undertaken research into the viability of offering lease and maintenance contracts to local employers for fleets of ebikes. There is demonstrable demand for this service and the company has applied to the REPF for the purchase of 40 e-bikes

Requests £25,000 and will match fund with a further £25,000



UK Shared Prosperity Funding (UKSPF) 23/24



- Allocation £118,390 (inc. a small underspend carry forward from 22/23)
- £105,000 will be spent on completed projects
- Carry over to 24/25 will be £13,390

Project	Value	Intervention
Light Festival	£20,000	E6
Hat Fair outreach	£15,000	E6
Sustainable tourism	£6,000	E8
Hampshire Cultural Trust training of volunteers	£10,000	E9
Stanmore Community Project	£10,000	E11
WeCan Community Solar Project (solar PV for community buildings)	£10,000	E13
Nunaminster signage improvement	£9,000	E17
South Downs National Park – Winchester Landscape Review (tree planting scheme)	£25,000	E29

UKSPF 2024/25

Allocated £822,415

Two recent funding rounds closed on 22 December 2023 and 12 January 2024

- 13 applications were submitted
- 8 have passed the initial checks and are with the scoring panel = £386,000

Applicant	Project	Value	Intervention
WCC Recreation Projects	St Giles Hill stabilisation and restoration	£30,000	E3 green space
WCC Landscape	North Walls pathway refurbishment	£30,000	E3 green space
WCC Projects	Friarsgate Medical Centre interim refurb	£191,000	E1, E3, E6 - town centres, green space and heritage
WCC Economy	Digital Growth Factory - digital training	£40,000	E19 local R&D
WCC Sports	KGV Pavilion School Sports Tournament	£10,000	E10 sports facilities and tournaments
Sparsholt College	Low carbon training on PV, EV and battery storage	£35,000	E39 - green skills
Play to the Crowd	City of Festivals, offering combined promotion for multiple existing festivals and development of a new one	£40,000	E23 - local entrepreneurial ecosystems
Sustrans	Roll and stroll training of volunteers to lead new walks around Winchester	£10,000	E35 - volunteering

UKSPF 24/25 – natural environment

North Walls pathway refurbishment

- 🏰 Upgrade of existing tarmac path network on Devil's island section of the site. This will ensure the surface of the path is fully accessible to all users including wheelchair users, and that the path will drain with much going towards the river Itchen as it is located within a floodplain
- 🏰 **Requests £30,000** and will match with £11,600



St Giles Hill stabilisation

- 🏰 The existing wooden retaining wall which has rotted away will be removed. This will be replaced by a gabion wall of 40 linear metres filled with limestone, topped with netting and then topsoil
- 🏰 **Requests £30,000** and will match with £15,365



UKSPF 24/25 – active lifestyle

Sustrans “roll and stroll” Winchester

- The project will identify the areas where walks are most needed by the community and then work with local groups to attract, appoint and train volunteers to risk assess, manage and deliver roll and stroll walks, accessible to all.
- **Requests £10,000**



KGV School Sports tournament

- To promote and celebrate the opening of the new KGV Pavilion, WCC will work with an external coaching provider to deliver a 12-week primary school football and cricket programme during term time, leading up to a tournament at KGV playing fields.
- **Requests £10,000** and will match with £1,720



UKSPF 24/25 – people and skills

Digital growth factory

Commercial courses, acceleration, incubation and scale up support and digital productivity programme for local businesses and entrepreneurs

Requests £40,000

Sparsholt College low carbon training

The project will provide funding to part pay for the build and installation of three low carbon technology training bays. One will provide training in fault finding, the second in installation and maintenance and the third provide a live working environment. All of the bays will be equipped with electric vehicles (EV), photovoltaic (PV) and battery storage training rigs

Requests £35,000 and will match with £39,000



UKSPF 24/25 – city centre

Friarsgate Medical Centre – interim refurb

Interim public realm improvements incorporating timber seating and planters, a platform for education and events, 16 trees, hoardings referencing the archaeological dig on site and painted flooring to trace the course of the Itchen which flows beneath

Requests **£191,000** and will match with **£780,000**







City of Festivals

The project proposes to combine the resources and expertise of the Theatre Royal and The Arc to work with five existing local festivals to develop and diversify their current programming as well as creating a new performance-based festival

Requests **£40,000**



Government reporting

-  Claim for April-September 2023 submitted in early January and accepted by DLUHC
-  Claim for September 2023-March 2024 was due in February, but DLUHC has cancelled this requirement
-  Currently awaiting dates for next claim and receipt of 24/25 funding
-  Current position

	Allocation	Committed	Pending approval	Still available
UK Shared Prosperity	£1 million	£145,998	£739,002	£115,000
Rural England Prosperity	£745,000	£144,000	£168,000	£433,000

REPF 24/25 – Launch of next funding round

- Third round:
 - £390,726 = 24/25 allocation - £168,000 from second round
 - £42,000 = underspend from 23/24
 - £432,726 TOTAL**

- Anticipate increase in applicants as many are using the additional time to obtain planning consents, accurate cost estimates etc. Pipeline of interesting projects from second round.

For Board consideration:

To note there will be a longer application window
10 March and closing mid-June.

Approaches (ideas) and support (offers to help) to:

- Increase businesses applications
- Reduce match funding requirement to 25% for businesses

Future Meetings

Friday 7 June 2024

Questions / AOB

