

UK Shared Prosperity Fund and Rural England Prosperity Fund Grant Programme

In Tewkesbury Borough



Background

- The UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) was announced in 2022 and is part of the Levelling Up agenda
- All 3 investment priorities:
 - Community and Place
 - Supporting Local Business; and
 - People and Skills
- In September 2022, Tewkesbury Borough was identified as eligible for Rural England Prosperity Fund (REPF)
- Specifically target rural challenges, strengthen the rural economy and rural communities.
- UKSPF investment priorities for:
 - Supporting Local Business
 - Community and Place



Capital grants programmes

- November 2023-March 2025
- Roles of GRCC and Tewkesbury Borough Council
- Three capital grants programmes:
 - Energy Efficiency Grants for Community Buildings
 - Enhancing Cultural, Historical and Heritage Institutions
 - Business Grant Scheme
- £356,330 total across the 2 community funds to award



How to apply and Key Dates

- Information and applications found on Tewkesbury Borough Council and GRCC's website
- Online application and upload supporting documentation
- Launch - 6th March 2024
- Deadline for applications – 24th May 2024
- Competitive grant scheme - submission of an application does not guarantee funding will be awarded
- All projects need to be completed and grants claimed by the 28th February 2025.



Energy Efficiency Grants for Community Buildings

- What? Community infrastructure & community-led projects
- Who is eligible?

Community Interest Companies	Company Limited by Guarantee
Registered Charities	Charitable Incorporated Organisations
Town and Parish Councils	Community Amateur Sports Clubs (if they can demonstrate wider benefit)

- How much funding is available? £2,500 and £24,999 for capital costs and improves energy efficiency. Applicants will need to provide at least 15% of the project costs (match funding).



Energy audits

Energy audit within 24 months of the date of your application. An energy audit will take into consideration the following:

- Current annual energy usage (i.e. units of electricity, gas or oil)
- How the building is currently being used
- Pros and cons of potential improvements
- kWh, £ and annual carbon savings of the proposed activity

You can contact the Community Development Team at GRCC for support with these at cdt@grcc.org.uk



Enhancing Cultural, Historical and Heritage Institutions

- What? Heritage assets & Local green space
- Who is eligible?

Community Interest Companies	Companies Limited by Guarantee
Registered Charities	Charitable Incorporated Organisations
Town and Parish Councils	

- How much funding is available? £2,500-£24,999 for capital costs. The the applicant will need to provide at least 15% of the project costs (match funding). All other funding will need to be in place by the proposed project start date.



Accompanying documents

- A copy of your constitution etc.
- Three formal quotes for each item
- Evidence of necessary permissions granted and copies provided.
- Evidence of at least 15% match funding
- A copy of your most recent annual accounts
- A copy of recent bank account
- A bank account
- Subsidy Control Declaration



Procurement

- Project costs are more than £25,000 awarded 1 contract, must go through a tender process to be eligible.
E.g. costs £50,000. Grant £24,999. One contractor – must have gone through tender.
- Project costs £50,000. Grant £24,999. 2+ contractors (1=£15,000, 2=£25,000 3rd=£10,000. Contract can be awarded as each is under 25,000.
- Evidence of tender process



Quotes and Tendering

- Three formal quotes per item
- Quotes can be for all items, but all quotes must be like for like

Item 1 name:			
Supplier name	Cost (excl VAT)	VAT Amount	Preferred supplier
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- Same format for tender process



Permissions

- Building regulations
- Listed building consent
- Conservation area
- Responsibility to do due diligence. If not, possibility to recoup the money.
- Clear, show evidence of response from the planning team



Project Funds

- Funds in place by proposed start date
- If not already in place at time of applying, evidence needed that it can be in place by the start of the project
- Space in application to detail the source of funds



Is it a Capital Cost?

- Encouraged to double check that the project is a capital cost
- ‘What is the economic benefit?’
- Needs to have significant economic benefit



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- <https://www.grcc.org.uk/news-events/news-events/post/290-grant-schemes-administered-by-grcc>

