



Mansfield District UK Shared Prosperity Fund 2025/26

Communities and Place Application Form

Introduction

The UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) provided three years of funding between 2022/23 and 2024/25 for local investment, with all areas of the UK receiving an allocation, including Mansfield DC. The primary goal of the UKSPF was to build pride in place and increase life chances across the UK. That programme saw significant success in supporting community based activity.

In the Autumn Budget, 2024, the UK Government announced the continuation of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) at a reduced level for a further year in 2025/26.

For 2025/26, UKSPF funding has been allocated to the East Midlands County Combined Authority (EMCCA) as the lead authority. The EMCCA Board has agreed to a 'mixed model' in what is a transitional year, with some funding retained within EMCCA for regional wide business support activity and the remainder allocated to district level authorities, to develop its approach based on local needs and issues.

The funding for 2025-26 is intended as a transitional arrangement, that provides stability in advance of wider local growth funding reforms due to take affect from 2026-27. Therefore, a balanced approach to delivery is proposed whereby some elements of delivery from the previous phase of UKSPF are extended into 2025/26 whilst also providing the opportunity to introduce new activity to meet local needs.

As such Mansfield District Council is currently running a call for projects under the Communities and Place Priority. The Council is looking for projects that align with the following sub themes:

- Healthy: Improve health and wellbeing
- Inclusive: bringing communities together, tackling homelessness

The following are examples of the type of eligible activities that may be considered for funding. This list is not exhaustive:

- Funding for new, or improvements to existing, community and neighbourhood infrastructure including local green spaces
- Funding for innovative community crime prevention initiatives
- Funding for impactful volunteering and/or social action
- Funding for local sports facilities
- Investment in capacity building and infrastructure support for community groups
- Community measures to reduce the cost of living, including measures to improve energy efficiency, and combat fuel poverty and climate change
- Support for community activities to improve health and wellbeing



There is both capital and revenue funding available. As a guide, we are looking for applications seeking a maximum of around £50,000 in total. However, we will consider applications for more if they can demonstrate significant community benefit and offer good value for money in terms of delivering the required outputs and outcomes.

If you would like to submit an application for consideration, please complete this form and submit it electronically by **12pm on Monday 14th July 2025** to regeneration@mansfield.gov.uk

How will applications be assessed?

At Annex 1, you will find a copy of the Assessment Framework against which each application will be scored.

Who will make the decision on which projects are funded?

Projects will be independently scored against the assessment framework and reviewed by a funding panel. The ultimate responsibility sits with Mansfield District Council. Whilst this is a competitive bidding process, a mix of competition and commissioning is encouraged and therefore, depending on what applications come forward, Mansfield District Council reserves the right to undertake some commissioning of its own and / or may potentially ask projects to collaborate where there is a clear rationale for doing so. A coherent set of projects is key to the Council's delivery of the overall UKSPF programme.

What are the reporting requirements?

Successful applicants will need to sign a grant funding agreement with Mansfield District Council and provide evidence of expenditure and monitoring data. Evidence of expenditure and monitoring reports will be required quarterly – October 2025 and February 2026. Successful applicants will also be required to participate, at a later date, in an evaluation of their project to understand whether the proposed outcomes have been met. Full reporting, monitoring and evaluation information will be provided to successful applicants.

Payment of funds

All funding must be spent and defrayed by the end of February 2026 to allow reporting to take place in March 2026. Mansfield District Council will consider paying a maximum of 50% of the allocated funding upfront (expected to be end of July 2025). Further payments will be made once projects have provided acceptable evidence of progress and expenditure through quarterly monitoring reports.

Ineligible Expenditure

The funding cannot be used for any of the following:

- paid for lobbying, entertaining, petitioning or challenging decisions, which means using the Fund to lobby (via an external firm or in-house staff) in order to undertake activities intended to influence or attempt to influence Parliament, government or political activity including the receipt of UKSPF funding; or attempting to influence legislative or regulatory action
- payments for activities of a party political or exclusively religious nature
- VAT reclaimable from HMRC
- gifts, or payments for gifts or donations
- statutory fines, criminal fines or penalties



- payments for works or activities which the lead local authority, project deliverer, end beneficiary, or any member of their partnership has a statutory duty to undertake, or that are fully funded by other sources.
- contingencies and contingent liabilities
- dividends
- bad debts, costs resulting from the deferral of payments to creditors, or winding up a company
- expenses in respect of litigation, unfair dismissal or other compensation
- costs incurred by individuals in setting up and contributing towards private pension schemes
- activities that run contrary to the ambitions of UKSPF and the Council's corporate plan and service delivery
- Request for funding AFTER the activity or project has taken place
- Requests for funding for activities / projects which do not benefit individuals who live in Mansfield.
- Requests for funding from private organisations or individuals
- Where there is potential reputational risk for MDC
- Feasibility studies
- Replacement items
- Vehicles, Stock and consumables
- Further and higher education training
- New website, Advertising and Marketing
- Leased or rented equipment, including Hire Purchase (HP).
- Cosmetic or non-essential improvements (e.g. painting, landscaping, construction of walls or fences, etc); replacements due to 'wear and tear' or faults; subscriptions.
- Temporary or removable improvements.
- Any equipment that is not purchased outright, for example, hire purchase or under a finance agreement.
- Pre-existing commitments.

Should you require any clarification regarding completion of this form, please contact regeneration@mansfield.gov.uk



APPLICATION FORM	
Date Received:	
SECTION 1: APPLICANT INFORMATION	
Applicant name (<i>organisation</i>)	
Lead contact name	
Lead contact position	
Contact email address	
Contact telephone	
Postal address	
Please confirm the type of organisation	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Authority <input type="checkbox"/> Public Sector Organisation <input type="checkbox"/> Higher/Further Education Institution <input type="checkbox"/> Private Sector Company <input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary Organisation <input type="checkbox"/> Registered Charity <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please Specify):



SECTION 2: PROJECT SUMMARY

Project name		
Which of the following sub themes does your project contribute to?	<input type="checkbox"/> Healthy: Improve health and wellbeing <input type="checkbox"/> Inclusive: bringing communities together, tackling homelessness	
What project activities will take place and where?	Project activity	Location
Who will deliver the activities and how will they be delivered? Are there any project partners		
Who will be the target beneficiaries of the project in Mansfield District		
How do you know there is a need for the project?		



SECTION 3: OUTPUTS AND OUTCOMES

Which UKSPF outputs and outcomes will the project deliver? (Please refer to the UKSPF Indicators spreadsheet for OP and OC categories and provide the target number for each category you hope to deliver on along with estimated dates that these would be achieved. **These figures will be used in any subsequent agreement / grant conditions**)



UKSPF_Indicators_25-26.xlsx

Outputs		Estimate (to be delivered by 28 February 2026)
OP2	Amount of green or blue space created or improved	
OP4	Amount of rehabilitated land	
OP5	Number of amenities/facilities created or improved	
OP6	Number of low or zero carbon energy infrastructure installed	
OP8	Number of tourism, culture or heritage assets created or improved	
OP12	Number of local events or activities supported	
OP13	Number of tournaments supported	
OP17	Number of people reached	
OP23	Number of households receiving support	
OP24	Number of households supported to take up energy efficiency measures	
OP25	Number of organisations receiving grants	
OP26	Number of organisations receiving non-financial support	
OP27	Number of volunteering opportunities supported	
OP28	Number of feasibility studies developed as a result of support	
Outcomes		Estimate (to be delivered within 6 months of project completion)
OC2	Increased use of cycleways or foot paths	
OC3	Number of vacant units filled	
OC4	Increased users of facilities/ amenities	
OC5	Increased visitor numbers	



OC6	Increase in visitor spending	
OC7	Premises with improved digital connectivity as a result of support	
OC18	Improved engagement numbers	
OC19	Number of community-led arts, cultural, heritage and creative programmes as a result of support	
OC27	Estimated carbon dioxide equivalent reductions as a result of support	
OC28	Neighbourhood crimes	
OC29	Number of volunteering opportunities created as a result of support	
OC30	The number of projects arising from funded feasibility studies	

SECTION 4: PROJECT COSTS

Total Project Costs	£																			
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Are these matched funds secured yet?																				



<i>If not, when do you anticipate they will be secured?</i>		
What specifically will the funding pay for? Please provide an itemised breakdown of how the funding will be used:	Items	Amount (£)
	Total Cost	

SECTION 5: PROJECT TIMESCALES		
Please list the key milestones in the delivery of your project. Include start and completion dates.	Milestone	Target month



SECTION 6: SUBSIDY CONTROL AND DECLARATIONS

I understand that grant funding of this type may be subject to certain restrictions under the Subsidy Control Regime. Applicants are required to comply with the UK Subsidy Control Regime. Mansfield District Council is not able to give legal advice on subsidy control. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that the project is delivered compliantly.

I confirm that we will comply with the relevant guidance and legislation in respect of the grant funding and co-operate with the Council to ensure any grant funding issued is done so in compliance with such subsidy control regime.

I confirm that the project has not yet commenced, and that no expenditure has been incurred to date. I understand that any UKSPF offer will be invalid if the project commences prior to the date of an offer from Mansfield District Council.

I confirm that the information provided herein is correct to the best of my knowledge.

In line with the Data Protection Act 2018 and UK GDPR, Mansfield District Council is the data controller and collects your personal data in order to process your UK Shared Prosperity Fund application. We will only collect the personal data from you we need for assessing and administering the funding application. We may need to contact you for further information to support your application. We will retain your information for monitoring, analysing and targeting and may contact you by phone or email. We may share your data with contractors of the Council for monitoring and evaluation purposes.

Name:

Signature:

Signed on behalf of:

Date:

Annex 1 - Mansfield UKSPF – Communities and Place Bidding Round
Assessment Framework

Criteria	Score			
	1	2	3	4
Alignment				
Alignment with UKSPF sub themes for Communities and Place	Limited alignment with UKSPF sub themes	Some alignment with UKSPF sub themes at a general level	Strong, clear alignment with at least one UKSPF sub theme	Strong, clear alignment with at least two or more UKSPF sub themes.
Impact				
Responds to identified local challenges / needs	No link to identified local challenges	Limited link to identified local challenges	Good link to identified local challenges	Strong / transformative link to identified local challenges
Outputs/ Outcomes	Unlikely to deliver UKSPF specific outputs and outcomes	Limited potential to deliver UKSPF specific outputs and outcomes	Good potential to deliver UKSPF specific outputs and outcomes	Strong potential to deliver UKSPF specific outputs and outcomes
Additionality	No clear additionality to existing provision	Limited additionality to existing provision	Some / good additionality to existing provision	Strong additionality to existing provision
Transformative potential for beneficiaries	Business as usual approach – no or limited transformational impact likely	Limited potential for transformational impact	Good potential for transformational impact	Strong potential for transformational impact
Value for Money	Project offers very poor value for money when considering UKSPF request v Total Cost v impact as assessed above	Project offers limited value for money when considering UKSPF request v Total Cost v impact as assessed above	Project offers reasonable value for money when considering UKSPF request v Total Cost v impact as assessed above	Project offers strong value for money when considering UKSPF request v Total Cost v impact as assessed above
Deliverability				
Costs	Budget appears significantly insufficient / lack of detail for proposed activities.	Budget potentially insufficient/ limited detail for proposed activities.	Budget broadly looks appropriate for proposed activities / appropriate level of detail	Budget considered robust for proposed activities and appropriate level of detail.
Risk Assessment / experience of delivery	High level of risk that project will fail to deliver as outlined.	Moderate level of risk to project delivery	Limited delivery risk	Minimal delivery risk



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