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**UK Shared Prosperity Fund**

Application Form – **Supporting Local Business**

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Introduction

Thank you for your interest in applying for a grant from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF). The primary goal of the UKSPF is to build pride in place and increase life chances across the UK. This aligns with Levelling Up White Paper missions, particularly: *‘By 2030, the number of people successfully completing high-quality skills training will have significantly increased in every area of the UK.’*

Applying to the UKSPF

You are invited to complete this application form seeking funding from the Milton Keynes City Council allocation of the UKSPF.

**This application form should be completed and submitted electronically by 9th April 2024 to**

[**ukspf.enquiries@milton-keynes.gov.uk**](mailto:ukspf.enquiries@milton-keynes.gov.uk)**.**

We cannot consider applications received after this deadline. Please note that you must complete all sections of this form in full.

* The funding allocation for each priority can be found below in Annex 1.
* Funding of up to £95,000 is available to apply for.
* Applications for sums outside the funding allocation range in Annex 1 will not be considered.

The UKSPF prospectus can be found here:

[UKSPF Prospectus](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-shared-prosperity-fund-prospectus/uk-shared-prosperity-fund-prospectus)

Details of the inventions can be found here:

[UKSPF Outputs and Outcomes](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1068875/UKSPF_England_Outputs_and_Outcomes.pdf)

Successful applicants will need to sign a grant funding agreement with Milton Keynes City Council and will also be required to participate in an evaluation of their project to understand whether the proposed outputs and outcomes have been met.

Should you require any clarification regarding completion of this form, please contact [ukspf.enquiries@milton-keynes.gov.uk](mailto:ukspf.enquiries@milton-keynes.gov.uk)

**Investment Priorities**

This application form focuses on Supporting Local Business.

The Supporting Local Business investment priority covers a wide range of local interventions to help boost the local economy and support businesses to thrive, innovate and grow.

Supporting Local Business priorities for Milton Keynes City Council include investment in the following themes:

* Creating jobs and boosting community cohesion, through investments that build on existing industries and institutions, and range from support for starting businesses to visible improvements to local retail, hospitality and leisure sector facilities.
* Promoting networking and collaboration, through interventions that bring together businesses and partners within and across sectors to share knowledge, expertise and resources, and stimulate innovation and growth.
* Increasing private sector investment in growth-enhancing activities, through targeted support for small and medium-sized businesses to undertake new-to-firm innovation, adopt productivity-enhancing, energy efficient and low carbon technologies and techniques, and start or grow their exports.
* Milton Keynes City Council is particularly interested in grant applications that strengthen local entrepreneurial ecosystems - such as support for the Tech EcoSystem programme and creative industries.

**Project Summary (not assessed)**

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| **Name of Organisation** |  | |
| **Name of Project** |  | |
| **Project Summary** *(100 words limit)* |  | |
| **Amount Applied for** |  | |
| **Where will the project be delivered?** |  | |
| **Deliverables (Outputs / Outcomes)** |  |  |

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| **Section 1:**  **Applicant Information** | |
| * 1. Name of Organisation |  |
| * 1. Name of lead applicant |  |
| * 1. Position within Organisation |  |
| * 1. Contact email address |  |
| * 1. Contact telephone number |  |
| * 1. Registered Address |  |
| * 1. Delivery Address (if different to above) |  |
| * 1. Organisation type |  |
| * 1. Charity or company registration number |  |
| * 1. VAT registration number |  |
| * 1. Organisations that are not a public body, will be asked to also submit the following: * Proof of existence – Certificate of Incorporation, Charities Registration, VAT Registration Certificate or alternate form of incorporation documentation * Proof of trading – Financial Accounts/Statements for the most recent two years of trading including, as a minimum, Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheets | |

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| **Section 2:**  **Project Summary** | |
| 2.1) Project Name |  |
| 2.2) Please provide a summary of your project?   * What would you like to deliver? * What activities will take place and where? * How will the activities be delivered?   *Please limit your response to 250 words* |  |
| 2.3) What local challenges and opportunities will the project address in Milton Keynes?   * Please provide evidence of these challenges and opportunities   *Please limit your response to 250 words* |  |
| 2.4) Please explain how your project aligns with the UKSPF prospectus? |  |
| 2.5) Who will deliver the activities and how will they be delivered?   * Please provide details of all other partners who will be involved in the project |  |
| 2.6) Which of the ‘Interventions’ listed in Annex 1, apply to your project? |  |
| 2.7) Who will be the target beneficiary of the project?   * Who is the target audience? * Which areas within Milton Keynes will be affected? * If possible, please provide postcodes. |  |
| 2.8) What UKSPF outputs will the project deliver?   * Please also provide a delivery target   *See annex 1 for details* |  |
| 2.9) How have these outputs been estimated? |  |
| 2.10) What UKSPF outcomes will the project deliver?   * Please also provide a delivery target   *See annex 1 for details* |  |
| 2.11) How have these outcomes been estimated? |  |
| 2.12) What local support can be demonstrated for the delivery of the project, and does it link with existing programmes being delivered? |  |
| 2.13) How does the project support the delivery of the stated net zero ambitions or wider environmental considerations? |  |

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| **Section 3:**  **Project Costs** | |
| 3.1) How much UKSPF funding are you applying for? | £ |
| 3.2) What is the cost of implementing your project?   * Please provide a clear breakdown of your costs |  |
| 3.3) How does your proposal demonstrate value for money? |  |
| 3.4) *Optional -* If you have matched funding for this project, please provide details here, including the source of the funding and if it has been secured. |  |
| 3.5) Explain why the project could not  proceed without UKSPF Funding? |  |

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| **Section 4:**  **Project Management** | | |
| 4.1) Please provide details of the project management process you will have in place to manage the grant.  *This may include governance arrangements, management information, and where applicable, the arrangements for managing your delivery partners.*  *Please limit your response to 250 words* |  | |
| 4.2) Please set out the roles and responsibilities of staff who will be involved in the delivery of your project (including staff managed by your delivery partners, if applicable). |  | |
| 4.3) Please provide details of any previous experience your organisation has managing and delivering similar programmes. |  | |
| 4.4) Please provide details of any previous experience your organisation has delivering projects within the Milton Keynes. |  | |
| 4.5) Please describe the key risks you envisage could affect the delivery of your project. |  | |
| 4.6) Within the timeframe for your project, we are keen to understand how it will be set-up, delivered and monitored. Please include key activities and dates. | **Proposed Activity** | **Target Date** |
| 4.7) Describe how the project will be evaluated in terms of how it will be delivered and potential impact. |  | |
| 4.8)Please confirm you have read, and will comply with, the UKSPF **branding and publicity** [**guidance**](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/uk-shared-prosperity-fund-branding-and-publicity-6). | | Yes  No |
| 4.9) If your project/organisation is working with young people we need your organisation to have the **Milton Keynes Youth Provision Safe Practice Mark**, do you have the Mark?   * The Safe Practice Mark is awarded to organisations providing youth services. It provides assurance to those using the services that correct safeguards are in place. * If you do not currently, have it, we can still consider your project as long as you have the mark before any contract / agreement is signed if successful with your application. * For more information go to: [Milton Keynes Youth Provision Safe Practice Mark](https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/children-young-people-and-families/milton-keynes-youth-provision-safe-practice-mark) | | Yes  No  Not applicable |

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| **Section 5:**  **Declarations** | | |
| Data Protection and General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) | | |
| Milton Keynes City Council has been designated as a ‘Lead Authority’ for the UKSPF and will be a Data Controller for all UKSPF related Personal Data collected with the relevant forms as part of this process, and the control and processing of Personal Data.  The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) will also be a Data Controller for all UKSPF-related Personal Data collected in this application and submitted to DLUHC, and for the control and processing of Personal Data.  The Lead Authority and DLUHC will process all data according to the provisions of the Data Protection Act 2018 and the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) all applicable laws and regulations relating to processing of Personal Data and privacy, including, where necessary, the guidance and codes of practice issued by the Information Commissioner and any other relevant data protection regulations (together “the Data Protection Legislation (as amended from time to time)”).  As a Processer of UKSPF-related Personal Data your organisation and the Lead Authority must ensure that such Personal Data is processed in a way which complies with the Data Protection Legislation (as amended from time to time).  By proceeding to complete and submit this form, you consent that the Lead organisation and its contractors, where relevant may process the Personal Data that it collects from you. Also, to use the information provided as part of the reporting to DLUHC for funding from the UKSPF in accordance with its privacy policies. For the purposes of assessing your bid, the Lead Authority and DLUHC may need to share your Personal Data with other government departments (such as the Department for Work and Pensions) and departments in the Devolved Administrations and by submitting this form you are agreeing to your Personal Data being used in this way.    Data Controller, Personal Data, Personal Data and Processor all have the meaning given to them in the Data Protection Legislation (as amended from time to time).  For further information about how Milton Keynes City Council use your data please use the following [link](https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/your-council-and-elections/council-information-and-accounts/council-information-and-law/your-rights). | | |
| Subsidy Control | | |
| Subsidy shall have the meaning given to it in the Subsidy Control Act (SCA) 2022.  When the Council is considering the award of a financial assistance or a grant, the subsidy control regime governed by the SCA 2022 must be considered and the full principles and requirements adhered if applicable.  Some subsidies could be deemed exempt from many of the substantive requirements of the SCA 2022 if they are granted as Minimal Financial Assistance (MFA) by the Public Authority. MFA has a financial threshold of £315,000 over an applicable period. The applicable period is the period comprising the current financial year to date and the two financial years immediately preceding the current financial year. If the recipient of the subsidy has received more than £315,000 (this includes the subsidy proposed) MFA will not be applicable and the substantive requirements of the SCA 2022 shall apply (i.e. full consideration of the Principles under the Act as required).  Before awarding an MFA subsidy, Milton Keynes City Council as a Public Authority must provide the intended recipient enterprise with an ‘MFA notification’. An MFA notification means a written statement: explaining that the public authority is proposing to give to the enterprise a subsidy by way of MFA, specifying the gross value amount of the assistance, and requesting written confirmation from the enterprise that the MFA threshold of £315,000 will not be exceeded by the enterprise receiving the proposed assistance.  The Council can only award the subsidy as an MFA when it has received this confirmation.  For more information on the Subsidy Control Act 2022, please use the following [link](https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2022/23/enacted) | | |
| Project Statement | | |
| I declare that I have the authority to represent the lead applicant in submitting this application.  I understand that acceptance of this application form by Milton Keynes City Council (MKCC) does not in any way signify that the project is eligible for funding under the UKSPF or that any such funding has been approved towards it.  On behalf of the lead applicant and having carried out full and proper inquiry, I confirm to MKCC that:   * the lead applicant has the legal authority to carry out the project; and * the information provided in this application is accurate.   I also confirm to MKCC that:   * I have informed all persons, whose personal information I have provided in this application, of the personal information I have provided to you and of the purposes for which this information will be used, and that I have the consent of the individuals concerned to pass this information to you for these purposes. * I consent to the Personal Data submitted with this form being shared as set out in this form and in accordance with the Lead Authority’s Privacy Policies and the DLUHC’s Privacy Policies. * I shall inform the Lead Authority if, prior to any UKSPF being legally committed to the lead applicant, I become aware of any further information which might reasonably be considered as material to the Lead Authority in deciding whether to fund the proposal. * Any match funding, if applicable, that has been set out in this application will be in place prior to any award of UKSPF. * I am aware that if the information given in this application turns out to be false or misleading, the Lead Authority or Department may demand the repayment of funding and/or terminate a funding agreement pertaining to this proposal.   I confirm that should the grant fall within MFA, I shall provide the written confirmation as outlined in the MFA Notification. I understand that the Council can only award the subsidy as an MFA when it has received this confirmation.  I confirm that I am aware that checks can be made to the relevant authorities to verify this declaration and any person who knowingly or recklessly makes any false statement for the purpose of obtaining grant funding or for the purpose of assisting any person to obtain grant funding may be prosecuted. A false or misleading statement will also mean that approval may be revoked, and any grant may be withheld or recovered with interest.  I confirm that I understand that if the lead applicant commences project activity, or enters into any legally binding contracts or agreements, including the ordering or purchasing of any equipment or services, before the formal approval of the project, any expenditure is incurred at the organisation’s own risk and may render the project ineligible for support. | | |
| Signed for and on behalf of the organisation |  | Date |
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| Name |  | |
| Position |  | |

**Annex 1 – Financial Allocations**

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| Intervention | Funding Available | Indicative Outputs | Indicative Outcomes |
| E23: Strengthening  local entrepreneurial  ecosystems, and  supporting businesses, including  through local networks. | £130,000 | * Number of potential entrepreneurs provided assistance to be business ready * Number of businesses receiving non-financial support | * Number of new businesses created * Number of businesses   adopting new to the  firm technologies or processes   * Increased number of businesses engaged in new markets * Number of businesses   with improved productivity |
| E29: Supporting decarbonisation and improving the natural environment whilst growing the local economy. | £100,000 | * Number of businesses receiving non-financial support * Amount of low or zero carbon energy infrastructure installed * Number of decarbonisation plans developed | * Number of businesses adopting new to the firm technologies or processes |