

Hull UK Shared Prosperity Fund People and Skills Round 3 Call for Applications

27 September 2023



Overview and Background

- UKSPF was set up to replace European Structural Funds
- Designed to support the UK Government's Levelling Up programme and objectives
- UKSPF has three overall Investment Priorities:
 - Community and Place
 - Supporting Local Business; and
 - People and Skills
- Directly linked to 41 specific interventions



Round 3 Funding Priorities

- Overarching principles for all themes:
 - Maximise the impact for the funding received
 - Focus on in-person, community and locally delivered services
 - Actively involve residents who are economically inactive to support local regeneration and economic progression
 - Ensure accessibility – geographic, transport, language, disability
 - Deliver skills and training support for key areas of economic demand (e.g. digital, manufacturing, medi-tech, ‘green’ skills, health and social care, construction)
 - Focus on access / delivery to priority groups and locations (e.g. young people, women and people over 50, long term unemployed people, individuals with health conditions preventing or limiting access to work)
 - Retain and develop existing community and business relationships
 - Sustainability of projects beyond funding

Hull's Investment Plan Interventions (2)

Intervention	2024/25 Investment Plan Funding, £k
E33: Employment support for economically inactive people	881
E34: Courses including basic, life & career skills	713
E35: Enrichment & volunteering activities	809
E37: Tailored support for the employed to access courses	162
E38: Local areas to fund local skills needs	137
Total Funding	2,702



Theme 1: Partnership Provision to Support People into Employment

- Priority areas for this theme are:
 - Delivery of one or more partnership-led approaches for Hull
 - Focus on support for individuals distanced from the workplace
 - Provide personalised, accessible, and localised support to residents across the city
 - Deliver interpersonal and employability skills support and training such as confidence, motivation and behavioural issues
 - Support to help those distanced from the workplace (e.g. mental health, language barriers, personal confidence, isolation and exclusion, and accessibility)
- Total allocation for this theme: £1m
- UKSPF Interventions: E33 / E34
- Projects are required to demonstrate:
 - Provision that is innovative or builds on existing delivery to achieve extended outcomes beyond the scope of their current delivery model
 - Range of delivery partners covering each of the key demographic groups
 - Community focussed and demonstrate how they will involve local people in design and delivery
 - Minimum of £300,000 with a maximum £1m

Theme 2: Volunteering to Access Employment

- Priority areas for this theme are:
 - Activities that support access to employment through alternative routes such as enrichment and volunteering opportunities that promote personal wellbeing and contribute towards social, environmental, and community benefits
 - Deliver interpersonal and employability skills support and training such as confidence, motivation and behavioural issues
 - Supporting people furthest from the labour market to overcome barriers to work by providing cohesive, locally tailored support, including access to basic skills
- Total allocation for this theme: £800k
- UKSPF Interventions: E35
- Projects are required to demonstrate:
 - Community focussed and demonstrate how they will involve the target group, local voluntary and community organisations, and enterprises in design and delivery
 - Minimum of £100,000 with a maximum of £800,000

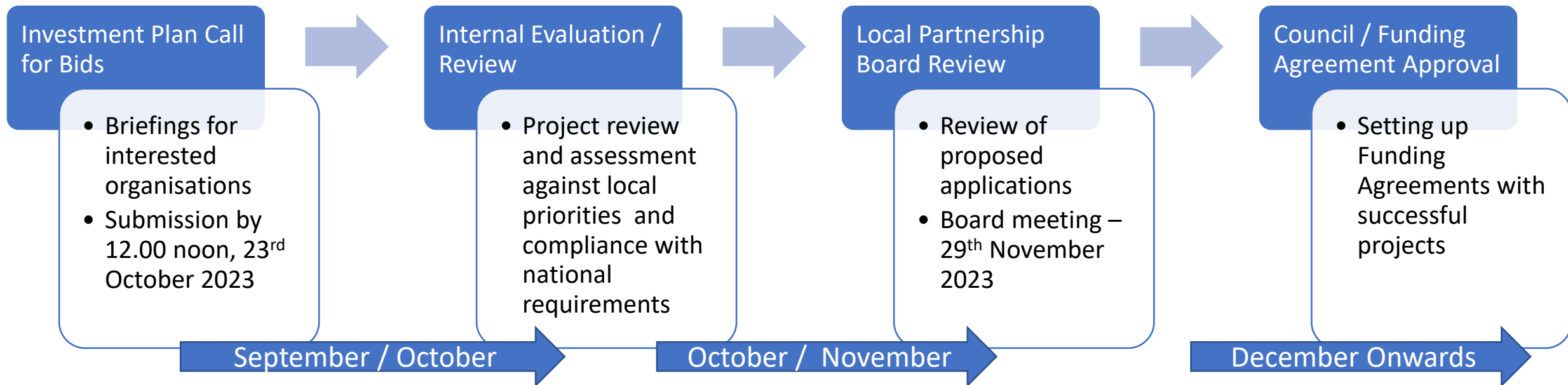
Theme 3: Targeted Support / Specialist Provision

- Priority areas for this theme are:
 - Provision of targeted support that does not immediately fit into the previous three programmes
 - Focus on a specific demographic, client group, sector, or enterprise group which requires bespoke support and focus in its delivery
 - Work in partnership, wherever possible, with other providers to ensure effective citywide provision and service offer to clients
 - Deliver interpersonal and employability skills support and training such as confidence, motivation and behavioural issues
- Total allocation for this theme: £600k
- UKSPF Interventions: E33 / E34 / E35 / E37 / E38
- Projects are required to demonstrate:
 - Evidence of need for delivery along with lack of current provision and requirement for targeted support
 - Community focussed and demonstrate how they will involve local people and enterprises in design and delivery
 - Minimum of £50,000 with a maximum £300,000

Theme 4: Skills Support for the Workforce

- Priority areas for this theme are:
 - Provide micro, small and medium enterprises with access to short courses addressing in-work skills development to improve productivity
 - Provide in-work support to new, or recent, entrants into employment with wider support and help with the transition during the first six months
 - Address the priorities identified in the Local Skills Improvement Plan ([Local Skills Improvement Plan](#))
- Total allocation for this strand: £300k
- UKSPF Interventions: E37 / E38
- Projects are required to demonstrate:
 - Tailored support to individual enterprises and demonstrate how they will involve local enterprises in design and delivery
 - Minimum of £100,000 with a maximum of £300,000

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Delivery / Performance Management

- Monthly performance reporting / financial claims submitted
- Payments marked for urgent payment

April 2024 onwards

Project Closedown / Evaluation

- Project Delivery completed on, or before, 31 March 2025
- Final performance report / claims submitted within two months of delivery deadline (30 May 2025)

March

Submitting an Application

- A separate application is required for each theme
- Application requires completion of three forms
 - Application Form – key information about your organisation, the project, timescales for delivery, and links to overall strategic objectives
 - Expenditure Profile, Outputs and Outcomes Form – amount of funding grant sought linked to specific interventions, along with the overall outputs and outcomes that your project will deliver
 - Grants Subsidy Control Declaration Form – asks for information on previous public funding
- You should also send through three-years audited financial accounts
- Please email ukspf@hullcc.gov.uk for copies
- Deadline for submission 12.00 noon 23 October 2023
- Late submissions will **not** be accepted

Lessons / Changes from Round 1 and 2

- Complete all questions!
- Ensure that your funding request links to the outputs and outcomes you're wanting to deliver
- Ensure you're only asking for funding against an intervention that Hull has identified as a priority
- Changes to forms – only new forms will be accepted
- Submit ahead of deadline!

Key Points

- Funding is
 - limited – application process will be competitive
 - targeted – ensure proposals link to priority interventions
 - time-limited – expenditure must be made in line with the funding programme and completed by the 31 March 2025
- Delivery is at risk until funding agreements are in place
- Projects must be delivered in Hull for the benefit of residents, businesses, or organisations in Hull

Useful websites:

- [UK Shared Prosperity Fund: prospectus - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/prospectus)
- [UK Shared Prosperity Fund: additional information - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)
- [UK Shared Prosperity Fund | Hull City Council](#)

