# Gloucester UK Shared Prosperity Fund

Apply now for 2024-25 projects







### **Funding Available**

The Council allocated the majority of its UKSPF award in January 2023 to worthy causes across the city following a competitive selection process. The sum of £160,000 was deliberately left unallocated to accommodate potential unforeseen requirements and contingencies. The Council now wishes to allocate the remainder on the same general terms and conditions. The Council wishes to distribute the remaining fund across several organisations, so bear in mind that it is unlikely that applicants requesting most of the fund will be considered.

All Expressions of Interest received will be assessed by an independent scoring panel, comprising representatives of the Council, the business and the voluntary sectors. The decision to award the funding will be taken by the Leader of the City Council, Cllr Richard Cook.

Please visit our website for further information on how to apply. Search "Gloucester Shared Prosperity Fund."

## Timeline

2024/25 UKSPF Invitation for Expressions of Interest (Round 2)	
Closing Date: Submission of EOIs	30 November 2023
Review Panel: Selection of Projects & Sign off	17-22 December
Closing Date for Informing applicants	13 January 2024
Round 2 funded projects: Roll out for successful EOIs	April 2024 - March 2025*

### **Our Values – Themes and Priorities**

As identified in Gloucester's UK Shared Prosperity Investment Plan all projects must fulfil some of the given priorities below:

#### **Communities and Place Investment Priority**

- E1 Improvements to town centres and high streets
- E2 Community & neighbourhood infrastructure projects
- E3 Creation of and improvements to local green spaces
- E5 Built and landscaped environment to 'design out crime'
- E6 Local arts, cultural, heritage and creative activities
- E7 Support for active travel enhancements in local area
- E8 Campaigns to encourage visits and exploring of local area
- E10 Local sports facilities, tournaments, teams & leagues
- E11 Capacity building & infrastructure support local groups
- E12 Community engagement schemes, local regeneration
- E15 Digital connectivity for local community facilities

### Supporting Local Business Investment Priority

- E16: Open markets & town centre retail & service sector
- E21: Development of innovation infrastructure at a local level
- E23: Strengthening local entrepreneurial ecosystems
- E24: Training hubs, business support offers, incubators & accelerators
- E29: Supporting decarbonisation & improving the natural environment
- E30: Business support measures to drive employment growth

#### **People & Skills Investment Priority**

- E33: Employment support for economically inactive people
- E34: Courses including basic, life & career skills
- E35: Enrichment & volunteering activities
- E36: Increase levels of digital inclusion, essential digital skills

## **Capital and Revenue**

We are inviting expressions of interest for unallocated Gloucester UKSPF grant funds between 31 October and 30 November 2023. The total budget is £160,200, The majority must be spent on capital projects.

- 1. Capital spending is:
  - a. Money spent on creating or improving assets where the benefits last more than 12 months. This often means spending on things such as buildings or equipment, which can be used over a long period.
- 2. Revenue spending is:
  - a. Money that is spend on day-to-day operating expenses, and other everyday one-off short term expenditure for the running of the business.