**Invitation to submit Expressions of Interest - August 2022**

Organisations are invited to submit Expressions of Interest to Gloucester City Council for funding under the Gloucester Shared Prosperity Fund.  Please complete this EOI to focus on current needs in Gloucester and describe how your project or intervention fits within the prescribed SPF objectives, outputs and outcomes.

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 the majority of the fund will be considered.

For further information on the UK Shared Prosperity Fund please see:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-shared-prosperity-fund-prospectus>

This document is issued alongside the **Gloucester Shared Prosperity Fund Prospectus** and should be read in conjunction with that document. The Prospectus identifies the challenges and opportunities facing the city, and the interventions proposed to be taken through the Shared Prosperity Fund to address them.

The Council will use these EOI submissions to identify projects to be funded between April 2024 and March 2025.  All projects must be completed by March 2025.

The majority of funds must be spent on capital to meet the Government’s minimum requirement. Although revenue projects will still be considered.

The timeline for the invitation and consideration of Expressions of Interest is as follows:

**Closing date for receipt of completed EOIs:         30 November 2023**

**EOIs will be reviewed in December 2023. All applicants will be notified by the end of January 2024 about the EOI status.**

Awards of funding will be made subject to Government approval for final year funding. The Council may require you to submit additional information in support of your application following sign-off.

**Expressions of Interest or requests for further information should be submitted to:** **eds@gloucester.gov.uk**

**Section 1**

**Project Contact Information**

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| Primary Contact (name and job title) |
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| Contact Telephone Number  |
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| Applicant Organisation |
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| Applicant Address |
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| Project Name (be specific not general, to avoid confusion with other similar projects or locations) |
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**Section 2 - Project Summary**

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| Briefly describe the project, including what the investment would buy and why it would meet the aims of the Shared Prosperity Fund (Max 100 words)  |
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| Summary of benefits/outcomes that will be delivered. Expanding on your summary, provide information on the tangible benefits, measurable outputs (actions to deliver your project) and outcomes (what you intend to deliver as a result of those actions). (Max 150 words).  |
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| Please indicate the total cost of project .Government Guidance also requires the UKSPF to be split between capital and revenue funding, with a minimum bar set for capital expenditure. (Capital expenditures are typically one-time large purchases of fixed assets that will be used for revenue generation over a longer period. Revenue expenditures are the ongoing operating expenses, which are short-term expenses used to run the daily business operations.) |
| Total Cost |  |
| Capital Required from UKSPF  |  |
| Revenue Required from UKSPF |  |
| Match Funding (if applicable) |  |

**Section 3 - Project Objective**

This section looks at the key objectives set out by the Government and how your project relates to themes and the key priorities identified within the Gloucester UK Shared Prosperity Fund Prospectus

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| Investment theme: tick the primary theme that best fits your project |
| Community and Place |  |
| Supporting Local Business |  |
| People and Skills  |  |

Please tick theInterventions your project is best relates. Interventions are identified in Section 5.2 of the Gloucester UK Shared Prosperity Fund Prospectus

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| **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 |  |
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| **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 |  |
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| **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 |  |

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| Strategic Fit (Max 150) please expand on this and explain how your project addresses Gloucester’s needs, as identified in Section 5.1 of the Prospectus. Give details of the evidence you can reference that supports your case that there is a need or demand for this project. |
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| Key challenges associated with the Project (give brief indication of the main challenges or risks associated with the successful delivery of this project) |
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| Equalities and diversity: does your project have any positive or negative impact on any of the protected characteristics: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation. <https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/equality-act/protected-characteristics> |
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**Section 4**

**Authorisation**

By completing this EOI you are confirming that you certify, to the best of your knowledge, that the information submitted on this form is true and correct and that you have the appropriate level of responsibility to submit this EOI on behalf of your organisation.

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| Signed |
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| Applicant Organisation |
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| Date |
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Please submit this form by email to the City Growth & Delivery team at Gloucester City Council at eds@gloucester.gov.uk