

## UKSPF Investment Plan - Year 3 2024/25 Project Call

### People and Skills

**Value of Call: UKSPF Revenue: £960,000**

### Background and Information

North Lincolnshire has been allocated funds through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) as part of the Levelling Up agenda. The fund will target where there is a need to create and build pride in place, support the business sector and increase life chances through personal development and training to access employment. The fund will invest in three investment priorities: communities and place, support for local businesses, and people and skills.

This call is for projects under the **People and Skills** interventions for the financial year 2024/25 (1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025). This is the final year of the UKSPF programme therefore projects requiring funds beyond 31 March 2025 will not be accepted.

### Interventions, Value and Example Projects

Applications are requested for projects that meet the criteria for the following interventions:

**Intervention E33: Employment support for economically inactive people:**

Intensive and wrap-around one-to-one support to move people closer towards mainstream provision and employment, supplemented by additional and/or specialist life and basic skills (digital, English, Maths (via Multiply) and ESOL) where there are local provision gaps.

Provision can include projects promoting the importance of work to help people to live healthier and more independent lives, alongside building future financial resilience and wellbeing. Beyond that, this intervention will also contribute to building community cohesion and facilitate greater shared civil pride, leading to better integration for those benefitting from ESOL support.

Expected cohorts include, but are not limited to people aged over 50, people with a disability and health condition, women, people from an ethnic minority, young people not in education, employment or training and people with multiple complex needs (homeless, care leavers, ex/offenders, people with substance abuse problems and victims of domestic violence).

<p><b>Types of activity included</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personalised and intensive support delivered through keyworkers, including referrals to relevant local training, skills and specialised support.</li> <li>• Basic skills delivered in alternative or novel settings. Maths and English up to Level 1, ESOL courses and essential digital skills.</li> <li>• Supported employment provision and placements for individuals with health and disability needs, including person centred vocational profiling.</li> <li>• Support groups for people with similar health barriers to share personal experiences, coping strategies, or information about their conditions.</li> <li>• Counselling and advice services, including tailored work focused mental health support, to help individuals with coping strategies and support plans for transition into work.</li> <li>• Financial support to enrol onto courses and complete qualifications, debt advice to help manage money, housing support, financial support for clothes or travel, and childcare support.</li> <li>• Enrichment activities for the socially isolated delivered in community centres such as sports, arts and other interactive activities. Volunteering and work experience opportunities and promote wellbeing.</li> <li>• Referrals to services that offer a holistic approach to substance misuse treatment.</li> <li>• Specialist outreach for housing or those with criminal backgrounds.</li> <li>• Person-centred emotional, practical or financial support for carers, and advice on how to balance caring and work responsibilities, or support around health and wellbeing.</li> </ul>
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<b>Funds available</b>	Revenue £576,000
<b>High priority outputs and outcomes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of economically inactive people engaging with keyworker support services</li> <li>• Number of socially excluded people accessing support</li> <li>• Number of people accessing mental and physical health support leading to employment</li> <li>• Number of people supported to engage in job searching</li> <li>• Number of people receiving support to gain employment</li> <li>• Number of active or sustained participants in community groups as a result of support</li> <li>• Number of people reporting increased employability through development of interpersonal skills funded by UKSPF</li> <li>• Number of people engaging with mainstream healthcare services</li> <li>• Number of people engaged in job searching following support</li> <li>• Number of people in employment, including self employment, following support</li> <li>• Number of people with basic skills following support</li> </ul>

**Intervention E34: Courses including basic skills (digital, English, Maths (via Multiply) and ESOL), and life & career skills\*\*:**

Provision for people who are unable to access training through the adult education budget or wrap around support detailed above. Supplemented by financial support for learners to enrol onto courses and complete qualifications.

Beyond that, this intervention will also contribute to building community cohesion and facilitate greater shared civil pride, leading to better integration for those benefitting from ESOL support.

\*\* where not being met through Department for Work and Pensions provision.

<b>Types of activity included</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ESOL provision outside of DWP funding</li> <li>• Translation</li> <li>• Enablement support</li> <li>• Individualised support to address personal barriers, this could include homeless or those not eligible under E33.</li> <li>• Community mentoring</li> <li>• Citizenship</li> <li>• Supporting work experience and business interaction opportunities for those not eligible under E33</li> </ul>
<b>Funds available</b>	Revenue £384,000
<b>High priority outputs and outcomes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of people supported to engage in life skills</li> <li>• Number of people gaining a qualification or completing a course following support</li> <li>• Number of people in education/training following support</li> <li>• Number of people experiencing reduced structural barriers into employment and into skills provision</li> <li>• Number of people gaining a qualification or completing a course following support</li> </ul>

**Outputs and Outcomes**

Projects should provide outputs and outcomes that meet the funds criteria. Your application should identify those that are relevant and be quantified in your application. As this is a competitive process those projects who can deliver on our high priority outputs and outcomes will be highlighted at the Decision Making Panel.

In order to evidence outputs and outcomes you must have baseline information of current use, provision or position. You will be asked to provide robust data which demonstrates the achievement of the outputs and outcomes as a result of the funded project.

A full definition of each output and outcome can be found on [UK Shared Prosperity Fund | Invest in North Lincolnshire](#)

If you require any further guidance please contact the UKSPF Team – [ukspf@northlincs.gov.uk](mailto:ukspf@northlincs.gov.uk).

## Requirements

The UKSPF grant should ideally be defrayed by 31 January 2025 (but must be defrayed and evidenced no later than 17 March 2025) and the proposed outputs and outcomes achieved and evidenced by 30 September 2025. Successful applicants must have a proven track record of delivering similar initiatives/projects. You must be able to demonstrate a methodology for measuring, monitoring and reporting the intervention's outputs and outcomes and submit this information as requested by the Programme's Management Team for inclusion in any claims and Monitoring and Evaluation process.

Match funding is expected but there is no specific intervention rate, in kind contributions will be accepted. However, there is an expectation that projects will provide a minimum of 40% of the funds required. Applicants must demonstrate that the project can be fully funded and how it will be matched with other sources of funding and if this is in place. This project call will be open to projects to be delivered in the administrative area of North Lincolnshire Council in 2024/25 only.

A minimum grant of £2,500 must be applied for.

## Process and Timescales

The deadline for submissions for this call is 11 December 2023. Assessment and appraisal of all submissions will take place by mid-January 2024 and decisions expected by end of February. Delivery of the project must be completed by 31 March 2025 with monitoring, evaluation and reporting ongoing. Projects may commence at risk but there is no guarantee that your project will be successful and is therefore at your own consequence. Project expenditure must not have occurred prior to April 2024.

An application form to apply for funds under this call can be accessed from [UK Shared Prosperity Fund | Invest in North Lincolnshire](#). Applications must be submitted online. Supporting documentation should be uploaded but may be requested following receipt of your application.

## Contact Details

Further information is available via email at: [ukspf@northlincs.gov.uk](mailto:ukspf@northlincs.gov.uk)

## Reference Documents:

UK Shared Prosperity Fund: prospectus - GOV.UK ([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk))

UK Shared Prosperity Fund framework of Objectives, Outcomes and Outputs (England)

UK Shared Prosperity Fund Interventions List (England)