

Rural England Prosperity Fund (REPF)

Tendring District Council REPF for Businesses Application Form

Please refer to the published Terms and Conditions when completing this application form. Please also keep in mind that REPF can only support capital works, and a 25% minimum match funding requirement is in place for this business grants programme.

Businesses of any sector are eligible for support of between £5,000 and £20,000, but must be based in Tendring's rural areas, as defined by DEFRA's 'Magic Maps Platform, [which is viewable here](#).

The Business strand includes the following interventions, as per Government's criteria:

- Funding (capital grants) for small scale investment in micro and small enterprises in rural areas. Including capital funding for net zero infrastructure for rural businesses, and diversification of farm businesses outside of agriculture to encourage start up, expansion or scale up of these businesses where this involves converting farm buildings into other commercial or business uses.
- Funding (capital grants) for growing the local social economy and supporting innovation. This includes community businesses, cooperatives and social enterprises and research and development sites
- Funding (capital grants) for the development and promotion (both trade and consumer) of the visitor economy, such as, local attractions, trails and tourism products more generally

Proposals will be assessed against the following criteria:

- Value for Money and/or Added Value to an Existing Project
- Benefit to Residents and/or Businesses

Please be advised that there is a limited amount of funding available, and submission of a project plan does not guarantee that funding from the REPF will be allocated. Applications are being welcomed from 9th June 2025 until 4th August 2025; however no payments will be made to successful applicants until the money is received by TDC from Government.

Eligibility, Submissions and Deadline

Projects which have already benefitted from Rural England Prosperity Funding or the aligned Fund UK Shared Prosperity Fund, are eligible to apply, for a continuation of the same project or a new initiative. However, all applicants should think carefully about how they demonstrate not only the impact of their proposed project, but how it could continue into the future without the availability of REPF beyond this financial year, if appropriate.

Please return this form to the following email address: tendring4growth@tendringdc.gov.uk, along with any supplementary information you feel would be relevant in the Team's consideration of your project.

The submission deadline is 4th August 2025, and applications will not be assessed formally until after that date has passed. Applications will be informally reviewed as they are submitted, in order that Officers can inform applicants that further information may be required, or their project is ineligible, or similar, to allow them to make any required amendments before the deadline. Any outstanding incomplete applications after that date will not be considered.

Submissions must include as a minimum:

- This (Part ONE) application form, completed and signed
- The 'Outputs & Outcomes' Form (PART TWO), which can be found on the TDC website alongside this document

Any queries about the process can be sent to the above mailbox, but please also refer to the Tendring District Council website for further information.

Business Name:	
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Contact Details

Contact name	
Position	
Address, including postcode:	
Registered Address, if different from above:	
Telephone number:	
Email address:	
Website and/or social media (if applicable):	

Business Information

Brief Summary of your Business Activities (150 words max):	
Business Sector:	
Are you an existing business, or starting up?	
What date did you start trading, or what date do you plan to start trading?	
Do you have a business bank account?	
What is, or will be, the legal status of the business? (Sole Trader, Limited Company, etc.)	
Company/charity registration number (if applicable):	
Is your business a not-for-profit business, or owned by a not-for-profit organisation?	
How many people (if any) does the business currently employ (Full Time)?	
How many people (if any) does your business currently employ (Part Time)?	
Is the business part of a group?	

Project Description

What kind of activity/service/ production will you be investing in?	
What will you use the REPF Grant for, specifically?	
How will the investment help your business to grow, diversify (or set-up if it's a new business)? Please consider in your answer why you need to access this funding from public sources, which will factor in to the Panel's consideration of your project's value for money: (circa 250 words)	
Will the project have beneficiaries beyond the business – for example, local residents/suppliers/surrounding area?	
Will the investment help create and/or safeguard jobs? How?	
When do you want to start the project?	
Once started, how long will the project take to complete? (estimate is fine)	

Project Eligibility

What is the total cost of the investment (REPF Grant plus private match funding)?	
How much REPF Grant are you applying for (min £5,000; max £20,000)?	
How much private match funding is available for this investment and what is its origin? Please remember that businesses must be providing at least 25% of the total project cost from private sources.	
Where is/will your business/project be based (please provide the postcode)?	

Project Outputs and Outcomes

Please complete and attach a copy of the REPF Outputs and Outcomes Form (PART TWO), available on the TDC website.

Please provide specific details on the output/s & outcome/s you have selected on the Form, including a specific figure for each and how you have reached this estimate.

Subsidy Control

In line with the Subsidy Control Act 2022, Tendring District Council must establish if financial assistance provided to organisations meets the definition of a subsidy under the regime. For financial assistance to be considered a subsidy, specific conditions must be met.

Tendring District Council considers that any financial assistance given under this scheme will not be considered a subsidy on the basis of using an open call application process and assessment. This application process and assessment is a measure, which treats equally all enterprises in the area, falling within the fund criteria, for which Tendring District Council exercises its responsibilities, and as such, it does not disadvantage any one enterprise over another.

Has your enterprise received any form of financial assistance previously within the last 3 financial years?

For the avoidance of doubt, financial assistance includes Minimum Financial Assistance subsidies, Services of Public Economic Interest (SPEI) subsidies, De minimis EU state aid, and subsidies given as small amounts of financial assistance under the UK-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement.

If your enterprise has received financial assistance previously, please state the nature and how much has been received.

Has your enterprise applied for any other funding from Tendring District Council in the last 3 years, even if unsuccessful?

If yes, please give details of the project and the amount requested.	
Please confirm that you agree to answer further questions in relation to the financial assistance your enterprise has previously received should Tendring District Council deem further questions necessary to be able to award further subsidies.	

If the financial assistance given under this scheme is later found to be a subsidy, Tendring District Council intends to rely on the Minimum Financial Assistance (MFA) exemption. MFA allows public authorities to award low value subsidies without needing to comply with the majority of the subsidy control requirements.

MFA has a financial threshold so no recipient can receive more than £315,000 in MFA or comparable types of subsidies over the elapsed part of the current financial year and the two financial years immediately preceding the current financial year.

MFA can be used by a public authority when it is awarding a low value subsidy if the recipient has not reached the allowance threshold of £315,000 within the applicable period set out above and will not breach this threshold on receipt of the subsidy.

Personal Statement

In submitting this application, I confirm that the information supplied is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I agree to this information being shared with the Tendring REPF Fund management team and the decision-making panel.

Name:	
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On behalf of myself and the Organisation, I, the individual who submits this application, hereby certify that the information contained in the application is true, accurate and complete in all material respects, and agree that any funding provided by the Council shall be repayable as a debt due on demand if the application is found to be misleading or false in any significant respect.

Please return by emailing as an attachment to tendring4growth@tendringdc.gov.uk.

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REPF Application Unique Reference Number:	
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