**Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF)**

**Project Proposals for People & Skills**

**Interventions E34, E37 & E39**

**Background**

TDC are now inviting partners to submit project proposals to be delivered across the Tendring District for financial year 2024/25, against the following criteria:

* E34: Courses inc. basic skills (digital, English and English as a Second Language), and life skills and career skills and financial support (2024/25 £105870.03)
* E37: Support for employed people to address barriers to education and training (2024/25 £16,402.40)
* E39: Green skills courses (2024/25 £50,000)

Projects should lead to increased numbers of people in education/training, increase numbers of people completing qualifications/licensing, and/or increase the number of people in employment (including self-employment) following the support.

Please note that as well as suggesting new projects, applications are also invited for continuation of existing projects which meet the criteria.

**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 SPF will be allocated.**

Funding for projects linked to the above intervention is for revenue projects only. There is a limited amount of capital funding available through the Rural England Prosperity Fund for certain areas across the District. If you think you may be eligible, or would like to discuss your project further, please email tendring4growth@tendringdc.gov.uk

Please return this form to the following email address: tendring4growth@tendringdc.gov.uk by 23:59 on 30th June 2024.

Any queries about the process can be sent to the above mailbox.

**Lead Partner Organisation name:**

**Contact name:**

**Contact email:**

**Contact telephone number:**

**Is your proposal for an existing or new project?**

Existing [ ]  New [ ]

**Please give a short description of your project: (250 words max)**

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**Please provide evidence to support your project. If application is for an existing project, please provide information on its track record and impact so far. For a new project please provide evidence of research into need or demand: (250 words max)**

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**Are you aware of any similar projects already running in Tendring?**

 **If yes please provide details: (100 words max)**

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**Please provide a required budget for your project up to the following financial year: 2024/25 – please note that projects do not have to run across both financial years. Please refer to the introductory page for the amounts available per financial year – these have been agreed with Central Government and are not eligible to be changed.**

**2024/25:**

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**Please briefly explain how you have reached these figures,** **including any sources of match funding if appropriate: (250 words max)**

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**What would the impact be on your project if a lesser amount of money was offered than has been requested? (250 words max)**

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**Partnership working is encouraged but not required. What other partners are/will be involved in your project, if any? (100 words max)**

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**Please state what you see as the benefits to your project. Include information on where the project is located, a description of its benefits, and who the beneficiaries will be. Please include estimations of numbers of people in education/training, increase numbers of people completing qualifications/licensing, and/or increase the number of people in employment (including self-employment) as a result of your proposal: (350 words)**

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**How will you monitor the success of your project? (250 words)**

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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.

In order for Tendring District Council to make this assessment, please confirm the following:

**1. 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.*

Yes [ ]  No [ ]

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

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

Yes [ ]  No [ ]

**If yes, please give details of the project and the amount requested.**

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**4. 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.**

Yes [ ]  No [ ]

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.

Thank you for your submission. Please note that submission of a completed project submission form is not a guarantee that funding will be received.

Please note that once the projects to be taken forward under SPF have been decided, we will not store your information if your project has not been selected. Applicants will be contacted about which projects are to be taken forward. Your project idea will not be shared with anybody else. However, if you would like your contact details to be kept on record for us to advise you of any future opportunities please tick the following boxes indicating by what methods you would be happy to receive contact:

Email [ ]  Telephone [ ]