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**Shared Prosperity Fund Application Form**

The UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF or the Fund) is a central pillar of the UK government’s ambitious Levelling Up agenda and provides £2.6 billion of funding for local investment by March 2025. The full UK Gov Shared Prosperity Fund prospectus can be found [here.](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-shared-prosperity-fund-prospectus/uk-shared-prosperity-fund-prospectus)

This grant comes under the People and Skills pillar which prioritises the following missions:

**Mission 9.** By 2030, pride in place, such as people’s satisfaction with their town centre and engagement in local culture and community, will have risen in every area of the UK, with the gap between the top performing and other areas closing.

**Mission 1.** By 2030, pay, employment and productivity will have risen in every area of the UK, with each containing a globally competitive city, with the gap between the top performing and other areas closing.

**Mission 6.** By 2030, the number of people successfully completing high-quality skills training will have significantly increased in every area of the UK. In England, this will lead to 200,000 more people successfully completing high-quality skills training annually, driven by 80,000 more people completing courses in the lowest skilled areas.

**Mission 7.** By 2030, the gap in Healthy Life Expectancy (HLE) between local areas where it is highest and lowest will have narrowed, and by 2035 HLE will rise by five years.

**Mission 8.** By 2030, well-being will have improved in every area of the UK, with the gap between top performing and other areas closing

The level of information provided for the application should be proportionate to the size and complexity of the project proposed.

**Applicant Information**

**Applicant name:**

**Bid Manager Name and position:**

*Name and position of officer with day to day responsibility for delivering the project*

**Contact telephone number:**

**Email address:**

**Postal address:**

**Website:**

**Company Registration Number (where relevant):**

**Charity Registration Number (where relevant):**

**Senior Responsible Officer contact details:**

**Please confirm the type of organisation:**

☐ Local authority

☐ Private sector

☐ Voluntary sector

☐ University

☐ FE College

☐ Other (please specify)

Click or tap here to enter text.

**Value being Requested (£):**

**The Bid – investment priority**

How does the proposal align with local needs and long-term strategic plans for local growth?

**What intervention does your proposal correspond to** ([full intervention list](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-shared-prosperity-fund-interventions-outputs-and-indicators/interventions-list-for-wales#people-and-skills)):

W34: Employment support for economically inactive people

W35: Courses including basic skills (digital, English, maths (via Multiply) and ESOL), and life skills and career skills

W36: Activities such as enrichment and volunteering to improve opportunities and promote wellbeing.

W37: Interventions to increase levels of digital inclusion

W38: Tailored support to help people in employment, who are not supported by mainstream provision to address barriers to accessing education and training courses.

W39: Support for local areas to fund local skills needs.

W40: Green skills courses targeted around ensuring we have the skilled workforce to achieve the government’s net zero and wider environmental ambitions.

W41: Retraining and upskilling support for those in high carbon sectors, with a particular focus on transitioning to green, and Industry 4.0 and 5.0 jobs.

W42: Funding to support local digital skills.

W43: Funding to support engagement and softer skills development for young people, with regard to the work of Careers Wales/Working Wales.

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| **Project Summary** | | | | |
| Project Name | |  | | |
| Please describe in 500 words or less per question. Please be as concise as possible. | | | | |
| Project proposal: | | | | |
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| Who will deliver the activities? | | | | |
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| How will the activities be delivered? | | | | |
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| Who will be the beneficiaries of the project? | | | | |
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| Where will the activities take place? | | | | |
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| When will the project start? |  | | When will the project end? |  |
| What are the key milestones for the implementation and delivery of the project? | | | | |
| **Milestone** | | | | **Target Month** |
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| What experience does the organisation have of delivering this type of activity? |
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| What outcomes and outputs do you anticipate the project to achieve (please give numbers) and how will you evidence these? |
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| How does the project support the Government’s Net Zero ambitions or wider environmental considerations? |
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| How much UK Shared Prosperity Fund investment is sought (Please give a breakdown of funding request)? |
| Does the funding package include any match funding? If so, how much?  When will any funding that is not in place be secured? |
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| How has the overall budget been estimated, what has been done to test that it is accurate, how would any unexpected costs be managed? |

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| **Subsidy Control** | |
| All bids must also consider how they will deliver in line with subsidy control as per UK Government guidance: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/complying-with-the-uks-international-obligations-on-subsidy-control-guidance-for-public-authorities> | |
| Does any aspect of the project involve the provision of subsidies (or State Aid)? | Yes No |
| If yes, briefly explain how the subsidies or state aid are compliant with the UK’s subsidy control regime as set out in the guidance. | |
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| **Branding and Publicity** | |
| Please confirm that the project will comply with all branding and publicity requirements set out in the terms and conditions. Failure to do so may mean your bid is rejected | Yes​☐​      No ​☐​ |

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| **Data Protection** |
| The information on this form will only be used in relation to the Shared Prosperity Fund. For further information on Blaenau Gwent County Borough Councils Data Protection policy please visit <https://www.blaenau-gwent.gov.uk/en/council/data-protection-foi/data-protection/> |
| **Project Applicant Statement** |
| *I/we can confirm that:*   * • *to the best of my knowledge, all answers on this application are true and accurate.* * • *I am/ we are authorised to sign this agreement and act on behalf of the organisation making this application.* * • *this application is made on the basis that if successful, the organisation will comply with the terms and conditions that will follow.* * • *I/we authorise Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council to make enquiries to any of its Divisions, any Financial Institution and/or named referee, in order to process the grant application.*  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | For and on behalf of the project applicant  Name: |  | | | | Position |  | Date |  | |