

UK-SPF Community Grant – Frequently Asked Questions (Round 3)

Who can apply?

The fund is open to:

- Parish and Town Councils including Parish Meetings
- Constituted voluntary and community groups
- Uniformed groups
- Parent Teacher Associations (project must demonstrate a wider community benefit)
- Not-for-profit organisations

How much can we apply for?

Each parish or area has been allocated an amount of between £3000 and £10,000 based on population size.

Parish / Area	Funding allocated
Appleby Magna	3350.00
Ashby Woulds	4500.00
Ashby-de-la-Zouch	10000.00
Belton	3200.00
Breedon on the Hill	3300.00
Castle Donington	5825.00
Charley	3025.00
Chilcote	3025.00
Coalville (incl Bardon)	10000.00
Coleorton	3325.00
Ellistown & Battleflat	3900.00
Heather	3250.00
Hugglescote & Donington	4725.00
Ibstock	5950.00
Isley cum Langley	3075.00
Kegworth	4350.00
Lockington-Hemington	3225.00
Long Whatton and Diseworth	3550.00
Measham	5000.00
Normanton le Heath	3025.00
Oakthorpe and Donisthorpe	3900.00
Osgathorpe	3125.00
Packington	3200.00
Ravenstone with Snibston	3850.00
Snarestone	3075.00
Staunton Harold	3000.00
Stretton en le Field	3025.00
Swannington	3350.00
Sweepstone	3175.00
Thringstone	3900.00
Whitwick	6600.00
Worthington	3450.00

How has the funding been allocated to each parish / area?

A minimum of £3,000 was applied with a maximum of £10,000. This means there is a reasonable amount of funding for meaningful projects to take place in areas with lower population, while still reflecting that larger urban areas should have more/higher impact projects. There is a reserve fund, so areas / projects need not necessarily feel constrained by their initial allocation if they have something fantastic in mind.

When will be notified about whether or not our application has been successful?

We will aim to let all applicants know whether they have been successful within five weeks of the application deadline of Friday 28th June 2024.

I'm not sure which parish or area my planned project is in?

You can use this [map](#) to find out (select parish as the boundary) or contact grants@nwleicestershire.gov.uk for help.

How will my application be assessed?

Applications will be assessed against the impact they will have and outcomes they will deliver with regards to the list of interventions set out by the Department of Levelling Up. A detailed list of the interventions can be found here [Interventions, Objectives, Outcomes and Outputs – England \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#) (see section 1 – Communities and Place)

What sort of projects will the UKSPF Community Grant fund?

We are looking for projects that deliver one or more of the following.

- Create or improve an area of public space, leading to increased visits.
- Make an area wheelchair accessible.
- Support a local event or initiative (e.g. arts, heritage, cultural, creative)
- An improvement to the local neighbourhood.
- Create a new or support an existing local facility (e.g. sports field, museum)
- Create or improve green space or water.
- Create or improve local paths and cycleways.
- Plant Trees
- Make changes to an area to reduce the occurrence of Anti-Social Behaviour or Crime
- Campaign to encourage visits to the local area.
- Provide volunteering opportunities, bringing diverse groups of the community together.
- Support an existing group to obtain, retain or develop skills, knowledge and tools (particularly where this safeguards their future or helps them grow)
- Install or improve digital connectivity (e.g. broadband or Wi-Fi) in a community facility.

What sort of outcomes does my project need to deliver?

Some of the outcomes the Department of Levelling Up is keen to hear back are on (and so we would encourage you to think of these for your project) are:

- Increase the footfall of visitors (e.g. to a new or improved area/park) – e.g. with handheld counters.
- Improve accessibility of an area
- Improve the perception of an area/facility (particularly where this was poor beforehand) – e.g. with the use of surveys.
- Increase the number of local events or improve the perception of existing events.
- Involve and increase numbers of volunteers, particularly from diverse and different social groups.

***Outcomes need to be measurable e.g. Footfall currently is X and after the project, it is forecast to be Y.**

Our organisation received funding in Round 1 or Round 2 of the UK-SPF funding – Can we still apply?

Yes, we will consider applications from groups that have previously been awarded a UK-SPF Community Grant.

Will there be another opportunity to apply for UKSPF funding after this round?

Yes – There will be a second funding round in August 2024 where parishes / areas that have not yet received funding will be encouraged to apply for the 2024/2025 UK- SPF Community Funding.

When does my project need to start?

The funding from this Round will need to be spent, or allocated to a project that is going to start before the end of March 2025.

What will happen to if there are no successful applications in a parish/ area after Round 3 & Round 4 of applications?

- Groups in those parishes / areas will be contacted to remind them of the deadline and the type of projects etc as we draw close to the end of the application window.
- If still no applications are received by close of window, then their allocation will be sent to the reserve / discretionary fund.
- If there is no requirement within the reserve fund (ie funds not needed) then the money will go to other UKSPF projects / reserve projects as it a requirement that all funding must be allocated to projects before the end of March 2025.

We have a large project and will be submitting other funding bids. Is it necessary for all project funding to be in place before the UKSPF Community Grant can be awarded?

Yes, although it may be possible to agree an “in principle” grant providing there is evidence that the other funding will be in place in time for the project to start before the end of March 2025.

What happens if there are multiple applications from one parish / area?

Applications will be assessed against the impact they will have and outcomes they will deliver and the project with the biggest impact will get the funding. There is also the opportunity to use the reserve funding in this scenario.

We are a community group and would like to apply for a grant, but we don't have a constitution or governing document.

You can contact [VAL](#) (Voluntary Action Leicestershire) and they can help you get set up.

I'm not sure if my project is suitable for a UK-SPF Community Grant?

You can contact grants@nwleicestershire.gov.uk and a member of the team will get in touch to discuss this with you.