

Rural England Prosperity Fund - Community Space Grants

Forest of Dean District Council



Background

- The UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) was announced in 2022 and is part of the Levelling Up agenda
- All 3 investment priorities:
 - Community and Place
 - Supporting Local Business; and
 - People and Skills
- In September 2022, Forest of Dean District Council was identified as eligible for Rural England Prosperity Fund (REPF)
- Specifically target rural challenges, strengthen the rural economy and rural communities.
- UKSPF investment priorities for:
 - Supporting Local Business
 - Community and Place



Capital grants programmes

- November 2023-March 2025
- Role of Forest of Dean District Council and GRCC
- £200,000 total for communities in funding
- Energy Efficiency Grants for Community Spaces



Energy Efficiency Grants for Community Buildings

Community Interest Companies	Community Benefit Organisations
Registered Charities	Charitable Incorporated Organisations
Town and Parish Councils	Community Amateur Sports Clubs (if they can demonstrate wider benefit)
Village halls and Community Halls	

- £3,000 – £25,000 for capital costs and improves energy efficiency
- Applicants will need to provide a recent bank statement and accounts, constitution or governing document etc, , 3 formal quotes, copies of permissions and planning permissions, 20% match funding and any other evidence for the project e.g. energy audit/decarbonisation plan

How to apply and Key Dates

- Information and applications found on Forest of Dean District Council and GRCC's website
- Email or postal submission
- Application and supporting documentation
- Launch - 13th February 2024
- Deadline for applications – 28th March 2024
- Competitive grant scheme - submission of an application does not guarantee funding will be awarded
- <https://www.grcc.org.uk/news-events/news-events/post/279-the-forest-of-dean-rural-england-prosperity-fund-community-space-grants>

