# **Shared Prosperity Fund 2025–26**

Place Infrastructure Fund - Funding Opportunity

**DEADLINE: Monday 23rd June, 09:00**

**PLEASE RETURN TO: BIDs@birmingham.gov.uk**

The UK government has set out an ambitious plan for change, focused on 5 national Missions: ambitious, measurable, long-term objectives that provide a driving sense of purpose for the country. The UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) proactively supports Mission-delivery: pushing power out to communities everywhere, with a focus to kickstart economic growth and promoting opportunities in all parts of the UK. For more information, please visit [**UKSPF**](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-shared-prosperity-fund-prospectus/uk-shared-prosperity-fund-2025-26-technical-note) website.

As part of Birmingham City Council’s allocation, the **Place Infrastructure Fund** within the Communities and Place pillar will support the renewal and use of under-utilised or vacant spaces and buildings, both public and privately owned, across local centres and neighbourhoods; supporting a strong community and social economy around and within a local centre, will hopefully lead to higher footfall, higher use, higher pride in place and ultimately a sustainable, desirable centre that residents want to live near and visit.

This funding opportunity is aimed at capital projects that improve physical assets like buildings, rooms, or part of a public space. Funding must be spent and evidenced by March 2026.

* There is ~£500,000 grant capital funding available in 2025/26. The Council anticipates funding projects of between £5,000 and £100,000, with higher value projects required to meet more outputs and outcomes.
* A list of all UKSPF outputs and outcomes is available in Appendix One. We have already prepopulated the tables below with relevant outputs and outcomes for the Place Infrastructure Fund. Proposals must monitor, deliver and provide evidence of at least one of each to be eligible.
* All proposals funded through UKSPF must be completed, including all monitoring, by March 2026. This is a non-negotiable deadline and spend after this will be ineligible.
* Projects will be required to follow Birmingham City Council’s procurement, spend and monitoring **rules**to ensure UKSPF money is spent appropriately.
* Branding and publicity are an essential component of UKSPF and the requirements for logos of partners etc is non-negotiable.

Applications received will be assessed by a panel of Council officers. All projects will be considered against their ability to deliver SPF outputs and outcomes, the likelihood of completion by March 2026, value for money, the sustainability of the proposal once SPF ceases, and the location proposed work will be undertaken. The level of information provided for the application should be proportionate to the size and complexity of the project proposed.

Lead Contact

| **Name** |  |
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| **Phone number** |  |
| **Email**  |  |
| **Organisation** |  |
| **Address** |  |
| **Company/Charity Number** |  |

Your Proposal

| **Proposal Title** |  |
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| **Proposal summary** | *Please provide a brief summary of the project you wish to be considered.* |
| **Who will deliver the work?** |  |
| **Estimated start and end date** |  |
| **Where will activity take place?** ([Find your ward](https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/wardlookup)) | Ward: |

Timeline

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| **Project Milestones** | **Target Month** |
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Finance

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| **Proposal Budget Headings** | **Amount**  |
|  | £ |
|  | £ |
|  | £ |
| **Total Requested**  | £ |

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| **Is UKSPF being used to leverage other funding?** |  |

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| **Is your organisation VAT registered?** |  |

Outputs & Outcomes

In the tables below please indicate which SPF outputs and outcomes your proposal will deliver. Details of these and their definitions can be found at the end of this document in Appendix One.

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| **Proposed Outputs** | **Estimated Value** |
| **Number of amenities/facilities created or improved** |  |
| **Number of tourism, culture or heritage assets created or improved** |  |
| **Number of local events or activities supported** |  |
| **Number of people reached** |  |

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| **Proposed Outcomes** | **Estimated Value** |
| **Increased users of facilities/amenities** |  |
| **Increased visitor numbers** |  |
| **Improved engagement numbers** |  |
| **Number of volunteering opportunities created as a result of support** |  |

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| **Are there any additional outputs or outcomes that your project could deliver? If so, please list them below (refer to Appendix One for details)** |
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Frequently Asked Questions

**What is UK Shared Prosperity Fund?**

More information on SPF can be found by visiting the Council’s UK Shared Prosperity Fund [page](https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20164/economic_information/2697/uk_shared_prosperity_fund_ukspf) or the UK Shared Prosperity Fund prospectus [page](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-shared-prosperity-fund-prospectus/uk-shared-prosperity-fund-2025-26-technical-note#introduction).

**What kind of projects are you looking for?**

We are looking to support projects that can make Birmingham a great place to live, work and visit. We welcome ideas and initiatives that support SPF outcomes, and we are open-minded about the types of projects that can deliver these and benefit Birmingham, its residents, businesses and visitors. We are looking to support projects that can remain sustainable after March 2026 and can grow for the social, cultural and/or commercial benefit of Birmingham.

**Can I bid for an existing project?**

Yes, you can bid for an existing project, however, the funding must support activity that bridges a gap or moves an opportunity for improved local provision forward and meets UKSPF outputs and outcomes.

**Is match funding required?**

Match funding is not required, but SPF funding can act as match funding for external funding, or the application form allows space to explain if any external match funding has been secured for the UKSPF funding.

**What are the outputs and outcomes?**

More information on outputs and outcomes of UKSPF can be found in appendix one.

**Using AI to write content?**

We do not discourage the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in funding applications. However, it is important that your submission reflects your organisation’s authentic voice and clearly communicates your intentions, ensuring that any AI-generated content is meaningfully adapted to your context.

Appendix One

SPF Output and Outcome definitions

