

UK Shared Prosperity Fund

North Yorkshire Shared Prosperity Fund Prospectus

North Yorkshire's Vision/ambition.....

Shared Prosperity in North Yorkshire will enable our people, communities and businesses across our rural, coastal and urban areas, to harness the opportunities to thrive and prosper.

The delivery of this programme will be guided by our core principles that will be embedded across all activities :

- Community wealth building
- Net zero and circular economy
- Health and wellbeing
- Inclusive economy
- Good work

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UP**



North Yorkshire
County Council

Our North Yorkshire Shared Prosperity Fund Prospectus

The UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF or the Fund) is a central pillar of the UK government's ambitious Levelling Up agenda and a significant component of its support for places across the UK.

North Yorkshire have been allocated £16.9m to spend on local programmes and projects through the Shared Prosperity Fund, as well as £5.4m from the Rural England Prosperity Fund (REPF) – a capital funding programme targeted at rural areas and seeking to address the same issues and challenges of the UKSPF.

This Prospectus sets out the priorities for how the UKSPF will be invested in North Yorkshire, based on delivering the interventions set out in the [local SPF Investment Plan](#) submitted to Government in July 2022.

Aims of the Fund

The UKSPF will support the UK government's wider commitment to level up all parts of the UK by delivering on each of the levelling up objectives:

- Boost productivity, pay, jobs and living standards by growing the private sector, especially in those places where they are lagging
- Spread opportunities and improve public services, especially in those places where they are weakest
- Restore a sense of community, local pride and belonging, especially in those places where they have been lost
- Empower local leaders and communities, especially in those places lacking local agency

Our 5 Local Investment Priorities

Building on the work of The North Yorkshire Investment Plan, this prospectus identifies 5 investment priorities – based on the sub-regions key strengths and challenges:

1. **Tackling Rurality and Inequalities**
2. **Building Pride in our Places**
3. **Boosting Productivity**
4. **Decarbonising our Communities and Economy**
5. **Enabling an Active Labour Market**

North Yorkshire SPF Funding Profile (including REPF)

	22-23 (Y1)	23-24 (Y2)	24-25 (Y3)	Total
North Yorkshire	£2,050,117	£5,454,510	£14,856,919	£22,316,536
Revenue	£1,845,105	£3,567,201	£8,594,084	£14,006,390
Capital (inc REPF)	£205,012	£1,887,309	£6,262,835	£8,355,156

North Yorkshire UKSPF Investment Plan on a Page

NYSPP Allocation:
£16.2m (plus 4%
management allowance)

Delivering the three UKSPF Investment Priorities of:

Communities and Place

Supporting Local Business

People and Skills

Our 5 Local SPF Investment Priorities:

1. Tackling Rurality and Inequalities

2. Building Pride in our Places

3. Boosting Productivity

4. Decarbonising our Communities and Economy

5. Enabling an Active Labour Market

Delivered through our 12 SPF Programmes:

- 1.1: Building Capacity within our places and people
- 1.2 Generating New Ideas for Community Regeneration
- 1.3 : Promoting Healthy and Active Communities
- 1.4: Increasing levels of Digital Inclusion

Total SPF: £3.9m

- 2.1: Celebrating our Distinctive and Vibrant Places

Total SPF: £3.3m

- 3.1: Growing our Businesses
- 3.2: Promoting Innovation
- 3.3: Attracting new Investment through Strategic Sector Growth

Total SPF: £3.9m

- 4.1: Promoting Climate Resilience and Decarbonisation

Total SPF: £1.55m

- 5.1: Engaging and Inspiring People
- 5.2: Developing progression pathways within our workforce
- 5.3: Supporting our young and older people

Total SPF: £3.55m

North Yorkshire Shared Prosperity Vision

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How to use this prospectus

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- **THREE: Boosting productivity**
- **FOUR: Decarbonising our communities and economy**
- **FIVE: Enabling an active labour market**
- **RURAL ENGLAND PROSPERITY FUND**

Eligibility

- Eligible organisations include: partnerships and individual organisations, including voluntary, community, private and public sector organisations including town and parish councils. Project(s) must be delivered by a legally constituted organisation that can receive public funds.
- Guidance on **eligible costs** can be found at <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/uk-shared-prosperity-fund>

How to get Involved

Whilst the programme runs over 3 years, please note that the majority of Year 1 funding has already been allocated to meet deadlines for expenditure. This has been approved by the Local Partnership Group and will deliver against the programme priorities set out in the Investment Plan.

For Year 2 & 3 the prospectus outlines a number of ways you can get involved:

- **Feasibility studies**
- **Expressions of Interest for grant funding or delivering commissioned services or projects outlined in the programmes activities.** Expressions of interest can cover more than one investment priority or programme.
- **Co-design of specific programmes – see individual programme pages**
- **Register to receive alerts** and announcements including calls for projects by emailing ukspf@northyorks.gov.uk

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How to use this prospectus

Checklist

When considering applying to this fund, please make sure you do the following:

- ✓ Read all sections that could be relevant
- ✓ Read all guidance links that could be relevant
- ✓ Download the relevant form from our UK Shared Prosperity Fund webpage: [Expression of Interest form](#) or [Feasibility Application form](#)
- ✓ Collect your data and evidence
- ✓ Any questions? Where to go for help email: ukspf@northyorks.gov.uk
- ✓ Submit completed forms to: ukspf@northyorks.gov.uk

Programme Timeline



ONE: Tackling Rurality and Inequalities

Low population density and an ageing population create challenges delivering key services whilst the rural geography and lack of accessibility means delivering services at scale can be difficult and unaffordable. Research by Two Ridings Community Foundation shows the voluntary sector in North Yorkshire and Humber is smaller and 'less contract ready', whilst it is also the region with the proportionally lowest level of funding in England and is ranked eighth lowest out of nine England regions when it comes to voluntary sector income. Furthermore, our coastal communities face considerable deprivation and pockets of poverty do exist more widely across the patch with communities facing deep-rooted challenges with transport, digital connectivity, ageing population, health inequalities, isolation, deprivation and fuel poverty. Current challenges around inflation could further worsen these inequalities, particularly as North Yorkshire's economy is defined by low wages.

NY SPF STRATEGIC PROGRAMME 1.1

Building capacity in our people and places (£1.7m)

This programme will increase community capacity and build on the Locality Network model of the new North Yorkshire Council, targeting areas where the voluntary and community sector is well placed to deliver key projects and services but lacks experience and scale.

ACTIVITIES: This programme is led by NYCC Stronger Communities and includes :

1.1a Support for Community Networks and Community Anchor Organisations

- **Support for community networks and** the development of action plans for market towns and their hinterlands across North Yorkshire
- Development of **community anchor organisations**, building on the network of community support organisations that emerged from the COVID pandemic

1.1b Development of a **capacity building programme** for new and existing groups and organisations:

- Leadership training and development
- Volunteer training, and development
- Social enterprise development
- Climate resilience

1.1c **Community Grants** - targeting identified priority groups, areas and issues, focusing support on:

- Local social action projects involving volunteers
- Activities and events to promote community engagement
- Piloting of localised approaches to issues including fuel poverty, food poverty, digital poverty, climate change and accessibility issues.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

1.1a Expressions of Interest are invited for collaborative place based proposals from place based VCSE organisations to support community resilience and community wealth building.

1.1b Expressions of interest are invited for the coordination and delivery of the capacity building programme in years 2 & 3. The programme will be launched later in 2023.

1.1c Community grant applications will open in Summer 2023

OUTCOMES AND AMBITIONS

Greater levels of community engagement and participation across all communities in North Yorkshire.

Increased levels of volunteering.

Enabling communities to address rurality and accessibility issues in relation to community facilities and services.

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ONE: Tackling Rurality and Inequalities

NY SPF STRATEGIC PROGRAMME 1.2

Generating New Ideas for Community Regeneration (£570,000)

This programme is led by NYCC Stronger Communities and will support the implementation of priorities identified in 1.1.

ACTIVITIES

1.2 Support the cost of **feasibility studies** to explore how identified projects can be delivered including exploration of a community wealth building programme to unlock and enable local expertise, knowledge, lived experience, assets and innovation to reduce inequalities and create opportunities.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

1.2 Funding opportunities for Feasibility Studies are open from February 2023 for any communities that have ideas and/or projects that require feasibility studies to:

- Develop the project further
- Prepare business plans and cases
- Prepare and draw up plans.

Feasibility study guidance and application form available on our webpage

OUTCOMES AND AMBITIONS

Increased number of projects developed as a result of funded feasibility studies

A Community Wealth Building framework to support activities across the three investment priorities: Communities & place, Supporting local business and people and skills.

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ONE: Tackling Rurality and Inequalities

NY SPF STRATEGIC PROGRAMME 1.3

Promoting Healthy and Active Communities (£815,000)

This programme is led by NYCC Stronger Communities and will increase Healthy Life Expectancy in our deprived communities by investing in activities and community-led projects that enhance physical, cultural and social ties as well as community infrastructure and local green space.

ACTIVITIES

- 1.3. A grant programme to support:
- Measures to improve access to green space.
 - New and improved sports and leisure facilities.
 - Active travel measures.
 - Campaigns to promote healthy lifestyles.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Expressions of interest are invited for the coordination and delivery of the grants programme in years 2 & 3. The Grants programme will be launched later in 2023.

An Expression of interest form is available on our webpage. Closing date for expressions of interest will be 30 April 2023.

OUTCOMES AND AMBITIONS

Greater use of cycle ways and paths across the region

Improved use of local sports/leisure facilities by local residents

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ONE: Tackling Rurality and Inequalities

NY SPF STRATEGIC PROGRAMME 1.4

Increasing Levels of Digital Inclusion (£815,000)

This programme is led by NYCC Stronger Communities and will support individuals in our more remote communities, who lack the skills, confidence or infrastructure; to go online and access services to enable them to benefit from the potential for digital tools and solutions to contribute to improving life outcomes.

ACTIVITIES

1.4 A grant programme to support:

- Digital training aimed at people with limited digital experience and limited mobility.
- Personal virtual assistants in target communities to support new digital users.
- A pool of tablets for users in deprived communities to access.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

A grant programme will be established.

Funding for this programme is not open until 2024.

OUTCOMES AND AMBITIONS

Local communities with improved levels of digital skills and confidence

Improved levels of digital connectivity for local facilities

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TWO: Building Pride in our Places

North Yorkshire has a notable mix of urban, rural and coastal areas. The area's towns are similarly diverse in their geographic setting. Some towns in the area are close to city centres, like Leeds, York, and the Teesside conurbation. Others – including coastal towns - are isolated from urban centres and provide service and leisure offerings to significant rural catchment areas. There is an opportunity to build on these strengths and ensure they all can function as 21st Century market towns.

NY SPF STRATEGIC PROGRAMME 2.1

Celebrating our Distinctive and Vibrant Places (£3.3m)

This is led by NYCC Growth & Heritage Services and will support towns across North Yorkshire to take stock of the challenges and opportunities they face in meeting the needs of surrounding communities

ACTIVITIES

2.1a. A towns growth fund for projects linked to the priorities of the local authority, local business holders and other town centre stakeholders and also align with community networks and related local action plans.

2.1b. Arts, culture and heritage grant fund to build pride in our places

2.1c. Visitor Economy Grant Fund – to support the development and promotion of the visitor economy which is vital to many of our towns available to tourism partnership organisations.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Expressions of Interest from organisations can be made for any of the activities in this programme.

An Expression of interest form is available on our webpage.

OUTCOMES AND AMBITIONS

Funding for improvements to town centres and high streets, including better accessibility for disabled people, including capital spend and running costs.

Support for local arts, cultural, heritage and creative activities

Investment in open markets and improvements to town centre retail and service sector infrastructure, with wrap around support for small businesses

Support promotion of the visitor economy

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THREE: Boosting Productivity

Like most areas of the north of England, North Yorkshire faces a productivity deficit against the UK average, based on output per hour worked. This gap has increased over the last fifteen years and could worsen further due to the 2020 pandemic. Linked closely to the productivity challenge is low wages within North Yorkshire - median gross hourly pay for full-time jobs is only 83% of the national average and more than a fifth of local jobs in York and North Yorkshire still pay below the Real Living Wage. North Yorkshire also has low levels of export and inward investment and there is limited investment in R&D Yorkshire and the Humber. According to research from the YNY LEP, “the poor quality of leadership and management skills in businesses prevents them from growing and prospering as much as they might like”. Around two-thirds of employers have upskilling needs in York and North Yorkshire. It is estimated that the local economy would be around £4.2 billion larger, an increase of 20%, if York and North Yorkshire could raise productivity performance to match the UK average (Source: YNY LEP Local Skills Report, 2022).

NY SPF STRATEGIC PROGRAMME 3.1

Growing Our Businesses (£1.9m)

This programme is led by York & North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership and will support our businesses to increase their resilience, grow and create employment.

ACTIVITIES

3.1a Coordination of an enhanced business diagnostic and support service to improve conditions for businesses including training needs analysis, business growth action plans and onward referrals to public and private sources of support for business growth.

3.1 b Development of additional business support including support for areas with low take up of support and a social enterprise support programme.

3.1c Feasibility studies to explore how identified projects can be delivered.

3.1d. Small grants and voucher programme for businesses that have clear growth opportunities that can be unlocked with funding.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Planning of 3.1 activities for 2023/24 (Y2) is being developed by York & North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership. This may lead to commissioned work - details of procurement opportunities will be published on www.ynygrowthhub.com.

For 3.1d Small grant/voucher programme - details will be developed for launch later in 2023 – funds available are expected to link to Priority 2 – Building Pride in Our Places, and the capital grants from the Rural England Prosperity Fund.

Expressions of interest are invited for management, coordination and delivery of 3.1d grants programme in Years 2 and 3.

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OUTCOMES AND AMBITIONS

New businesses created and sustained

Businesses with improved productivity

Increased amount of investment

Local businesses creating new jobs and safeguarding existing jobs

Increased levels of entrepreneurship

THREE: Boosting Productivity

NY SPF STRATEGIC PROGRAMME 3.2

Promoting Innovation (£1m)

This programme is led by York & North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership and will support businesses across North Yorkshire to undertake Research & Development (R&D) and create new products, services and processes, supporting businesses to innovate and grow our economy through increased productivity.

ACTIVITIES

3.2a. Coordination and delivery of a programme of business support across North Yorkshire to provide information and advice to businesses on R&D and innovation.

3.2b. Development of additional growth support activities including campaigns and workshops.

3.2c. Innovation voucher scheme to support businesses with the costs of undertaking R&D.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Planning of 3.2 activities for 2023/24 (Y2) is being developed by York & North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership. This may lead to commissioned work - details of procurement opportunities will be published on www.ynygrowthhub.com.

For 3.2c Innovation voucher scheme - details will be developed for launch later in 2023.

Expressions of interest are invited for management, coordination and delivery of 3.2c grants programme in Years 2 and 3.

OUTCOMES AND AMBITIONS

Organisations engaged in new knowledge transfer activity

Businesses introducing new products to the firm

New businesses created and sustained

Businesses with improved productivity

Increased amount of investment

Local businesses creating new jobs and safeguarding existing jobs

Increased levels of entrepreneurship

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THREE: Boosting Productivity

NY SPF STRATEGIC PROGRAMME 3.3

Attracting new Investment through Strategic Sector Growth (£1m)

This programme is led by York & North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership and will support business support programmes targeted at the following 6 sectors with considerable potential for economic growth, aiming to increase business productivity, support the transition to a net zero economy and attract targeted sector investors:

- Agri-tech Innovation
- Sustainable Energy and BioEconomy
- Health and Life Science Innovation
- Advanced Manufacturing
- Digitech, data and creative industries
- Rail and Transport Technology

ACTIVITIES

3.3a. Coordination of a new specialist sector growth service to mobilise sector clusters, support business growth and increase inward investment into North Yorkshire

3.3b. Development of additional sector growth services.

3.3c. Specialist skills for the workforce programme to support the targeted growth sectors.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

A new specialist sector growth service (3.3a) will be provided by York & North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership for the 6 identified sectors (shown left) to be launched in Spring 2023.

Sector Growth Plans for each will be developed by Autumn 2023 to determine proposals for delivery of activities for 3.3b and 3.3c in Year 3.

Details of how to get involved in the Sector Growth Programmes will be published with the launch of the new service in Spring 2023.

OUTCOMES AND AMBITIONS

Increased number of businesses supported

Increased amount of investment

Businesses increasing their export capability

Economically active individuals engaged in mainstream skills education and training

New businesses created and sustained

Businesses with improved productivity

Increased amount of investment

Businesses creating new jobs and safeguarding existing jobs

Increased levels of entrepreneurship

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FOUR: Decarbonising our Communities and Economy

Over the past 10 years, considerable progress has been made to drastically decrease carbon emissions within North Yorkshire. However, there is still a long journey ahead and climate change is a critical risk for communities and businesses. For example, more extreme weather events will disrupt global supply chains, damage physical assets and increase costs of purchasing products and resources. Taking action now will enable businesses and communities to play their role in reaching net zero and future-proof their operations.

NY SPF STRATEGIC PROGRAMME 4.1

Promoting Decarbonisation and Climate Resilience (£1.55m)

This programme is led by YNYLEP (York and North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership) and has been designed to address priority actions outlined in [York & North Yorkshire's Routemap to Carbon Negative](#).

ACTIVITIES:

4.1a. Support local communities to improve their climate resilience, energy efficiency and combat fuel poverty. Work is already underway for:

- Decarbonisation plans for community owned/managed buildings
- Housing stock conditions surveys and retrofit assessments
- Co-design of a one-stop-shop approach for building retrofit
- Building capacity for community climate action including project development, management support and funding for feasibility studies

4.1b. Support businesses to decarbonise, be resilient, energy and resource efficient and circular:

- Place-based programme for sites such as business parks or industrial units including technology feasibility assessments, decarbonisation plans & capital grants for low carbon measures.
- Reducing Energy Bills / Net Zero - wrap-around support to enable businesses to reduce their carbon emissions including low carbon diagnostics, specialist consultancy support, energy & resource audits, capital grants for purchases/premises adaptations.
- Farm Energy Audit Programme with initial pilot and specialist consultancy support

4.1c. Training programme to support access to employment in the green economy including:

- Bitesize, modular and top up training provision
- Information Advice and Guidance, building capacity in skills and careers support including training for 'advisers' in low carbon skills and jobs.

Funding for Skills projects is not available until 2024. Further details to follow

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

The majority of programmes will undergo a co-design process with stakeholders between March – May 2023 to ensure that the design of the programmes are fully tailored to meet the needs of local communities and businesses. These programmes will then be procured and commissioned, with an expectation that they will go live in September 2023

Would you like to be part of the co-design process?

Would you like to receive support from these programmes?

Please register your interest at

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Before 21 April 2023.

OUTCOMES AND AMBITIONS

Greenhouse gas reductions

Increased take up of energy efficiency measures

People completing training

People in employment, including self-employment, following support

Jobs created & safeguarded

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FIVE: Enabling an Active Labour Market

North Yorkshire has a shrinking labour market, primarily due to an ageing population and an increasing proportion of inactives not looking for work. This could be exacerbated by the threat of automation. The trend over the last two years has been increasing numbers of those not wanting to work. This not only creates recruitment issues in the local labour market but also challenges around how to engage with this group and encourage participation in the labour market. The rate of employment for young people aged 18-24 has also fallen. Evidence suggests that mental health is a key reason why young people are out of work. These shortages can be further exacerbated by 'exclusive' recruitment and employment practices that mean individuals can be overlooked in recruitment, leave the workplace or do not have access to the opportunities to progress. Skills mismatches, a lack of effective Information Advice and Guidance (IAG) and low participation in adult education and training all create challenges with pipelines of workers from entry level to higher level skills and jobs.

NY SPF STRATEGIC PROGRAMME 5.1 ENGAGING AND INSPIRING PEOPLE (£2.4m)

This Programme is led by York & North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership and will build on the learnings from working with 'inactives' from the ESF and National Lottery Community Fund project - Action Towards Inclusion (ATI) and the Community Led Local Development programme (CLLD), Advantage Coast, a range of community based provision will be delivered as part of this programme

ACTIVITIES

5.1a. Key worker support and interventions to support inactive individuals to engage in activities to address a range of barriers to progressing towards employment.

5.1b. Mental and physical health support

5.1c. Financial well being support

5.1d Work based and employability skills

5.1e Provide wrap around holistic information, advice and guidance.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

People and skills funding is not available until April 2024. Further details on how to access funding from April 2024 will be released closer to the time.

Under the flexibilities of the Fund, People and Skills funding in years 1 & 2 can be used to support organisations in the VCSE sector 'at risk' from the withdrawal of the European Social Fund. This funding will support activity that builds on the ATI key worker and intervention model of support for inactive individual across North Yorkshire and the established CLLD delivery model on the coast.

OUTCOMES AND AMBITIONS

Increased employability

People engaging with mainstream healthcare services

People sustaining engagement with key worker support

People engaged in job searching

People in employment, including self employment

People sustaining employment

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FIVE: Enabling an Active Labour Market

NY SPF STRATEGIC PROGRAMME 5.2

Developing Progression Pathways within the Workforce (£815,000)

This programme led by York & North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership and will provide holistic wrap around support for those in work to enable them to reskill and upskill.

ACTIVITIES

5.2a. Initial assessment to enable a comprehensive understanding of the needs of the participant or business. This assessment will then guide the support that is provided.

5.2b. A range of support to assist with sustaining and progressing in employment including:

- Information Advice and guidance, including career adaptability
- Opportunities to reskill and upskill
- Issues relating to mental and physical health and wellbeing and neurodiversity
- Financial wellbeing

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Funding is not available until 2024.

Further details on how to access funding from April 2024 will be released closer to the time.

Year three programmes will be developed in first half of year 2.

OUTCOMES AND AMBITIONS

People supported to participate in education

People undertaking retraining opportunities

People in employment engaging with the skills system

People gaining qualifications, licences and skills

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FIVE: Enabling an Active Labour Market

NY SPF STRATEGIC PROGRAMME 5.3

Supporting young and older people (£335,000)

This programme is led by York & North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership and will augment the Engage programme by providing additional intensive support to young people aged 14 to 24 years old, and people aged 50 plus. The programme will focus on support for both those young people at risk of becoming NEET 14-16 years and those aged 16-24 that are NEET; as well as older people aged 50+.

ACTIVITIES

5.3a. Tailored provision to support young people and older people to make informed choices and to access, sustain and progress in training & employment.

5.3b Initial assessment to enable a comprehensive understanding of the needs of the participant or business. This assessment will then guide the support that is provided.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Funding is not available until 2024.

Further details on how to access funding from April 2024 will be released closer to the time.

Year three programmes will be developed in first half of year 2.

OUTCOMES AND AMBITIONS

People in employment, including self-employment, following support

People sustaining employment for 6 months

People engaging in job-searching following support

People familiarised with employers' expectations,

People engaging in education and training

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RURAL ENGLAND PROSPERITY FUND

The Rural England Prosperity Fund (REPF) is a capital funding programme targeted at rural areas and settlements with a population of up to 10,000 people, or settlements of up to 30,000 population which act as service hubs to a wider rural population. REPF is a fund linked to the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and seeks to address the same issues and challenges as the UKSPF with a focus on the key priorities of Communities and Place and Supporting Local Business.

Funding is limited to the 2023/24 and 2024/25 financial years - Details are being developed for launch of the grant application process early in 2023/24 (Y2)

Expressions of Interest are invited based on the North Yorkshire Rural England Prosperity Fund Investment Plan and with reference to the national prospectus which can be viewed here : [Rural England Prosperity Fund: prospectus - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1181112/REPF-Prospectus-2023-24.pdf)

Local rural business and social enterprises

Creating and safeguarding rural jobs, raising rural productivity and contributing to net zero and nature recovery objectives.

	2023/24 (Y2)	2024/25 (Y3)	Total
Capital Funding	£675,000	£2,025,000	£2,700,000

Supporting Local Business

Capital Grants for small and micro businesses, and for social economy businesses

Capital grant support for visible improvements to local retail, hospitality and leisure sector facilities.

Capital Grants to support green and blue infrastructure and circular economy projects.

Rural communities and places

Tackling inequalities, addressing rural accessibility and climate resilience.

	2023/24 (Y2)	2024/25 (Y3)	Total
Capital Funding	£679,279	£2,037,835	£2,717,114

Communities and Place

Capital Grants to support community infrastructure, town centres, markets, cultural venues, the rural visitor economy and rural leisure opportunities.

Strengthening our social fabric and fostering a sense of local pride and belonging, through investment in amenities that enhance physical, cultural and social ties. This includes:

- heritage assets
- local green space
- digital infrastructure
- arts and cultural spaces

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