Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee

10.00am, Thursday, 4 August 2022

UK Shared Prosperity Fund

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1. Recommendations

1.1 It is recommended that the Committee:

1.1.1 Note the partnership engagement activities undertaken in development of recommended SPF project proposals;

1.1.2 Agree the recommended portfolio of projects to be funded as part of the City of Edinburgh SPF Investment Plan and that this portfolio is submitted to UK Government in advance of the 12 August deadline;

1.1.3 Agree that officers will continue to work with projects to establish detailed funding plans and project deliverables within the financial constraints of the SPF allocation; and

1.1.4 Agree that an annual report on progress towards delivery of this programme of investment is prepared for consideration by this Committee.

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Report

UK Shared Prosperity Fund

2.   Executive Summary

2.1   A conditional allocation of £12.4m has been made to Edinburgh through the UK Shared Prosperity Framework. To access these funds the Council needs to submit a local investment plan to UK Government by 12 August 2022.

2.2   To build this plan and identify a portfolio of local projects to be supported by this fund, a programme of stakeholder engagement and a call for bids was carried out through July 2022. This paper sets out recommendations for projects to be funded by the UK SPF in Edinburgh and next steps for development and delivery.

3.   Background

3.1   On 13 April 2022 the UK Government published a prospectus for the new UK Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF). As part of the Levelling Up programme, and as a successor to European Union Structural Funds, the SPF plans to invest £2.6bn in projects across the UK between 2022 and 2025.

3.2   The primary goal of the SPF is 'to build pride in place and increase life chances across the UK', with proposed interventions across three investment themes - Community and Place, Supporting Local Business, and People and Skills.

3.3   In line with the fund's aim to empower local leaders and communities, local government is being given responsibility for developing an investment plan to guide local delivery of the fund. Towards this, all local authorities received notice of a conditional SPF allocation. The City of Edinburgh Council allocation is profiled in Appendix 1 to this paper and comprises a total investment of almost £12.4m over three years. This total includes revenue and capital funding, alongside an allocation of £2.1m in funding for local delivery of the Multiply programme of actions to improve adult numeracy skills.

3.4   To access this allocation, the Council needs to submit an investment plan for approval by the UK Government by 12 August 2022, following an approved request for extension of the original deadline of 1 August 2022.

3.5   On 23 June 2022 the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee approved a proposed approach to developing a City of Edinburgh UK Shared Prosperity Fund

Investment Plan. In doing so, it was agreed that a draft plan would be prepared for scrutiny by Committee in August 2022 in advance of submission to UK Government.

3.6 This paper provides detail of engagement activity undertaken in development of the investment plan, and a recommended plan for investment of UK SPF allocations in Edinburgh. A delivery programme for the Multiply component of the SPF is being developed for consideration by Education, Children and Families Committee.

4. Main report

Call for applications

4.1 As reported to Committee in June 2022, the Council issued a call for third parties (including from the public, voluntary and private sectors) to make applications for projects to be funded and included within the City of Edinburgh UK Shared Prosperity Fund Investment Plan.

4.2 The call required that projects should be aligned to one or more of the eligible interventions and outcomes outlined in the UK SPF prospectus. In addition, potential projects were asked to show and evidence their ability to contribute to delivery of core priorities set out in the Council Business Plan – ending poverty, becoming a net zero city, and ensuring wellbeing and equalities are enhanced for all.

4.3 Throughout this process, the approach made a specific emphasis on bids to continue and/or expand existing initiatives funded under European Structural Fund programmes, as well as inviting applications from projects to complement these initiatives.

4.4 To support this call for applications, engagement and promotion activities included:

4.4.1 Two online sessions with potential applicants attended by almost 100 participants;

4.4.2 Information and engagement sessions with Council elected members, and local MPs and MSPs;

4.4.3 Publication on the Council website of the call for applicants, and application details, including publication of a recording of the launch webinar and presentation materials; and

4.4.4 Promotion of the call for applications through social media and by email through multiple Council and partner networks, and with support of key partners such as Edinburgh Voluntary Organisations' Council (EVOC), Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce, Capital City Partnership (CCP), and others.

4.5 In addition to raising awareness of the fund and application process, these sessions provided partner and stakeholder input into the strategic priorities and interventions the fund should address in Edinburgh.

4.6 A total of 81 bids were received as a result of this call for applications by the bid deadline of 11 July, at a total value in excess of £37m.

Bid assessment and plan development

4.7 A group of partners, chosen for their expertise and knowledge of their sectors, were invited to work with the Council to assess bids and build the investment plan for Edinburgh's SPF allocation. In addition to colleagues across Council service areas, this group included representatives from:

4.7.1 EVOC

4.7.2 Edinburgh Social Enterprise

4.7.3 Edinburgh Association of Community Councils

4.7.4 NHS Lothian

4.7.5 Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce

4.7.6 CCP

4.7.7 Scottish Funding Council

4.7.8 Scottish Enterprise

4.7.9 Scottish Government, and

4.7.10 Edinburgh and South-East Scotland City Region Deal.

4.8 This group assessed applications in scoring pairs to ensure that no organisation also bidding for funding assessed their own application. A group moderation meeting was also held on 20 July to consider all 81 project bids individually and ensure consistency of assessment. Bids were assessed by the panel against the criteria established through the call for applications and recommendations made for projects to be funded as part of the City of Edinburgh UK Shared Prosperity Fund Investment Plan.

4.9 These recommendations were based upon an assessment and scoring of each bid in terms of:

4.9.1 Strategic fit with the priorities established in the UK SPF prospectus and the Council Business Plan;

4.9.2 Evidence of unmet demand and/or need, and the potential impact of the service in meeting this need;

4.9.3 Evidence of additionality to and avoidance of duplication with other service delivery;

4.9.4 Evidence of service innovation and collaboration; and

4.9.5 Value for money and project deliverability, including evidence of appropriate risk management and monitoring and evaluation processes.

4.10 Alongside this individual project assessment, the group assessed the package of projects to ensure a fair and appropriate distribution of funding across all three of the SPF themes. In particular, following feedback received through the partner

engagement process, the assessment process sought to ensure that the final portfolio of recommended projects included:

 4.10.1 A focus on projects aimed at addressing the cost of living crisis as well as medium term interventions to prevent poverty and homelessness in Edinburgh;

 4.10.2 Interventions that will be visible and accessible in all areas of Edinburgh, particularly in areas with high concentrations of poverty and deprivation;

 4.10.3 An appropriate focus on projects providing support for specific communities and people with protected characteristics, including young people, people affected by domestic abuse and violence, people at risk of offending, older people, and people from minority ethnic groups

 4.10.4 An appropriate focus on key sectors of Edinburgh's economy, and

 4.10.5 Interventions that will support communities and businesses in Edinburgh make a just transition to net zero.

Recommended project portfolio

4.11 This assessment process resulted in a selection of 32 projects for inclusion in a portfolio of projects to be recommended for funding through the City of Edinburgh SPF Investment Plan. All recommended projects are outlined in Appendix 2 to this paper, alongside the interventions each project addresses.

4.12 In summary, the proposed portfolio includes:

 4.12.1 **Investment in 15 projects with a main focus on the Communities and Place theme of the SPF prospectus**. These include projects to address poverty and the cost of living crisis in Edinburgh through increased capacity for money advice services; investment in energy efficiency support, emergency food support and preventing homelessness; and projects to improve community capacity through investment in volunteering support, community centres, community gardens, and other community engagement initiatives.

 4.12.2 **Investment in six projects with a main focus on the Supporting Local Business theme of the SPF prospectus**. These include projects to increase the numbers of high value start-up businesses in Edinburgh, promote entrepreneurship among underrepresented demographics, and support first time exporters to enter new markets; and projects to provide additional support to businesses in the transition to net zero, and in adopting fair work practices.

 4.12.3 **Investment in 11 projects with a main focus on the People and Skills theme of the SPF prospectus**. These include projects to provide digital skills coaching; a sector-based skills academy, targeting sectors that are experiencing recruitment challenges in Edinburgh; projects to support wellbeing and employability among people who have experienced rape or domestic abuse; targeted projects to support people from BME and other

backgrounds to enhance life and employment skills, and provide work experience and employment opportunities.

4.13   This selection leaves a further 49 submitted projects at a total value of over £20m which are not recommended for funding through the SPF Investment Plan. These projects are listed in Appendix 3 to this paper for information.

4.14   All unsuccessful projects from this process will receive feedback to explain why their bids had not been recommended for support this time and to explore whether any alternative funding sources may be available in the future.

4.15   Each bid was subject to individual assessment and scoring but reasons for non-inclusion in the recommended portfolio included, in summary:

4.15.1   Poor quality of bid submission, either through lack of clarity on strategic fit, project deliverables, target groups, or costings;

4.15.2   Lack of additionality or duplication with existing service provision or other projects;

4.15.3   Poor value for money, or high cost bids with low target deliverables; and

4.15.4   Lack of clear evidence on need or demand for the intervention.

5.   Next Steps

5.1   In order to access conditional SPF funds allocated to Edinburgh, the Council needs to submit an Investment Plan to UK Government using provided submission templates by 12 August 2022.

5.2   Advice from UK Government is that this submission should provide information on:

5.2.1   Themes and interventions to be supported through the three-year period of the investment plan. These details are provided in Appendix 2 to this paper;

5.2.2   Stakeholder engagement activity undertaken in development of the plan. These details are outlined above; and

5.2.3   Development of local partnership arrangements to advise on strategic delivery of the programme. As agreed by Committee on 23 June, Edinburgh Partnership will take on the role of the Local Partnership Group for this function.

5.3   Following submission, UK Government guidance plans for approval of local investment plans and first payments to Councils to be made 'from October 2022 onwards'.

5.4   In parallel with this submission process, it is recommended that officers continue to engage with projects outlined in Appendix 2 to agree project delivery and funding arrangements.

5.5   In particular, it is recognised that if fully funded, these recommended projects would represent a total investment in excess of the allocation of funds provided by UK SPF. As such, is recommended that officers work with project leads to:

    5.5.1   Agree a final distribution of funds for each supported project that meets the constraints of the overall SPF allocation;

    5.5.2   Aligned to that distribution, agree final project output and outcome targets for delivery;

    5.5.3   Agree final project management, delivery, and evaluation arrangements in line with the requirements of the UK SPF prospectus, and

    5.5.4   Where projects show close alignment with the priorities set out in the Regional Prosperity Framework, invite and seek opportunities for collaboration between city region partners to maximise the impact of funded interventions across the Edinburgh and South-East Scotland City Region area.

6.   Financial impact

6.1   The Edinburgh allocation for SPF is outlined in Appendix 1. No additional costs to the Council are associated with the delivery of programmes outlined in this paper. As noted in Appendix 1, UK SPF guidelines provide for a 4% share of allocated funds to be used in support of programme administration and delivery.

6.2   Subject to the next stage of work in negotiating detailed project funding and profiling, some flexibility in profiling of planned Council spend may be required. Any such flexibility will be made in agreement with the Chief Financial Officer and subject to approval by appropriate Council committees.

7.   Stakeholder/Community Impact

7.1   Stakeholder engagement and input into the development of this plan and in delivery of the programme are outlined in the paper above.

7.2   An integrated impact assessment will be conducted alongside the next steps of the programme outlined in paragraph 5.5 above.

8.   Background reading/external references

8.1   UK Shared Prosperity Fund Prospectus, UK Government, 13 April 2022

8.2   UK Shared Prosperity Fund: Interventions

8.3   UK Shared Prosperity Fund: Outputs and Outcomes

8.4   Edinburgh and South East Scotland Regional Prosperity Framework

9.   Appendices

9.1   Appendix 1: Edinburgh SPF allocation

9.2   Appendix 2: Recommended projects to be funded through the City of Edinburgh SPF Investment Plan

9.3   Appendix 3: Project bids not recommended for funding

Appendix 1: Edinburgh SPF allocation

UK Shared Prosperity Fund – City of Edinburgh Conditional Allocation				
	22-23	**23-24**	**24-25**	**TOTAL**
Revenue	£1,115,330	£2,178,380	£5,355,129	£8,648,839
Capital	£129,458	£311,197	£1,167,562	£1,608,217
TOTAL Core SPF allocation	**£1,244,788**	**£2,489,577**	**£6,522,691**	**£10,257,056**
SPF Admin*	£49,792	£99,583	£260,908	£410,282

MULTIPLY Allocation+	**£647,290**	**£746,873**	**£746,873**	**£2,141,036**
Multiply Admin*	£25,892	£29,875	£29,875	£85,641

*Included in totals above

+Investment planning subject to approval by Education, Children and Families Committee

Appendix 2: Recommended projects to be funded through the City of Edinburgh SPF Investment Plan

SPF Theme - People and Skills projects recommended for funding

Organisation Name	Project Name	Description	Proposed SPF Interventions
ACE IT Scotland SCIO	Helping people over 50 access the digital world	One-to-one person-centred digital skills coaching for people over 50. Coaching delivered by trained volunteers and staff at centrally located office and partner sites around Edinburgh.	• S33: Activities such as enrichment and volunteering to improve opportunities and promote wellbeing. • S34: Intervention to increase levels of digital inclusion, with a focus on essential digital skills, communicating the benefits of getting (safely) online, and in-community support to provide users with the confidence and trust to stay online. • S40: Support for community learning and development
APEX Scotland	Steps to Skills Academy	Delivery of sector-based skills academy, targeting sectors that are experiencing recruitment challenges, with a focus on those aged 16 and over with a history of offending and/or at risk of offending. 1-2-1 support, life, and career skills, accredited and non- accredited training, sector-based placements and employer engagement	• S32: Courses including basic skills (digital, English, maths (via Multiply) and ESOL), and life skills and career skills • S33: Activities such as enrichment and volunteering to improve opportunities and promote wellbeing. • S35: Support for employability programmes and advice places should have regards for the No One Left Behind agenda, the Young Person's Guarantee, Fair Start Scotland and Scottish employability pipeline. • S36: Support for local areas to fund local skills needs. This includes technical and vocational qualifications and courses up to level 2 and training for vocational licences
Capital City Partnership	MacMillan Skills Hub	The MacMillan Skills Hub will offer a local corridor of support in an area of high deprivation, with the focus on access to training, careers advice and job matching to opportunities created through the significant regeneration plans at the Waterfront development. It will support 440 disadvantaged people into sustainable work.	• S31: Employment support for economically inactive people: Intensive and wrap-around one-to-one support to move people closer towards mainstream provision and employment. • S32: Courses including basic skills (digital, English, maths (via Multiply) and ESOL), and life skills and career skills • S34: Intervention to increase levels of digital inclusion, with a focus on essential digital skills, communicating the benefits of getting (safely) online, and in-community support to provide users with the confidence and trust to stay online.

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			• S35: Support for employability programmes and advice places should have regards for the No One Left Behind agenda, the Young Person's Guarantee, Fair Start Scotland and Scottish employability pipeline • S38: Funding to support local digital skills. • S40: Support for community learning and development
Challenges Worldwide	Montgomery Street Lane Hub	Programmes to connect women to learn, collaborate, create, catalyse change and make work work. Physical and virtual spaces which facilitate hybrid and virtual working and promote the social economy. 1. Making Work Work – for Women Returners (MWW)	• S35: Support for employability programmes and advice places should have regards for the No One Left Behind agenda, the Young Person's Guarantee, Fair Start Scotland and Scottish employability pipeline. • S36: Support for local areas to fund local skills needs. This includes technical and vocational qualifications and courses up to level 2 and training for vocational licences
Edinburgh Rape Crisis Centre Volunteering	ERCC Volunteering & Training Programme	16 volunteering opportunities for women, who will develop transferable trauma informed skills and knowledge supporting those affected by sexual violence. Volunteers will undergo a bespoke rape crisis training program and supervised long term placement at ERCC.	• S33: Activities such as enrichment and volunteering to improve opportunities and promote wellbeing.
Edinburgh Women's Aid	Works 4 Woman	Works4Women is an employability programme that supports women who have experienced domestic abuse. It is run by Edinburgh Women's Aid in partnership with Shakti Women's Aid (which serves women in the BME community). We propose continuing and expanding the capacity of our comprehensive services through an additional part-time staff member.	• S31: Employment support for economically inactive people: Intensive and wrap-around one-to-one support to move people closer towards mainstream provision and employment. • S32: Courses including basic skills (digital, English, maths (via Multiply) and ESOL), and life skills and career skills • S33: Activities such as enrichment and volunteering to improve opportunities and promote wellbeing. • S34: Intervention to increase levels of digital inclusion, with a focus on essential digital skills, communicating the benefits of getting (safely) online, and in-community support to provide users with the confidence and trust to stay online. • S35: Support for employability programmes and advice places should have regards for the No One Left Behind agenda, the Young Person's Guarantee, Fair Start Scotland and Scottish employability pipeline. • S38: Funding to support local digital skills. • S40: Support for community learning and development

SPF Theme - People and Skills projects recommended for funding			
Organisation Name	**Project Name**	**Description**	**Proposed SPF Interventions**
			• S41: Funding to support new partnership and project-based entrepreneurial learning between business and education to develop a culture that celebrates entrepreneurship.
Enable Scotland	All in Edinburgh	The Edinburgh Supported Employment Consortium (ESEC) seek to expand their supported employment model in order to support an additional 80 clients per year across the authority and delivering increased jobs for those clients furthest removed from the labour market.	• S31: Employment support for economically inactive people: Intensive and wrap-around one-to-one support to move people closer towards mainstream provision and employment. • S32: Courses including basic skills (digital, English, maths (via Multiply) and ESOL), and life skills and career skills • S33: Activities such as enrichment and volunteering to improve opportunities and promote wellbeing. • S34: Intervention to increase levels of digital inclusion, with a focus on essential digital skills, communicating the benefits of getting (safely) online, and in-community support to provide users with the confidence and trust to stay online. • S35: Support for employability programmes and advice places should have regards for the No One Left Behind agenda, the Young Person's Guarantee, Fair Start Scotland and Scottish employability pipeline. • S36: Support for local areas to fund local skills needs. This includes technical and vocational qualifications and courses up to level 2 and training for vocational licences • S38: Funding to support local digital skills. • S39: Support for education and skills targeting vulnerable young people leaving school, places should have regard for the Young Person's Guarantee, modern apprenticeships and related policy.
Networking Key Services (NKS) Limited	Communities Empowered	NKS will empower South Asians through build capacity and resilience and, use asset-based approach where people realise their skills to improve their life chances. By establishing a baseline of needs and skills through a survey, enhancing existing and learning new skills will be supported along with training volunteer equality champions.	• S8: Funding for impactful volunteering and/or social action projects to develop social and human capital in local places. • S9: Investment in capacity building, resilience (including climate change resilience) and infrastructure support for local civil society and community groups. • S10: Community measures to reduce the cost of living, including through measures to improve energy efficiency, and combat fuel poverty and climate change • S11: Funding to support relevant feasibility studies. • S33: Activities such as enrichment and volunteering to improve opportunities and promote wellbeing.

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Organisation Name	Project Name	Description	Proposed SPF Interventions
			• S34: Intervention to increase levels of digital inclusion, with a focus on essential digital skills, communicating the benefits of getting (safely) online, and in-community support to provide users with the confidence and trust to stay online. • S40: Support for community learning and development
People know How	Reconnect Edinburgh	Partner with organisations/local communities to run weekly digital & wellbeing support sessions for 40 plus weeks each year. Coordinate with EVOC to deliver digital training sessions to third sector staff member/volunteers to become Tech Buddies	• S34: Intervention to increase levels of digital inclusion, with a focus on essential digital skills, communicating the benefits of getting (safely) online, and in-community support to provide users with the confidence and trust to stay online.
The Bike Station	Shifting Gears	Funding for our flagship community programme Shifting Gears, an evidence-based approach to support marginalised communities and those from low-socio economic backgrounds to recover from the pandemic, mitigate the impact of the cost-of-living crisis and climate emergency, enhance life and employment skills, and provide much needed work experience and employment opportunities.	• S1: Place based investments for regeneration and town centre improvements, which could include better accessibility for disabled people, including capital spend and running costs. • S8: Funding for impactful volunteering and/or social action projects to develop social and human capital in local places. • S22: Support for growing the local social economy, including community businesses, cooperatives and social enterprises. • S25: Developing existing or emerging local strengths in low carbon and climate adaptation technologies. • S37: Green skills courses to ensure we have the skilled workforce to support the Just Transition to a net zero economy and climate resilience, with a particular focus on vulnerable or low-income groups who will be disproportionately affected by climate change. • S40: Support for community learning and development
Young Persons Consortium	The Young Person's Consortium Edinburgh: Opportunities for All	The Young Person's Consortium will deliver employability and enterprise support to unleash the economic potential of 15-30-year-olds furthest from the labour market. We will offer impactful interventions/activities, tailored to the needs of individuals and employers/businesses. Provision will reduce economic inactivity and boost job prospects/Covid recovery, reflecting UK and national/local priorities	• S29: Support for new and existing businesses and start-ups aligned with local, regional and Scottish policy. • S31: Employment support for economically inactive people: Intensive and wrap-around one-to-one support to move people closer towards mainstream provision and employment. • S32: Courses including basic skills (digital, English, maths (via Multiply) and ESOL), and life skills and career skills.

SPF Theme - People and Skills projects recommended for funding

Organisation Name	Project Name	Description	Proposed SPF Interventions
			• S35: Support for employability programmes and advice places should have regards for the No One Left Behind agenda, the Young Person's Guarantee, Fair Start Scotland and Scottish employability pipeline. • S39: Support for education and skills targeting vulnerable young people leaving school, places should have regard for the Young Person's Guarantee, modern apprenticeships and related policy.

SPF Theme – Communities and Places projects recommended for funding

Organisation Name	Project Name	Description	Proposed SPF Interventions
CHAI Community Help & Advice Initiative	Enabling Financial Resilience for Edinburgh Citizens	Increase current welfare rights and debt advice services within locality community mental health and locality recovery hubs. Expand Growing Families pilot which supports health visitors when asking financial inclusion question.	• S10: Community measures to reduce the cost of living, including through measures to improve energy efficiency, and combat fuel poverty and climate change • S31: Employment support for economically inactive people: Intensive and wrap-around one-to-one support to move people closer towards mainstream provision and employment.
Corstorphine Craigsbank Parish Church	East Craigs Easy Cafe	Upgrading existing community hall by extending the kitchen to broaden its use. A not-for-profit community café will be run providing volunteers work experience, enhancing social capital in an area with pockets of social deprivation whilst combatting social isolation.	• S1: Place based investments for regeneration and town centre improvements, which could include better accessibility for disabled people, including capital spend and running costs. • S8: Funding for impactful volunteering and/or social action projects to develop social and human capital in local places. • S9: Investment in capacity building, resilience (including climate change resilience) and infrastructure support for local civil society and community groups.

SPF Theme – Communities and Places projects recommended for funding

Organisation Name	Project Name	Description	Proposed SPF Interventions
City of Edinburgh Council - Community Centres	Support to Community Centre Management Committees in Edinburgh	Provide support, development and access to resources to Community Centre Management Committees across the city to enable them to develop sustainable plans for the future and strengthen capacity to deliver services in their local communities.	• S9: Investment in capacity building, resilience (including climate change resilience) and infrastructure support for local civil society and community groups. • S12: Investment and support for digital infrastructure for local community facilities
Cyrenians	Cyrenians Levelling Up Initiatives	Set of levelling up initiatives that take a public health approach to reducing homelessness and increasing wellbeing and prosperity across Edinburgh which will benefit over 10,000 people per year.	• S10: Community measures to reduce the cost of living, including through measures to improve energy efficiency, and combat fuel poverty and climate change • S28: Support for business resilience and Covid-19 recovery. • S31: Employment support for economically inactive people: Intensive and wrap-around one-to-one support to move people closer towards mainstream provision and employment.
Edible Estates CIC	Edinburgh Growing Together	Edinburgh Growing Together would build four large community gardens and support thirty four existing community gardens in Edinburgh's council estates with project management/development and community engagement support alongside improvements to infrastructure including new connections to the water mains, new tool storage units, renovation of paths and growing beds.	• S2: Support and improvement of community assets and infrastructure projects. • S3: Improvements to the natural environment and green and open space. • S4: Design and management of the built and landscaped environment. • S8: Funding for impactful volunteering and/or social action projects to develop social and human capital in local places. • S9: Investment in capacity building, resilience (including climate change resilience) and infrastructure support for local civil society and community groups. • S10: Community measures to reduce the cost of living, including through measures to improve energy efficiency, and combat fuel poverty and climate change • S13: Support for linking communities together and with employment opportunities with a focus on decarbonisation. • S33: Activities such as enrichment and volunteering to improve opportunities and promote wellbeing. • S40: Support for community learning and development
Empty Kitchens Full Hearts	Emplty Kitchen Full Hearts Kitchen Assistant	EKFH will build upon its core service delivery - turning surplus food into meals that are delivered to those in need across Edinburgh - with volunteering and job opportunities through Kitchen Assistant and	• S3: Improvements to the natural environment and green and open space which could include community gardens, watercourses and embankments, along with incorporating natural features into wider public spaces.

SPF Theme – Communities and Places projects recommended for funding

Organisation Name	Project Name	Description	Proposed SPF Interventions
	Programme, Volunteer Programme and Garden Regeneration	Volunteer Programmes and create a green space within the local community through the regeneration of a garden area.	• S8: Funding for impactful volunteering and/or social action projects to develop social and human capital in local places. • S10: Community measures to reduce the cost of living, including through measures to improve energy efficiency, and combat fuel poverty and climate change • S33: Activities such as enrichment and volunteering to improve opportunities and promote wellbeing.
Edinburgh Voluntary Organisations Council	APiNEZ Anti Poverty Net Zero Programme	Supporting 100 individuals identified through Turn2us Edinburgh Trust grants referral partners to support with the cost of living	• S9: Investment in capacity building, resilience (including climate change resilience) and infrastructure support for local civil society and community groups. • S10: Community measures to reduce the cost of living, including through measures to improve energy efficiency, and combat fuel poverty and climate change • S13: Support for linking communities together and with employment opportunities with a focus on decarbonisation.
City of Edinburgh Council Forever Edinburgh	Forever Edinburgh Engaging the local community in Edinburgh's Culture & Tourism Offer.	Engage residents in Edinburgh's cultural offer by launching 'Resident First', inviting residents to enjoy new exhibitions / visitor products first.	• S7: Funding for the development and promotion of wider campaigns which encourage people to visit and explore the local area. • S14: Funding for the development and promotion (both trade and consumer) of the visitor economy, such as local attractions, trails, tours and tourism products more generally.
Fresh Start	Fresh Connections A Fresh Start Programme to Support People Thrive Not Survive.	To help people thrive, not survive. By tackling poverty at a community level, preventing recurring or first-time homelessness, and increasing life chances through (1) Employability training (2) Community Learning Activities and (3) Access to Advice and Support Services	• S3: Improvements to the natural environment and green and open space which could include community gardens, watercourses and embankments, along with incorporating natural features into wider public spaces. • S8: Funding for impactful volunteering and/or social action projects to develop social and human capital in local places. • S9: Investment in capacity building, resilience (including climate change resilience) and infrastructure support for local civil society and community groups.
The Poverty Alliance	End Poverty Edinburgh	End Poverty Edinburgh is an independent group of citizens formed during the latter stages of the Edinburgh Poverty Commission as a recommendation of their 2020 report, 'A Just Capital', to work closely with Edinburgh Council and	• S8: Funding for impactful volunteering and/or social action projects to develop social and human capital in local places. • S9: Investment in capacity building, resilience (including climate change resilience) and infrastructure support for local civil society and community groups.

SPF Theme – Communities and Places projects recommended for funding

Organisation Name	Project Name	Description	Proposed SPF Interventions
		include voices of experience in efforts to end poverty in the city	
Southside Community Centre Association	Southside Soil, Seed and Soul	To clear and replant an overgrown garden at the front of Southside Community Centre (SSCC) while creating practical volunteering opportunities and skill development for local community groups. To scope out plan for disabled access to front instead of back door.	• S5: Support for sport, arts, cultural, heritage and creative activities, projects and facilities and institutions. • S8: Funding for impactful volunteering and/or social action projects to develop social and human capital in local places. • S11: Funding to support relevant feasibility studies.
City of Edinburgh Council	South Queensferry Accessible Public Conveniences	The construction of accessible new public conveniences at Hawes Pier, South Queensferry	• S1: Place based investments for regeneration and town centre improvements, which could include better accessibility for disabled people, including capital spend and running costs.
Space The Broomhouse Centre and Lifecare	Employment Vibes	Vintage Vibes, innovative social support for lonely/isolated over 60s through long-lasting weekly 1:1 volunteer friendships.	• S5: Support for sport, arts, cultural, heritage and creative activities, projects and facilities and institutions. • S8: Funding for impactful volunteering and/or social action projects to develop social and human capital in local places. • S9: Investment in capacity building, resilience (including climate change resilience) and infrastructure support for local civil society and community groups. • S33: Activities such as enrichment and volunteering to improve opportunities and promote wellbeing. • S34: Intervention to increase levels of digital inclusion, with a focus on essential digital skills, communicating the benefits of getting (safely) online, and in-community support to provide users with the confidence and trust to stay online. • S35: Support for employability programmes and advice places should have regards for the No One Left Behind agenda, the Young Person's Guarantee, Fair Start Scotland and Scottish employability pipeline.

SPF Theme – Communities and Places projects recommended for funding

Organisation Name	Project Name	Description	Proposed SPF Interventions
Spartans Community Football Academy SCFA	Here For Good	The redevelopment of our Community Youth Work Space will enable wider access to opportunity for local people and reinforce our aim of supporting a thriving neighbourhood that is healthy and safe.	• S2: Support and improvement of community assets and infrastructure projects, including those that increase communities' resilience to natural hazards, and support for decarbonisation of facilities, energy efficiency audits, and installation of energy efficiency and renewable measures in community buildings (including capital spend and running costs). • S6: Funding for active travel enhancements and other small scale strategic transport projects.
Volunteer Centre Edinburgh	Local Volunteering Gateways	Working with local partners in each of the four localities we will develop a holistic programme of gateway opportunities, formal volunteer opportunity development and capacity building for Volunteer Involving Organisations to directly tackle exclusion and inequality of opportunity in communities.	• S8: Funding for impactful volunteering and/or social action projects to develop social and human capital in local places. • S33: Activities such as enrichment and volunteering to improve opportunities and promote wellbeing.

SPF Theme – Local Business Support projects recommended for funding

Name	Description	Proposed SPF Interventions
Business Gateway	Additional services to the baseline Business Gateway offering which will increase the numbers of high value start-up businesses, increase start-up numbers from previously underrepresented demographics and support first time exporters to enter new markets.	• S24: Export Grants to support businesses to grow their overseas trading, supporting local employment and investment, having regard to Scotland's export plan ('Scotland: a trading nation'). • S29: Support for new and existing businesses and start-ups aligned with local, regional and Scottish policy.
Codebase Green Tech	GreenTech Accelerator programme that teaches entrepreneurial skills to build new startups.	• S15: SME development grants and support, aligned with local and regional sectoral priorities and growth potential. • S16: Research and development grants supporting the development of innovative products and services, with a particular focus on low carbon goods and environmental services, and climate resilience. • S17: Funding for the development and support of appropriate innovation infrastructure at the local level. • S19: Strengthening local entrepreneurial ecosystems and supporting businesses at all stages of their development to start, sustain, grow and innovate, including through local networks.

SPF Theme – Local Business Support projects recommended for funding

Name	Description	Proposed SPF Interventions
		• S20: Support for expert business advice and support programmes at the local and regional level, including support for decarbonisation, climate adaptation and circular economy advice. • S29: Support for new and existing businesses and start-ups aligned with local, regional and Scottish policy. • S37: Green skills courses to ensure we have the skilled workforce to support the Just Transition to a net zero economy and climate resilience, with a particular focus on vulnerable or low-income groups who will be disproportionately affected by climate change. • S38: Funding to support local digital skills. • S41: Funding to support new partnership and project-based entrepreneurial learning between business and education to develop a culture that celebrates entrepreneurship.
Codebase Medtech	Building an investment fund that educates and then funds medtech startups.	• S15: SME development grants and support, aligned with local and regional sectoral priorities and growth potential. • S16: Research and development grants supporting the development of innovative products and services, with a particular focus on low carbon goods and environmental services, and climate resilience. • S17: Funding for the development and support of appropriate innovation infrastructure at the local level. • S19: Strengthening local entrepreneurial ecosystems and supporting businesses at all stages of their development to start, sustain, grow and innovate, including through local networks. • S20: Support for expert business advice and support programmes at the local and regional level, including support for decarbonisation, climate adaptation and circular economy advice. • S23: Funding to develop angel investor networks nationwide. • S41: Funding to support new partnership and project-based entrepreneurial learning between business and education to develop a culture that celebrates entrepreneurship.
Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce - 20	Net Zero Edinburgh, which will: - support SME's make a just transition to net zero - deliver a five step programme, supported by events, toolkits and knowledge sharing - align with the Just Economic Transition programme - support innovative decarbonisation projects	• S20: Support for expert business advice and support programmes at the local and regional level, including support for decarbonisation, climate adaptation and circular economy advice.
Everyone's Edinburgh - Business For Good	Delivering a single, clear strategy and message from a newly formed Partner Alliance to drive business engagement with the principles and practice of 'business for good'. This will create a critical mass of businesses actively using our	• S19: Strengthening local entrepreneurial ecosystems and supporting businesses at all stages of their development to start, sustain, grow and innovate, including through local networks. • S20: Support for expert business advice and support programmes at the local and regional level, including support for decarbonisation, climate adaptation and circular economy advice. S22: Support for growing the local social economy, including community businesses, cooperatives and social enterprises.

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Name	**Description**	**Proposed SPF Interventions**
	advice, education, training and network to positively shift the business ecosystem.	
Forever Edinburgh Destination Marketing	To build a replacement website for 'The Official Guide to Edinburgh' (www.edinburgh.org). Secondly, to extend The Story Never Ends visitor campaign in Y1 and develop a new city marketing campaign for 2023-25.	• S7: Funding for the development and promotion of wider campaigns which encourage people to visit and explore the local area. • S14: Funding for the development and promotion (both trade and consumer) of the visitor economy, such as local attractions, trails, tours and tourism products more generally.

Appendix 3: Project bids not recommended for funding

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Organisation Name	Project Name	Description	Intervention
Adopt an Intern Ltd (T/A AAI EmployAbility)	Minority Ethnic Women - Igniting and Reigniting Careers	AAI will support unemployed minority ethnic women, living in Edinburgh, into work. This includes women returning to work after a break (for whatever reason). AAI will do this by breaking down barriers to employment through confidence-building, harnessing experience and skills (often transferable) and employability and resilience training.	• S31: Employment support for economically inactive people: Intensive and wrap-around one-to-one support to move people closer towards mainstream provision and employment.
Access to Industry	Access Learning	Access Learning will provide core-skills and wellbeing learning in the four localities in Edinburgh to build personal capital for unemployed individuals. Key to their engagement, sustainment and progression will be the one-to-one support provided through the project. This will support progression into further learning and employability opportunities in the City.	• S31: Employment support for economically inactive people: Intensive and wrap-around one-to-one support to move people closer towards mainstream provision and employment. • S32: Courses including basic skills (digital, English, maths (via Multiply) and ESOL), and life skills and career skills • S33: Activities such as enrichment and volunteering to improve opportunities and promote wellbeing. • S34: Intervention to increase levels of digital inclusion, with a focus on essential digital skills, communicating the benefits of getting (safely) online, and in-community support to provide users with the confidence and trust to stay online. • S35: Support for employability programmes and advice places should have regards for the No One Left Behind agenda, the Young Person's Guarantee, Fair Start Scotland and Scottish employability pipeline. • S38: Funding to support local digital skills. • S40: Support for community learning and development
Business in the Community	BITC's Job Coaching Programme	providing one-to-one job coaching and employment support to jobseekers and	• S31: Employment support for economically inactive people: Intensive and wrap-around one-to-one support to move people closer towards mainstream provision and employment.

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Organisation Name	Project Name	Description	Intervention
		underemployed people who face multiple barriers to employment. Coaching is delivered by skilled and experienced business professionals in a voluntary capacity over six sessions.	• S33: Activities such as enrichment and volunteering to improve opportunities and promote wellbeing.
Citizens Advice Edinburgh	Impact Volunteering	Recruit an Intensive Volunteer Development Coordinator, who will be responsible for the recruitment, training and development of at least 48 volunteers, providing advice and support to their local community	• S31: Employment support for economically inactive people: Intensive and wrap-around one-to-one support to move people closer towards mainstream provision and employment. • S33: Activities such as enrichment and volunteering to improve opportunities and promote wellbeing. • S40: Support for community learning and development
The Data Kirk	Data Gym	Run Data GYM, a project focusing on providing data literacy workout to individuals who wants to add data skills to their arsenal. Our target is to support the development of human capital to support economic growth in diverse sectors of Edinburgh.	• S31: Employment support for economically inactive people: Intensive and wrap-around one-to-one support to move people closer towards mainstream provision and employment. • S32: Courses including basic skills (digital, English, maths (via Multiply) and ESOL), and life skills and career skills • S33: Activities such as enrichment and volunteering to improve opportunities and promote wellbeing. • S34: Intervention to increase levels of digital inclusion, with a focus on essential digital skills, communicating the benefits of getting (safely) online, and in-community support to provide users with the confidence and trust to stay online. • S35: Support for employability programmes and advice places should have regards for the No One Left Behind agenda, the Young Person's Guarantee, Fair Start Scotland and Scottish employability pipeline. • S36: Support for local areas to fund local skills needs. This includes technical and vocational qualifications and courses up to level 2 and training for vocational licences • S38: Funding to support local digital skills. • S39: Support for education and skills targeting vulnerable young people leaving school, places should have regard for the Young Person's Guarantee, modern apprenticeships and related policy. • S40: Support for community learning and development • S41: Funding to support new partnership and project-based entrepreneurial learning between business and education to develop a culture that celebrates entrepreneurship.

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Organisation Name	Project Name	Description	Intervention
Edinburgh Cultural Venues Limited (ECVG)	Campus for Cultural Skills	Create a thriving learning and delivery hub for Edinburgh's cultural, festival and creative sector. It will develop new skills, reaching new audiences and developing new creative opportunities.	• S31: Employment support for economically inactive people: Intensive and wrap-around one-to-one support to move people closer towards mainstream provision and employment. • S41: Funding to support new partnership and project-based entrepreneurial learning between business and education to develop a culture that celebrates entrepreneurship.
ENABLE Scotland Leading the Way	Edinburgh Skills Academy	The national voluntary sector consortium seek to offer a menu of provision for residents across the city in key areas such as Social Care, Construction, Digital Technologies, Creative Digital Industries, Hospitality, Tourism and Sport. The Edinburgh skills academy will work with 1948 people, deliver 1373 qualifications and 986 jobs	• S31: Employment support for economically inactive people: Intensive and wrap-around one-to-one support to move people closer towards mainstream provision and employment. • S32: Courses including basic skills (digital, English, maths (via Multiply) and ESOL), and life skills and career skills • S33: Activities such as enrichment and volunteering to improve opportunities and promote wellbeing. • S34: Intervention to increase levels of digital inclusion, with a focus on essential digital skills, communicating the benefits of getting (safely) online, and in-community support to provide users with the confidence and trust to stay online. • S35: Support for employability programmes and advice places should have regards for the No One Left Behind agenda, the Young Person's Guarantee, Fair Start Scotland and Scottish employability pipeline. • S36: Support for local areas to fund local skills needs. This includes technical and vocational qualifications and courses up to level 2 and training for vocational licences • S38: Funding to support local digital skills. • S39: Support for education and skills targeting vulnerable young people leaving school, places should have regard for the Young Person's Guarantee, modern apprenticeships and related policy.
Leadership Through Sport and Business	Supported Pathways into Apprenticeships	Through employability skills bootcamps and one-to-one, bespoke, long-term support, each year we will help 50 vulnerable young people leaving school into well-paid apprenticeship opportunities. Once placed, we will provide at least 12 months of support to the	• S39: Support for education and skills targeting vulnerable young people leaving school, places should have regard for the Young Person's Guarantee, modern apprenticeships and related policy.

Organisation Name	Project Name	Description	Intervention
		young person and the employer to ensure a successful career.	
LINKnet Mentoring Limited	Diverse Recruitment Consultancy	Increasing the number of minority ethnic people in employment and education in mind, DRC will develop a network of employers and a system of recruitment to assist minority ethnic job seekers who are going through LINKnet's one-to-one employment / education mentoring provision.	• S31: Employment support for economically inactive people: Intensive and wrap-around one-to-one support to move people closer towards mainstream provision and employment. • S32: Courses including basic skills (digital, English, maths (via Multiply) and ESOL), and life skills and career skills. • S35: Support for employability programmes and advice places should have regards for the No One Left Behind agenda, the Young Person's Guarantee, Fair Start Scotland and Scottish employability pipeline.
Move On	Pathway to Employablity	Move On's P2E service is a Stage 1, 2, 3 and 4 employability programme offering intensive, person-centred, flexible support leading to improved employability outcomes. We deliver support with educational and work pathways, emotional wellbeing and relationships and financial wellbeing	• S31: Employment support for economically inactive people: Intensive and wrap-around one-to-one support to move people closer towards mainstream provision and employment. • S33: Activities such as enrichment and volunteering to improve opportunities and promote wellbeing. • S35: Support for employability programmes and advice places should have regards for the No One Left Behind agenda, the Young Person's Guarantee, Fair Start Scotland and Scottish employability pipeline. • S37: Green skills courses to ensure we have the skilled workforce to support the Just Transition to a net zero economy and climate resilience, with a particular focus on vulnerable or low-income groups who will be disproportionately affected by climate change. • S39: Support for education and skills targeting vulnerable young people leaving school, places should have regard for the Young Person's Guarantee, modern apprenticeships and related policy.
One Parent Families Scotland	Single Parent Integrated Employability and Family Support Service	A single parent tailored 'Integrated Employability & Family Support Model' developed to support single parents into sustainable well-paid work and overcome barriers associated with childcare.	• S31: Employment support for economically inactive people: Intensive and wrap-around one-to-one support to move people closer towards mainstream provision and employment.

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Reed in Partnership Ltd	Edinburgh Accelerate	Actively engage and support economically inactive Edinburgh residents to move towards/into mainstream provision and employment through personalised packages of support designed to remove barriers	• S31: Employment support for economically inactive people: Intensive and wrap-around one-to-one support to move people closer towards mainstream provision and employment.
Saheliya	Building Pathways	Employability pathways for marginalised women from Edinburgh's refugee, migrant, and established BAME communities, who have mental health problems resulting from gendered abuses and are unable to access other routes.	• S31: Employment support for economically inactive people: Intensive and wrap-around one-to-one support to move people closer towards mainstream provision and employment. • S32: Courses including basic skills (digital, English, maths (via Multiply) and ESOL), and life skills and career skills. • S40: Support for community learning and development
Scottish Association for Mental Health SAMH	Individual Placement and Support IPS for Young People of Edinburgh	Employ 2xFTE IPS Specialists to support 100 young people (16-24) per year, who have a clinical diagnosis of mental health problems in South Edinburgh. 40% to move into paid employment, with additional positive destinations including training, volunteering and further education.	• S31: Employment support for economically inactive people: Intensive and wrap-around one-to-one support to move people closer towards mainstream provision and employment.
Springboard Charity	Springboard 121 Mentored Hospitality Support	1:1 individualised support for participants looking to secure employment in the hospitality industry but have barriers to employment. It is designed to be flexible to suit client need, which is ascertained at an initial 121 call.	• S31: Employment support for economically inactive people: Intensive and wrap-around one-to-one support to move people closer towards mainstream provision and employment. • S32: Courses including basic skills (digital, English, maths (via Multiply) and ESOL), and life skills and career skills • S34: Intervention to increase levels of digital inclusion, with a focus on essential digital skills, communicating the benefits of getting (safely) online, and in-community support to provide users with the confidence and trust to stay online.

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Organisation Name	Project Name	Description	Intervention
			• S35: Support for employability programmes and advice places should have regards for the No One Left Behind agenda, the Young Person's Guarantee, Fair Start Scotland and Scottish employability pipeline. • S36: Support for local areas to fund local skills needs. This includes technical and vocational qualifications and courses up to level 2 and training for vocational licences • S39: Support for education and skills targeting vulnerable young people leaving school, places should have regard for the Young Person's Guarantee, modern apprenticeships and related policy. • S40: Support for community learning and development
Upward Mobility Ltd	Upmo Employability Pathway Programme	Provide an initial understanding of working life and basic skills training for particular roles for adults with learning disabilities. Provide support through the many stages of employability by learning about the basic skills needed to work.	• S32: Courses including basic skills (digital, English, maths (via Multiply) and ESOL), and life skills and career skills • S33: Activities such as enrichment and volunteering to improve opportunities and promote wellbeing. • S35: Support for employability programmes and advice places should have regards for the No One Left Behind agenda, the Young Person's Guarantee, Fair Start Scotland and Scottish employability pipeline. • S40: Support for community learning and development
Venture Scotland	The Journey Outreach and Support	Work collaboratively to engage with Young People who are facing complex challenges and give them the resources and person-centred support to move towards a positive destination.	• S31: Employment support for economically inactive people: Intensive and wrap-around one-to-one support to move people closer towards mainstream provision and employment.
Venture Trust	Venture Trust Programmes and Services	A suite person-centred services including personal development, employability and mental health counselling. Participants experience a combination of long-term unemployed, mental health issues, offending, homelessness, substance misuse, care experience and trauma.	• S31: Employment support for economically inactive people: Intensive and wrap-around one-to-one support to move people closer towards mainstream provision and employment.

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Organisation Name	Project Name	Description	Intervention
Volunteering Matters	Project Scotland	Support young people (16-30) with multiple, complex barriers. Support includes bespoke 1:1 engagement to identify and remove barriers and complete vocational activities.	• S31: Employment support for economically inactive people: Intensive and wrap-around one-to-one support to move people closer towards mainstream provision and employment. • S33: Activities such as enrichment and volunteering to improve opportunities and promote wellbeing.

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Organisation Name	Project Name	Description	Intervention
Bethany Christian Trust	Building Stronger Communities Together	Community-based groups focused on the desires, needs, interests and strengths of local people in areas of Edinburgh where residents are most vulnerable to homelessness (namely: Leith, Moredun and Sighthill). Primarily aiming to combat social isolation and economic disadvantage by fostering healthy community engagement, personal resilience and positive relationship building	• S8: Funding for impactful volunteering and/or social action projects to develop social and human capital in local places. • S9: Investment in capacity building, resilience (including climate change resilience) and infrastructure support for local civil society and community groups. • S32: Courses including basic skills (digital, English, maths (via Multiply) and ESOL), and life skills and career skills • S33: Activities such as enrichment and volunteering to improve opportunities and promote wellbeing. • S33: Activities such as enrichment and volunteering to improve opportunities and promote wellbeing. • S40: Support for community learning and development
Business in the Community	BITC's Clicksilver Programme	Reduces older/vulnerable people's loneliness & social isolation by supporting them to develop the digital skills and confidence to get online, reconnect with friends/family, and access information/online services. Beneficiaries are paired with a volunteer mentor who provides one-to-one support over a minimum of four sessions.	• S8: Funding for impactful volunteering and/or social action projects to develop social and human capital in local places. • S34: Intervention to increase levels of digital inclusion, with a focus on essential digital skills, communicating the benefits of getting (safely) online, and in-community support to provide users with the confidence and trust to stay online. • S38: Funding to support local digital skills.

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Organisation Name	Project Name	Description	Intervention
Business in the Community	BITC's Skills Exchange	Helps frontline community organisations makes better use of limited resources to reach more people, more effectively through professional skills support from highly skilled business volunteers. Support is free for community organisations to access and specific to the organisation's needs.	• S8: Funding for impactful volunteering and/or social action projects to develop social and human capital in local places. • S9: Investment in capacity building, resilience (including climate change resilience) and infrastructure support for local civil society and community groups.
Bridgend Farm House	Bridging the Gap	Community-owned resource providing opportunities for gardening, cooking, cycling, walking, arts and crafts and volunteering in all of these. We run activities for children and senior citizens, reaching out to the poorest in our community. We hold regular public events and have a friendly café.	• S2: Support and improvement of community assets and infrastructure projects. • S5: Support for sport, arts, cultural, heritage and creative activities, projects and facilities and institutions. • S6: Funding for active travel enhancements and other small scale strategic transport projects. • S8: Funding for impactful volunteering and/or social action projects to develop social and human capital in local places. • S32: Courses including basic skills (digital, English, maths (via Multiply) and ESOL), and life skills and career skills • S35: Support for employability programmes and advice places should have regards for the No One Left Behind agenda, the Young Person's Guarantee, Fair Start Scotland and Scottish employability pipeline.
Changeworks Resources for Life	Edinburgh Retrofit	Launch an agency to work with people and communities to provide services that drive energy efficiency retrofit in Edinburgh. Focused on homeowners to enable and empower them to reduce the environmental impact of their home through, for example, installing insulation, low carbon heating systems, renewable energy and storage.	• S10: Community measures to reduce the cost of living, including through measures to improve energy efficiency, and combat fuel poverty and climate change
CHOISS Cohousing in Southern Scotland	What next for Portobello's Tumbletots	To fund a community consultation and feasibility study to identify current and future options for the "Tumbletots" site. To include consultation, preparation of a Community Asset Transfer (CAT) and the pre-planning/design of new and enhanced community activities, incorporating a not-for-profit, sustainable co-housing community	• S1: Place based investments for regeneration and town centre improvements, which could include better accessibility for disabled people, including capital spend and running costs. • S2: Support and improvement of community assets and infrastructure projects. • S3: Improvements to the natural environment and green and open space which could include community gardens, watercourses and embankments, along with incorporating natural features into wider public spaces.

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Organisation Name	Project Name	Description	Intervention
			• S4: Design and management of the built and landscaped environment. • S5: Support for sport, arts, cultural, heritage and creative activities, projects and facilities and institutions. • S9: Investment in capacity building, resilience (including climate change resilience) and infrastructure support for local civil society and community groups. • S10: Community measures to reduce the cost of living, including through measures to improve energy efficiency, and combat fuel poverty and climate change • S11: Funding to support relevant feasibility studies. • S13: Support for linking communities together and with employment opportunities with a focus on decarbonisation.
Community Renewal Trust	Community Renewal City-Wide	We will establish at least 1 new Community Development Trust in an area that is currently underserved and lacks community capacity. In first 2 years we will deliver accredited Health Issues in the Community training in 6 neighbourhoods, using this process to explore the potential places where there is need/appetite	• S9: Investment in capacity building, resilience (including climate change resilience) and infrastructure support for local civil society and community groups. • S10: Community measures to reduce the cost of living, including through measures to improve energy efficiency, and combat fuel poverty and climate change • S11: Funding to support relevant feasibility studies. • S31: Employment support for economically inactive people: Intensive and wrap-around one-to-one support to move people closer towards mainstream provision and employment. • S40: Support for community learning and development
Community Renewal Trust	Community Renewal Pennywell	A new partnership between Community Renewal Pennywell and L.I.F.T. will take a place-based approach providing: holistic support to improve household finances (through budgeting, energy efficiency and employment support);focus on tackling local child poverty using a whole-family approach; and strengthen community group capacity/resilience and deliver a new community-led greenspace asset.	• S2: Support and improvement of community assets and infrastructure projects. • S3: Improvements to the natural environment and green and open space which could include community gardens, watercourses and embankments, along with incorporating natural features into wider public spaces. • S4: Design and management of the built and landscaped environment. • S8: Funding for impactful volunteering and/or social action projects to develop social and human capital in local places. • S9: Investment in capacity building, resilience (including climate change resilience) and infrastructure support for local civil society and community groups. • S10: Community measures to reduce the cost of living, including through measures to improve energy efficiency, and combat fuel poverty and climate change

Organisation Name	Project Name	Description	Intervention
			• S13: Support for linking communities together and with employment opportunities with a focus on decarbonisation. • S31: Employment support for economically inactive people: Intensive and wrap-around one-to-one support to move people closer towards mainstream provision and employment. • S32: Courses including basic skills (digital, English, maths (via Multiply) and ESOL), and life skills and career skills • S33: Activities such as enrichment and volunteering to improve opportunities and promote wellbeing. • S35: Support for employability programmes and advice places should have regards for the No One Left Behind agenda, the Young Person's Guarantee, Fair Start Scotland and Scottish employability pipeline.
Earth In Common	Maximising Urban Croft Benefits	Fully realise community-developed vision for model transformational 'urban croft' and tourist destination: - offer many workshops and volunteering opportunities, esp. food-related, centred on market garden, forest garden and new café/kitchen - improve infrastructure, including making croft wheelchair-accessible; new training/meeting facilities; educational signage - run ca. 100 markets and other events	• S1: Place based investments for regeneration and town centre improvements, which could include better accessibility for disabled people, including capital spend and running costs. • S3: Improvements to the natural environment and green and open space which could include community gardens, watercourses and embankments, along with incorporating natural features into wider public spaces. • S4: Design and management of the built and landscaped environment. • S5: Support for sport, arts, cultural, heritage and creative activities, projects and facilities and institutions. • S8: Funding for impactful volunteering and/or social action projects to develop social and human capital in local places. • S9: Investment in capacity building, resilience (including climate change resilience) and infrastructure support for local civil society and community groups. • S14: Funding for the development and promotion (both trade and consumer) of the visitor economy, such as local attractions, trails, tours and tourism products more generally. • S22: Support for growing the local social economy, including community businesses, cooperatives and social enterprises. • S37: Green skills courses to ensure we have the skilled workforce to support the Just Transition to a net zero economy and climate resilience, with a particular

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Organisation Name	Project Name	Description	Intervention
			focus on vulnerable or low-income groups who will be disproportionately affected by climate change.
Edinburgh Rape Crisis Centre	FEM Edinburgh	The FEM project aims to increase accessibility and inclusivity for survivors of sexual violence with learning disabilities, and survivors from BME communities in their first language: Arabic, Urdu, Polish and Mandarin. The main beneficiaries are women and girls, who will receive one to one and group work support from an existing team of specialised support workers.	• S8: Funding for impactful volunteering and/or social action projects to develop social and human capital in local places.
The Eric Liddell Community	Volunteering Development Programme Eric Liddell Champions	Champion's will volunteer their time, talents and resources to defeat loneliness. Grow the number of volunteers across Edinburgh by running a wide-ranging and impactful Volunteer Programme providing opportunities for relationship building, training and skill development; creating opportunities, fostering connection, developing community resilience and improving wellbeing.	• S8: Funding for impactful volunteering and/or social action projects to develop social and human capital in local places. • S9: Investment in capacity building, resilience (including climate change resilience) and infrastructure support for local civil society and community groups. • S33: Activities such as enrichment and volunteering to improve opportunities and promote wellbeing.
Heriot Watt University	West Edinburgh Bike Hire Scheme	This project will deliver a new bicycle hire scheme to be deployed at key transport interchange and recreational hubs in West Edinburgh to support and enhance the lives of the growing number of people living, working, commuting and enjoying leisure and sports pursuits in that vicinity.	• S6: Funding for active travel enhancements and other small scale strategic transport projects.
Leith Chooses	Leith Chooses	Participatory budgeting (PB) process delivering community benefits in an area of multiple deprivation. We propose to use tried and tested (12 years experience) procedures, as an effective 'fast track' vehicle for allocating funds to worthwhile community projects, while at the same time	• S5: Support for sport, arts, cultural, heritage and creative activities, projects and facilities and institutions. • S8: Funding for impactful volunteering and/or social action projects to develop social and human capital in local places. • S9: Investment in capacity building, resilience (including climate change resilience) and infrastructure support for local civil society and community groups.

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		empowering the community and strengthening local democracy.	
Let's Talk Young People CIC	Let's Talk Community and Place	Aim to decarbonise our premises, improve our greenspace, deliver a range of therapeutic sports/arts and creative activities which improve young peoples' wellbeing and provide impactful volunteer opportunities for vulnerable young people who face additional barriers	• S2: Support and improvement of community assets and infrastructure projects, including those that increase communities' resilience to natural hazards, and support for decarbonisation of facilities, energy efficiency audits, and installation of energy efficiency and renewable measures in community buildings (including capital spend and running costs). • S3: Improvements to the natural environment and green and open space which could include community gardens, watercourses and embankments, along with incorporating natural features into wider public spaces. • S5: Support for sport, arts, cultural, heritage and creative activities, projects and facilities and institutions. • S8: Funding for impactful volunteering and/or social action projects to develop social and human capital in local places.
The Living Memory Association	The Wee Hub - Where Big Things Happen	Bring people together to learn new skills, be creative, be involved in heritage projects, volunteer, gain work experience, gain support, gain friendship, learn from one another, exercise, dance, gain advice and above all have fun.	• S1: Place based investments for regeneration and town centre improvements, which could include better accessibility for disabled people, including capital spend and running costs. • S5: Support for sport, arts, cultural, heritage and creative activities, projects and facilities and institutions. • S7: Funding for the development and promotion of wider campaigns which encourage people to visit and explore the local area. • S8: Funding for impactful volunteering and/or social action projects to develop social and human capital in local places. • S9: Investment in capacity building, resilience (including climate change resilience) and infrastructure support for local civil society and community groups. • S14: Funding for the development and promotion (both trade and consumer) of the visitor economy, such as local attractions, trails, tours and tourism products more generally. • S21: Grants to help places bid for and host international business events and conferences that support wider local growth sectors.

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Organisation Name	Project Name	Description	Intervention
			• S22: Support for growing the local social economy, including community businesses, cooperatives and social enterprises. • S31: Employment support for economically inactive people: Intensive and wrap-around one-to-one support to move people closer towards mainstream provision and employment • S32: Courses including basic skills (digital, English, maths (via Multiply) and ESOL), and life skills and career skills** provision for people who are not economically inactive • S33: Activities such as enrichment and volunteering to improve opportunities and promote wellbeing. • S34: Intervention to increase levels of digital inclusion • S40: Support for community learning and development • S41: Funding to support new partnership and project-based entrepreneurial learning between business and education to develop a culture that celebrates entrepreneurship.
Edinburgh Napier University	Health and Wellbeing Community Hub (HWCH)	Edinburgh Napier University propose an integrated health and wellbeing community hub (HWCH) for the Sighthill locale in partnership with the Sighthill Health Centre, Edinburgh College and the City of Edinburgh Council (CEC) with the aim of reducing health inequalities and building a healthy, resilient, connected and empowered community.	• S1: Place based investments for regeneration and town centre improvements, which could include better accessibility for disabled people, including capital spend and running costs. • S2: Support and improvement of community assets and infrastructure projects, including those that increase communities' resilience to natural hazards, and support for decarbonisation of facilities, energy efficiency audits, and installation of energy efficiency and renewable measures in community buildings • S5: Support for sport, arts, cultural, heritage and creative activities, projects and facilities and institutions. • S9: Investment in capacity building, resilience (including climate change resilience) and infrastructure support for local civil society and community groups. • S11: Funding to support relevant feasibility studies. • S12: Investment and support for digital infrastructure for local community facilities
North Edinburgh Arts	NEA Our Connected, Creative & Green Community	A programme of greenspace, carbon reduction and community development activities and events to fully unlock the potential of the MacMillan Hub (due to open late 2023) designed to improve the environment, build community connections, tap	• S3: Improvements to the natural environment and green and open space which could include community gardens, watercourses and embankments, along with incorporating natural features into wider public spaces. • S5: Support for sport, arts, cultural, heritage and creative activities, projects and facilities and institutions.

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		into latent skills, and build confidence with and for our local community	• S8: Funding for impactful volunteering and/or social action projects to develop social and human capital in local places. • S9: Investment in capacity building, resilience (including climate change resilience) and infrastructure support for local civil society and community groups. • S10: Community measures to reduce the cost of living, including through measures to improve energy efficiency, and combat fuel poverty and climate change • S13: Support for linking communities together and with employment opportunities with a focus on decarbonisation.
Places for People	Connecting People & Places	We are proposing to deliver a Connectors project that will engage communities across Edinburgh to enhance community resilience by supporting local people to develop their own approaches to deliver social action within their communities, increase volunteering opportunities, increase digital connectivity, improve their health and wellbeing and increase employment opportunities	• S5: Support for sport, arts, cultural, heritage and creative activities, projects and facilities and institutions. • S8: Funding for impactful volunteering and/or social action projects to develop social and human capital in local places. • S9: Investment in capacity building, resilience (including climate change resilience) and infrastructure support for local civil society and community groups. • S10: Community measures to reduce the cost of living, including through measures to improve energy efficiency, and combat fuel poverty and climate change • S12: Investment and support for digital infrastructure for local community facilities • S31: Employment support for economically inactive people: Intensive and wrap-around one-to-one support to move people closer towards mainstream provision and employment • S34: Intervention to increase levels of digital inclusion • S38: Funding to support local digital skills. • S40: Support for community learning and development
The Princes Trust	Young People's Employment and Enterprise Hub	A flagship Prince's Trust centre to serve Edinburgh's disadvantaged young people, where they can develop skills and confidence to get into jobs, education, and training. The community anchored, digitally-connected, accessible centre will ensure every young person has a place to build their future, and the chance to succeed.	• S1: Place based investments for regeneration and town centre improvements, which could include better accessibility for disabled people, including capital spend and running costs. • S2: Support and improvement of community assets and infrastructure projects, including those that increase communities' resilience to natural hazards, and support for decarbonisation of facilities, energy efficiency audits, and installation of energy efficiency and renewable measures in community buildings

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			• S3: Improvements to the natural environment and green and open space which could include community gardens, watercourses and embankments, along with incorporating natural features into wider public spaces. • S11: Funding to support relevant feasibility studies. • S12: Investment and support for digital infrastructure for local community facilities
The Health Agency	The Health Agency Wellbeing Initative	CBT & counselling to improve wellbeing, confidence and ultimately employability outcomes Maintenance and improvement of a valued community garden Volunteering opportunities in a community garden developing skills, increasing wellbeing through socialising, and connecting with the outdoors and local community, and improving confidence and employability outcomes.	• S3: Improvements to the natural environment and green and open space which could include community gardens, watercourses and embankments, along with incorporating natural features into wider public spaces. • S8: Funding for impactful volunteering and/or social action projects to develop social and human capital in local places. • S9: Investment in capacity building, resilience (including climate change resilience) and infrastructure support for local civil society and community groups.
The Ripple Project	Our Place, Empowered Connected and Flourishing	We will strengthen our local community by delivering a comprehensive volunteering programme and facilitating community research leading to social action. We will work with local people to challenge the cost of living crisis and build stakeholder commitment to a vision for our area through our local community Hub.	• S8: Funding for impactful volunteering and/or social action projects to develop social and human capital in local places. • S9: Investment in capacity building, resilience (including climate change resilience) and infrastructure support for local civil society and community groups. • S10: Community measures to reduce the cost of living, including through measures to improve energy efficiency, and combat fuel poverty and climate change • S11: Funding to support relevant feasibility studies.
WHALE Arts	Whale Arts: Creativity, Place & Enterprise	Whale Arts delivers creative, community, skills and capacity development programmes which are designed to help people cope with the impacts of poverty. Our programmes are designed to meet our community's specific needs and are co-created with them.	• S5: Support for sport, arts, cultural, heritage and creative activities, projects and facilities and institutions. • S8: Funding for impactful volunteering and/or social action projects to develop social and human capital in local places. • S19: Strengthening local entrepreneurial ecosystems and supporting businesses at all stages of their development to start, sustain, grow and innovate, including through local networks. • S20: Support for expert business advice and support programmes at the local and regional level, including support for decarbonisation, climate adaptation and circular economy advice. • S33: Activities such as enrichment and volunteering to improve opportunities and promote wellbeing. • S34: Intervention to increase levels of digital inclusion

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			• S38: Funding to support local digital skills.

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Creative Edinburgh	Future-Proofing Creative Careers in Edinburgh	Creative Edinburgh will support thousands of freelance creatives based in Edinburgh in futureproofing their careers through skills development programmes, workshops, mentorship, themed events and initiatives tailored to their needs. We will strengthen Edinburgh's creative workforce and help it build resilience in the area of professional development, wellbeing, fair work and environmental sustainability.	• S5: Support for sport, arts, cultural, heritage and creative activities, projects and facilities and institutions. • S9: Investment in capacity building, resilience (including climate change resilience) and infrastructure support for local civil society and community groups. • S13: Support for linking communities together and with employment opportunities with a focus on decarbonisation. • S16: Research and development grants supporting the development of innovative products and services, with a particular focus on low carbon goods and environmental services, and climate resilience. • S19: Strengthening local entrepreneurial ecosystems and supporting businesses at all stages of their development to start, sustain, grow and innovate, including through local networks. • S20: Support for expert business advice and support programmes at the local and regional level • S25: Developing existing or emerging local strengths in low carbon and climate adaptation technologies. • S29: Support for new and existing businesses and start-ups aligned with local, regional and Scottish policy. • S37: Green skills courses to ensure we have the skilled workforce to support the Just Transition to a net zero economy and climate resilience, with a particular focus on vulnerable or low-income groups who will be disproportionately affected by climate change.

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			• S38: Funding to support local digital skills.
Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce (ECC)	Edinburgh Entrepreneurs Club	Design and deliver the Edinburgh Entrepreneurs Club - a programme of activity including events, toolkits, business clinics and information to support local post start-up businesses accelerate growth and scale through knowledge-sharing, innovation, technology and new markets – including international trade and the green economy.	• S19: Strengthening local entrepreneurial ecosystems and supporting businesses at all stages of their development to start, sustain, grow and innovate, including through local networks.
Edinburgh International Conference Centre (for Convention Edinburgh)		Convention Edinburgh is currently under the guardianship of EICC following its hibernation in 2020. This funding will support B2B activities designed to attract business events to Edinburgh. Supporting essential exchanges in the areas of professional, corporate, academic and social development. Integral to not only economic advancement but societal development.	• S14: Funding for the development and promotion (both trade and consumer) of the visitor economy, such as local attractions, trails, tours and tourism products more generally. • S21: Grants to help places bid for and host international business events and conferences that support wider local growth sectors.
Edinburgh Tourism Action Group (ETAG)	Delivering the Edinburgh 2030 Tourism Strategy	Support to deliver 4 key themes: Decarbonising Tourism - proactively contribute to achieving net zero carbon emission targets Fair Work - delivering fair, inclusive, and rewarding jobs Visitor Management - Edinburgh retains its authenticity as a living, working city Travel Trade - support the immediate recovery, and longer-term growth of the visitor economy	• S14: Funding for the development and promotion (both trade and consumer) of the visitor economy, such as local attractions, trails, tours and tourism products more generally.
National Robotarium (Heriot Watt University)	Reach into Robotics	Reach into Robotics will empower Edinburgh businesses to lead the $4.5 trillion robotics industry. We will support 34 local businesses to pivot into the sector and launch products and services that will ensure a robust robotics supply chain in the city, that services the UK and beyond. Crucially, we will champion participation for underrepresented groups.	• S15: SME development grants and support, aligned with local and regional sectoral priorities and growth potential. • S16: Research and development grants supporting the development of innovative products and services, with a particular focus on low carbon goods and environmental services, and climate resilience. • S18: Investing in enterprise infrastructure and employment/innovation site development projects.

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			• S19: Strengthening local entrepreneurial ecosystems and supporting businesses at all stages of their development to start, sustain, grow and innovate, including through local networks. • S20: Support for expert business advice and support programmes at the local and regional level, including support for decarbonisation, climate adaptation and circular economy advice.
Edinburgh Napier University	Woman's Investment Centre at Edinburgh Napier University	Centre supporting women to access finance to start businesses. Gender appropriate business advice and coaching Training programmes offering specialist advice Microfinance for women entrepreneurs to test their ideas. Access to prototyping resources and advice Access to media training and advice A digital crowdfunding platform for female entrepreneurs Women's Finance podcast	• S15: SME development grants and support, aligned with local and regional sectoral priorities and growth potential. • S20: Support for expert business advice and support programmes at the local and regional level, including support for decarbonisation, climate adaptation and circular economy advice. • S23: Funding to develop angel investor networks nationwide.
Scottish Documentary Institute	Documentary Connections	Documentary Connections will deliver activities that enable Edinburgh's documentary freelancers and production companies to grow through connection with the international market. Our focus will be documentary makers with protected characteristics - they will gain access to new audiences, co-production partners, training, funding and investment from the global film market.	• S5: Support for sport, arts, cultural, heritage and creative activities, projects and facilities and institutions. • S15: SME development grants and support, aligned with local and regional sectoral priorities and growth potential. • S19: Strengthening local entrepreneurial ecosystems and supporting businesses at all stages of their development to start, sustain, grow and innovate, including through local networks. • S29: Support for new and existing businesses and start-ups aligned with local, regional and Scottish policy. • S36: Support for local areas to fund local skills needs. • S41: Funding to support new partnership and project-based entrepreneurial learning between business and education to develop a culture that celebrates entrepreneurship.
Women's Enterprise Scotland	Scotland's First Women's Business Centre Phase 1 Blue Print Design & Centre Launch	'Prototyping' a Women's' Business Centre: test spaces and programming at Queen Margaret University, creating a blueprint for transformative gendered business supports, in preparation for the launch of Scotland's first Women's Business Centre in April 2025. Setting Up and Fitting Out this brand-new centre in Q4 of 2024-25.	• S18: Investing in enterprise infrastructure and employment/innovation site development projects. • S19: Strengthening local entrepreneurial ecosystems and supporting businesses at all stages of their development to start, sustain, grow and innovate, including through local networks.

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			• S20: Support for expert business advice and support programmes at the local and regional level, including support for decarbonisation, climate adaptation and circular economy advice. • S28: Support for business resilience and Covid-19 recovery.