



# THE EDINBURGH PARTNERSHIP

## UK Shared Prosperity Fund

### 1. Executive Summary

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- 1.1 A conditional allocation of £12.4m has been made to Edinburgh through the UK Shared Prosperity Framework. To access these funds the City of Edinburgh Council needs to submit a local investment plan to UK Government by 12<sup>th</sup> August 2022.
- 1.2 A report to Edinburgh Partnership Board in on 28th June 2022 agreed that the partnership would take on the role of the Local Partnership Group for the development of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund Investment Plan and provide advice on strategic fit and deliverability.
- 1.3 As a part of the development of this plan, partners were involved in a programme of stakeholder engagement and a call for bids was carried out through July 2022. This paper sets out the results of this engagement and identifies a portfolio of recommended projects for funding by the UK SPF in Edinburgh and next steps for development and delivery.

### 2. Recommendations

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- 2.1 It is recommended that the Edinburgh Partnership:
  - i. Notes the partnership engagement activities undertaken in development of UK SPF project proposals
  - ii. Reviews and, via email, comments on the portfolio of projects recommended for funding in through the City of Edinburgh UK Shared Prosperity Fund Investment Plan
  - iii. Notes the ongoing role of the Edinburgh Partnership as a Local Partnership Group to provide advice on strategic fit and deliverability of the investment plan.

### 3. Main Report

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- 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 12th August 2022, following an approved request for extension of the original deadline of 1 August 2022.

### **Call for applications**

- 3.5 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.
- 3.6 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.
- 3.7 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.
- 3.8 To support this call for applications, engagement and promotion activities included:
- 3.8.1 Two online sessions with potential applicants attended by almost 100 participants
  - 3.8.2 Information and engagement sessions with Council elected members, and local MPs and MSPs
  - 3.8.3 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
  - 3.8.4 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.

- 3.9 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.
- 3.10 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**

- 3.11 A group of partners were invited to assess bids and build the investment plan for Edinburgh's SPF allocation. This group included representatives from:
- 3.11.1 City of Edinburgh Council
  - 3.11.2 EVOC
  - 3.11.3 Edinburgh Social Enterprise
  - 3.11.4 Edinburgh Association of Community Councils
  - 3.11.5 NHS Lothian
  - 3.11.6 Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce
  - 3.11.7 CCP
  - 3.11.8 Scottish Funding Council
  - 3.11.9 Scottish Enterprise
  - 3.11.10 Scottish Government, and
  - 3.11.11 Edinburgh and South-East Scotland City Region Deal.
- 3.12 This group assessed all 81 project bids against the criteria established through the call for applications and made recommendations for projects to be funded as part of the City of Edinburgh UK Shared Prosperity Fund Investment Plan.
- 3.13 These recommendations were based upon an assessment and scoring of each bid in terms of:
- 3.13.1 Strategic fit with the priorities established in the UK SPF prospectus and the Council Business Plan
  - 3.13.2 Evidence of unmet demand and/or need, and the potential impact of the service in meeting this need
  - 3.13.3 Evidence of additionality to and avoidance of duplication with other service delivery
  - 3.13.4 Evidence of service innovation and collaboration
  - 3.13.5 Value for money and project deliverability, including evidence of appropriate risk management and monitoring and evaluation processes.
- 3.14 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:

- 3.14.1 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
- 3.14.2 Interventions that will be visible and accessible in all areas of Edinburgh, particularly in areas with high concentrations of poverty and deprivation
- 3.14.3 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
- 3.14.4 An appropriate focus on key sectors of Edinburgh's economy, and
- 3.14.5 Interventions that will support communities and businesses in Edinburgh make a just transition to net zero.

### **Recommended project portfolio**

- 3.15 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.
- 3.16 In summary, the proposed portfolio includes:
  - 3.16.1 **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.
  - 3.16.2 **Investment in 6 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.
  - 3.16.3 **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.

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

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

3.17.2 Lack of additionality or duplication with existing service provision or other projects

3.17.3 Poor value for money, or high cost bids with low target deliverables

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

#### **Next steps**

3.18 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<sup>th</sup> August 2022.

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

3.19.1 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.

3.19.2 Stakeholder engagement activity undertaken in development of the plan. These details are outlined above.

3.19.3 Development of local partnership arrangements to advise on strategic delivery of the programme. As agreed by the partnership on 28<sup>th</sup> June, Edinburgh Partnership will take on the role of the Local Partnership Group for this function.

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

3.21 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.



- 3.22 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, it is recommended that officers work with project leads to:
- 3.22.1 Agree a final distribution of funds for each supported project that meets the constraints of the overall SPF allocation
  - 3.22.2 Aligned to that distribution, agree final project output and outcome targets for delivery
  - 3.22.3 Agree final project management, delivery, and evaluation arrangements in line with the requirements of the UK SPF prospectus, and
  - 3.22.4 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.

#### 4. Contact

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## Appendix 1: City of 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
<b>TOTAL Core SPF allocation</b>	<b>£1,244,788</b>	<b>£2,489,577</b>	<b>£6,522,691</b>	<b>£10,257,056</b>
SPF Admin*	£49,792	£99,583	£260,908	£410,282
<b>MULTIPLY Allocation+</b>	<b>£647,290</b>	<b>£746,873</b>	<b>£746,873</b>	<b>£2,141,036</b>
Multiply Admin*	£25,892	£29,875	£29,875	£85,641

\*Included in totals above

+Investment planning not included in this report

## 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
<b>ACE IT Scotland SCIO</b>	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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S33: Activities such as enrichment and volunteering to improve opportunities and promote wellbeing.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• S40: Support for community learning and development</li> </ul>
<b>APEX Scotland</b>	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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S32: Courses including basic skills (digital, English, maths (via Multiply) and ESOL), and life skills and career skills</li> <li>• S33: Activities such as enrichment and volunteering to improve opportunities and promote wellbeing.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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</li> </ul>
<b>Capital City Partnership</b>	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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S31: Employment support for economically inactive people: Intensive and wrap-around one-to-one support to move people closer towards mainstream provision and employment.</li> <li>• S32: Courses including basic skills (digital, English, maths (via Multiply) and ESOL), and life skills and career skills</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• S38: Funding to support local digital skills.</li> <li>• S40: Support for community learning and development</li> </ul>





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<b>Challenges Worldwide</b>	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)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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</li> </ul>
<b>Edinburgh Rape Crisis Centre Volunteering</b>	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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S33: Activities such as enrichment and volunteering to improve opportunities and promote wellbeing.</li> </ul>
<b>Edinburgh Women's Aid</b>	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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S31: Employment support for economically inactive people: Intensive and wrap-around one-to-one support to move people closer towards mainstream provision and employment.</li> <li>• S32: Courses including basic skills (digital, English, maths (via Multiply) and ESOL), and life skills and career skills</li> <li>• S33: Activities such as enrichment and volunteering to improve opportunities and promote wellbeing.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• S38: Funding to support local digital skills.</li> <li>• S40: Support for community learning and development</li> <li>• S41: Funding to support new partnership and project-based entrepreneurial learning between business and education to develop a culture that celebrates entrepreneurship.</li> </ul>



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<b>Enable Scotland</b>	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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S31: Employment support for economically inactive people: Intensive and wrap-around one-to-one support to move people closer towards mainstream provision and employment.</li> <li>• S32: Courses including basic skills (digital, English, maths (via Multiply) and ESOL), and life skills and career skills</li> <li>• S33: Activities such as enrichment and volunteering to improve opportunities and promote wellbeing.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• S38: Funding to support local digital skills.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>
<b>Networking Key Services (NKS) Limited</b>	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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S8: Funding for impactful volunteering and/or social action projects to develop social and human capital in local places.</li> <li>• S9: Investment in capacity building, resilience (including climate change resilience) and infrastructure support for local civil society and community groups.</li> <li>• S10: Community measures to reduce the cost of living, including through measures to improve energy efficiency, and combat fuel poverty and climate change</li> <li>• S11: Funding to support relevant feasibility studies.</li> <li>• S33: Activities such as enrichment and volunteering to improve opportunities and promote wellbeing.</li> </ul>



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Organisation Name	Project Name	Description	Proposed SPF Interventions
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• S40: Support for community learning and development</li> </ul>
<b>People know How</b>	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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>
<b>The Bike Station</b>	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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S1: Place based investments for regeneration and town centre improvements, which could include better accessibility for disabled people, including capital spend and running costs.</li> <li>• S8: Funding for impactful volunteering and/or social action projects to develop social and human capital in local places.</li> <li>• S22: Support for growing the local social economy, including community businesses, cooperatives and social enterprises.</li> <li>• S25: Developing existing or emerging local strengths in low carbon and climate adaptation technologies.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• S40: Support for community learning and development</li> </ul>
<b>Young Persons Consortium</b>	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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S29: Support for new and existing businesses and start-ups aligned with local, regional and Scottish policy.</li> <li>• S31: Employment support for economically inactive people: Intensive and wrap-around one-to-one support to move people closer towards mainstream provision and employment.</li> <li>• S32: Courses including basic skills (digital, English, maths (via Multiply) and ESOL), and life skills and career skills.</li> </ul>



## SPF Theme - People and Skills projects recommended for funding

Organisation Name	Project Name	Description	Proposed SPF Interventions
		prospects/Covid recovery, reflecting UK and national/local priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>

## SPF Theme – Communities and Places projects recommended for funding

Organisation Name	Project Name	Description	Proposed SPF Interventions
<b>CHAI Community Help &amp; Advice Initiative</b>	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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S10: Community measures to reduce the cost of living, including through measures to improve energy efficiency, and combat fuel poverty and climate change</li> <li>• S31: Employment support for economically inactive people: Intensive and wrap-around one-to-one support to move people closer towards mainstream provision and employment.</li> </ul>
<b>Corstorphine Craigsbank Parish Church</b>	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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S1: Place based investments for regeneration and town centre improvements, which could include better accessibility for disabled people, including capital spend and running costs.</li> <li>• S8: Funding for impactful volunteering and/or social action projects to develop social and human capital in local places.</li> <li>• S9: Investment in capacity building, resilience (including climate change resilience) and infrastructure support for local civil society and community groups.</li> </ul>



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Organisation Name	Project Name	Description	Proposed SPF Interventions
<b>City of Edinburgh Council - Community Centres</b>	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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S9: Investment in capacity building, resilience (including climate change resilience) and infrastructure support for local civil society and community groups.</li> <li>• S12: Investment and support for digital infrastructure for local community facilities</li> </ul>
<b>Cyrenians</b>	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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S10: Community measures to reduce the cost of living, including through measures to improve energy efficiency, and combat fuel poverty and climate change</li> <li>• S28: Support for business resilience and Covid-19 recovery.</li> <li>• S31: Employment support for economically inactive people: Intensive and wrap-around one-to-one support to move people closer towards mainstream provision and employment.</li> </ul>
<b>Edible Estates CIC</b>	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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S2: Support and improvement of community assets and infrastructure projects.</li> <li>• S3: Improvements to the natural environment and green and open space.</li> <li>• S4: Design and management of the built and landscaped environment.</li> <li>• S8: Funding for impactful volunteering and/or social action projects to develop social and human capital in local places.</li> <li>• S9: Investment in capacity building, resilience (including climate change resilience) and infrastructure support for local civil society and community groups.</li> <li>• S10: Community measures to reduce the cost of living, including through measures to improve energy efficiency, and combat fuel poverty and climate change</li> <li>• S13: Support for linking communities together and with employment opportunities with a focus on decarbonisation.</li> <li>• S33: Activities such as enrichment and volunteering to improve opportunities and promote wellbeing.</li> <li>• S40: Support for community learning and development</li> </ul>



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Organisation Name	Project Name	Description	Proposed SPF Interventions
<b>Empty Kitchens Full Hearts</b>	Empty Kitchen Full Hearts Kitchen Assistant Programme, Volunteer Programme and Garden Regeneration	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 Volunteer Programmes and create a green space within the local community through the regeneration of a garden area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• S8: Funding for impactful volunteering and/or social action projects to develop social and human capital in local places.</li> <li>• S10: Community measures to reduce the cost of living, including through measures to improve energy efficiency, and combat fuel poverty and climate change</li> <li>• S33: Activities such as enrichment and volunteering to improve opportunities and promote wellbeing.</li> </ul>
<b>Edinburgh Voluntary Organisations Council</b>	APINEZ Anti Poverty Net Zero Programme	Supporting 100 individuals identified through Turn2us Edinburgh Trust grants referral partners to support with the cost of living	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S9: Investment in capacity building, resilience (including climate change resilience) and infrastructure support for local civil society and community groups.</li> <li>• S10: Community measures to reduce the cost of living, including through measures to improve energy efficiency, and combat fuel poverty and climate change</li> <li>• S13: Support for linking communities together and with employment opportunities with a focus on decarbonisation.</li> </ul>
<b>City of Edinburgh Council Forever Edinburgh</b>	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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S7: Funding for the development and promotion of wider campaigns which encourage people to visit and explore the local area.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>
<b>Fresh Start</b>	Fresh Connections A Fresh Start Programme to Support	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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• S8: Funding for impactful volunteering and/or social action projects to develop social and human capital in local places.</li> </ul>



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Organisation Name	Project Name	Description	Proposed SPF Interventions
	People Thrive Not Survive.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S9: Investment in capacity building, resilience (including climate change resilience) and infrastructure support for local civil society and community groups.</li> </ul>
<b>The Poverty Alliance</b>	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 include voices of experience in efforts to end poverty in the city	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S8: Funding for impactful volunteering and/or social action projects to develop social and human capital in local places.</li> <li>• S9: Investment in capacity building, resilience (including climate change resilience) and infrastructure support for local civil society and community groups.</li> </ul>
<b>Southside Community Centre Association</b>	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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S5: Support for sport, arts, cultural, heritage and creative activities, projects and facilities and institutions.</li> <li>• S8: Funding for impactful volunteering and/or social action projects to develop social and human capital in local places.</li> <li>• S11: Funding to support relevant feasibility studies.</li> </ul>
<b>City of Edinburgh Council</b>	South Queensferry Accessible Public Conveniences	The construction of accessible new public conveniences at Hawes Pier, South Queensferry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S1: Place based investments for regeneration and town centre improvements, which could include better accessibility for disabled people, including capital spend and running costs.</li> </ul>
<b>Space The Broomhouse Centre and Lifecare</b>	Employment Vibes	Vintage Vibes, innovative social support for lonely/isolated over 60s through long-lasting weekly 1:1 volunteer friendships.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S5: Support for sport, arts, cultural, heritage and creative activities, projects and facilities and institutions.</li> <li>• S8: Funding for impactful volunteering and/or social action projects to develop social and human capital in local places.</li> <li>• S9: Investment in capacity building, resilience (including climate change resilience) and infrastructure support for local civil society and community groups.</li> <li>• S33: Activities such as enrichment and volunteering to improve opportunities and promote wellbeing.</li> </ul>



## SPF Theme – Communities and Places projects recommended for funding

Organisation Name	Project Name	Description	Proposed SPF Interventions
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>
<b>Spartans Community Football Academy SCFA</b>	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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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).</li> <li>• S6: Funding for active travel enhancements and other small scale strategic transport projects.</li> </ul>
<b>Volunteer Centre Edinburgh</b>	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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S8: Funding for impactful volunteering and/or social action projects to develop social and human capital in local places.</li> <li>• S33: Activities such as enrichment and volunteering to improve opportunities and promote wellbeing.</li> </ul>

## SPF Theme – Local Business Support projects recommended for funding

Name	Description	Proposed SPF Interventions
<b>Business Gateway</b>	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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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’).</li> <li>• S29: Support for new and existing businesses and start-ups aligned with local, regional and Scottish policy.</li> </ul>





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	support first time exporters to enter new markets.	
<b>Codebase Green Tech</b>	GreenTech Accelerator programme that teaches entrepreneurial skills to build new startups.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S15: SME development grants and support, aligned with local and regional sectoral priorities and growth potential.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• S17: Funding for the development and support of appropriate innovation infrastructure at the local level.</li> <li>• S19: Strengthening local entrepreneurial ecosystems and supporting businesses at all stages of their development to start, sustain, grow and innovate, including through local networks.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• S29: Support for new and existing businesses and start-ups aligned with local, regional and Scottish policy.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• S38: Funding to support local digital skills.</li> <li>• S41: Funding to support new partnership and project-based entrepreneurial learning between business and education to develop a culture that celebrates entrepreneurship.</li> </ul>
<b>Codebase Medtech</b>	Building an investment fund that educates and then funds medtech startups.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S15: SME development grants and support, aligned with local and regional sectoral priorities and growth potential.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• S17: Funding for the development and support of appropriate innovation infrastructure at the local level.</li> <li>• S19: Strengthening local entrepreneurial ecosystems and supporting businesses at all stages of their development to start, sustain, grow and innovate, including through local networks.</li> </ul>



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• S23: Funding to develop angel investor networks nationwide.</li> <li>• S41: Funding to support new partnership and project-based entrepreneurial learning between business and education to develop a culture that celebrates entrepreneurship.</li> </ul>
<b>Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce - 20</b>	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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>
<b>Everyone's Edinburgh - Business For Good</b>	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 advice, education, training and network to positively shift the business ecosystem.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S19: Strengthening local entrepreneurial ecosystems and supporting businesses at all stages of their development to start, sustain, grow and innovate, including through local networks.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>
<b>Forever Edinburgh Destination Marketing</b>	To build a replacement website for 'The Official Guide to Edinburgh' ( <a href="http://www.edinburgh.org">www.edinburgh.org</a> ). Secondly, to extend The Story Never Ends visitor campaign in Y1 and develop a new city marketing campaign for 2023-25.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S7: Funding for the development and promotion of wider campaigns which encourage people to visit and explore the local area.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>