

# Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee

10.00am, Tuesday, 3 December 2024

## UK Shared Prosperity Fund Update

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### 1. Recommendations

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- 1.1 It is recommended that Housing Homelessness and Fair Work Committee:
  - 1.1.1 Note the progress made with the delivery of programmes in Edinburgh funded by the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF);
  - 1.1.2 Note the update from the UK Government regarding the future of UKSPF;
  - 1.1.3 Agrees in principle to the extension of the current programme of Edinburgh UKSPF grants until 31 March 2026, as outlined in Appendix 2; and
  - 1.1.4 Agrees to allocate any underspend in revenue funding to continue Multiply project delivery, as recommended by the Community Learning Partnership.

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## UK Shared Prosperity Fund Update

### 2. Executive Summary

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- 2.1 This report provides an update on the delivery of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) in Edinburgh and makes recommendations for an additional year's extension of the programme.

### 3. Background

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- 3.1 Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee have previously agreed the UKSPF programme of projects being delivered in Edinburgh in 2022-2025. This includes 33 grant funded projects and a suite of projects for the Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region, as part of the Regional Prosperity Framework (RPF) Delivery Plan.
- 3.2 A Programme Management Office (PMO) was set up in 2023 to oversee and manage the delivery of UKSPF in Edinburgh. The PMO submit reports to the UK Government on delivery, as well as reports on behalf of the Edinburgh "Multiply" programme, part of a national UKSPF adult numeracy programme, but the programme is managed and delivered by the Council through the Children, Education and Justice Service.
- 3.3 On [1 December 2022](#), Committee agreed that regular reports would update members on the progress of UKSPF delivery.
- 3.4 Appendix 2 details the allocation of funding previously agreed by Committee. On 8 August 2023 [additional funding](#) was allocated for year 2 spend to People and Skills projects as a result of underspend from the Multiply programme in Year 1. On 27 February 2024 [additional funding](#) was allocated to projects across the three priorities for year 3 spend as a result of underspend from Regional Prosperity Framework delivery.

## 4. Main report

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- 4.1 The PMO submitted the 2024/2025 mid-year UKSPF report to the UK Government on 1 November 2024. A summary of programme delivery progress and impact achieved is attached in Appendix 1.
- 4.2 The current UKSPF programme is now in its final year of delivery and all projects are working towards completion by 31 March 2025.
- 4.3 While some of the projects will come to a natural end on 31 March 2025 or have ended earlier, many of them could be extended, should funding be available. In order for them to be extended, confirmation of funding for 2025/26 needs to be given before the end of the calendar year, so that they can maintain services and staffing for programme delivery beyond 31 March 2025.
- 4.4 The Chancellor of Exchequer has confirmed, in her Autumn Statement on 30 October 2024, that UKSPF will be extended for one year but at a reduced level, in advance of wider reforms that will be announced in the Spring. The budget to be made available to Local Authorities across the UK in 2025/26 would be £900m, with no further ringfenced funding for Multiply. In comparison, the funding allocation in the year 2024/2025 was £1500m for UKSPF and Multiply.
- 4.5 The total Edinburgh UKSPF allocation for Year 3 (2024/25) was £6,522,691 (the Multiply allocation was £746,873 in addition to this). The UKSPF grant has increased over each of the three years so, in order to create a flatter spending profile for the programme overall, there was planned overspend in Year 2 and corresponding planned underspend in Year 3.
- 4.6 The UK Government have not yet confirmed the available funding allocation and whether there will be a requirement for capital expenditure or if the full expenditure can be allocated to revenue costs. There is, however, a strong case for there not to be any expected capital expenditure, given the extension is only for one year. This has been strongly emphasised to the UK Government from Local Authorities UK-wide.
- 4.7 If the same allocation methodology is applied for 2025/26 as in 2024/25, this would mean that Edinburgh's allocation for 2025/26 would be £4,361,739. This includes a 4% allocation for management costs.
- 4.8 As the funding is only for one year and any delivery of a new programme would need to start on 1 April 2025, there is insufficient time to develop and commission a replacement programme. A recommissioning exercise would also disrupt delivery of several successful and impactful programmes across the city. It is therefore recommended that Edinburgh UKSPF projects that are successfully achieving their programme targets, and wish to continue delivery beyond 31 March 2025, are awarded continued funding for 2025/26 at levels set out in Appendix 2.

- 4.9 The recommendations have been made with the expectation of no capital expenditure being required. Should the final allocation indicate a capital element to the programme, it is recommended that officers work with the projects to identify savings to reduce the revenue element and bring forward proposals to the next available Committee meeting on capital expenditure priorities.
- 4.10 If the full expected allocation can be spent on revenue projects, this would mean an underspend of £241,262. It is recommended that this is allocated to continue existing Multiply projects, as recommended by the Community Learning Partnership.

## **5. Next Steps**

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- 5.1 If Committee agrees the recommendations in this report, the Project Management Office (PMO) and Council officers will liaise with organisations already delivering UKSPF projects in Edinburgh on their proposed programmes and funding requirements to be able to continue delivery beyond 31 March 2025.

## **6. Financial impact**

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- 6.1 There are no additional costs to the Council as all delivery costs for the projects are met from the funding awarded from UK Government.

## **7. Equality and Poverty Impact**

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- 7.1 An Integrated Impact Assessment was completed as part of the coproduction of the original programme to ensure no-one is adversely affected and that all services are fully inclusive.
- 7.2 The UKSPF is part of the previous UK Government's Levelling Up agenda and Edinburgh's Investment Plan was designed specifically to complement the Council's Business Plan priorities of Net Zero, Ending Poverty and Creating good places to live and work.

## **8. Climate and Nature Emergency Implications**

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- 8.1 The impacts of this report have been considered in relation to the three elements of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 Public Bodies Duties requiring public bodies to contribute to climate change mitigation and to climate change adaptation, and to act sustainably. Relevant Council sustainable development policies have also been considered.
- 8.2 There are no direct negative impacts in the effects of climate change or improving the resilience to the effects of climate change as a result of this report.
- 8.3 There are no direct nature emergency implications as a result of this report.

- 8.4 In addition to the carbon impact measures in the programme outputs and outcomes, a carbon impact assessment was undertaken by the Council’s Sustainability Team. It found that the majority of projects would have a positive environmental impact.
- 8.5 The projects delivered in Edinburgh through UKSPF help achieve a sustainable Edinburgh primarily by improving the areas of social justice, economic wellbeing and a just transition to a sustainable economy. By supporting local employment opportunities in local businesses and helping people into positive destinations there is a positive impact on inclusion, employment and training, and shared prosperity.
- 8.6 More broadly, there is an opportunity through UKSPF to promote awareness of environmental issues and carbon impact throughout the strategic themes. As well as being an important focus for the Council, Net Zero and nature recovery is also a cross-cutting theme in the UKSPF framework.

## **9. Risk, policy, compliance, governance and community impact**

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- 9.1 To support the development of Edinburgh’s UKSPF Investment Plan, engagement and promotion activities were held with stakeholders as outlined in previous reports.
- 9.2 The UKSPF PMO, based at Capital City Partnership, and Council officers are continuing to manage the risk, compliance and governance requirements for the delivery of this programme.
- 9.3 If continuation of the existing programme, or a replacement programme, is not confirmed before the end of this calendar year, all initiatives will need to be wound down in order to finish by the end of the financial year 2024/25. This will mean a significant decrease in support for local communities, businesses and skills programmes in Edinburgh.

## **10. Background reading/external references**

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- 10.1 [UK Shared Prosperity Fund Prospectus](#)

## **11. Appendices**

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Appendix 1 - UK Shared Prosperity Fund Edinburgh Mid-Year Report Summary 2024/2025

Appendix 2 – Recommended programme and spend for Edinburgh UKSPF 2025/26

## **Appendix 1 - UK SPF Edinburgh Mid-Year Report Summary 2024/2025**

### **Introduction**

This report provides a summary of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) progress report to the UK Government which covered the period April 2024 – September 2024. UKSPF-funded projects report to the programme management team (PMO) on a quarterly basis. In addition, Edinburgh has been selected by UK Government as one of the 35 case study local authorities for the programme-wide evaluation. Ipsos are compiling this evaluation which is due to be completed in spring 2025. It is expected to draw on external data sources as well as information from projects in order to assess the overall impact of the UKSPF investment in Edinburgh.

### **Budget**

The programme is on track to spend the full budget with very minimal underspend within the three core priorities. There is a risk of small pockets of underspend in Quarter 4 of this year should organisations struggle to fulfil delivery given the challenges in the wider funding landscape. The PMO will work with organisations to ensure that delivery continues up until the end of March 2025 wherever practically possible.

There may also be some underspend in Multiply given that there is a significant amount left to spend in a short period of time. These funds are ringfenced to support adult numeracy skills and the Multiply programme is being managed and delivered by officers in the Wider Achievement and Lifelong Learning team within the council. There are a wide range of courses being run in-house, and several grants have been made to external providers. Positive partnerships have been formed and work is reaching client groups in need of upskilling such as those in prison and ethnic minority groups.

## Communities and Place update

One of the largest capital projects funded by UKSPF is the construction of the youth education facility at Spartans Community Foundation. This has proceeded well and is expected to be in use by the end of November. Work is also underway in the council's parks and green spaces team to purchase improved equipment which will be in full use by March. The new equipment will allow maintenance to be carried out in a more nature-friendly way and includes the trial of a cargo bike for parks staff and a forest kindergarten on the edge of the city. The work of Cyrenians Fareshare is continuing to reduce greenhouse gases, by repurposing surplus food. Thus far this has saved 2,547 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e.

The food and gardening projects under this theme have delivered consistently throughout the programme, both meeting people's basic needs and enhancing the health and wellbeing of those they work with. Projects including Fresh Start, Empty Kitchens Full Hearts and Edible Estates are grounded in local communities and serving those most impacted by poverty and the rising cost of living. Whilst practical in addressing material needs, these projects also have an emphasis on tackling isolation and promoting social integration which is crucial for supporting people's mental health. There are also a range of volunteering programmes including Vintage Vibes which continues to match befrienders with older people, as well as funding allocated to several welfare advice initiatives run by CHAI. In CHAI's Advice in Schools initiative (one element of the work they deliver), £892,396 of financial gains for clients have been made so far.

Headline outputs and outcomes under this priority include:

Communities and Place			
Indicator (output/outcome)	Achieved so far	Investment Plan Target	Notes
<b>Amount of green space improved (m<sup>2</sup>)</b>	34,441	4,000	Improvements to community gardens delivered by Edible Estates, Fresh Start, Empty Kitchens Full Hearts.
<b>Trees planted</b>	93	0	Associated with the above projects. Not set as an original target but a positive outcome.
<b>Households receiving support</b>	21,159	3,000	This is a modest calculation and is likely to increase post-audit once data has been further verified. It includes households receiving food through Fareshare, those receiving welfare advice through CHAI and families supported by Networking Key Services.
<b>Local events or activities supported</b>	2,775	1,095	Delivered by a wide range of organisations including Networking Key Services and Vintage Vibes.
<b>Volunteering opportunities supported</b>	21,399	1,385	Delivered by a wide range of projects including the Volunteer Centre and Barnardo's. Each instance of volunteering is counted.
<b>Volunteers numbers as a result of support</b>	1,286	950	Delivered by a range of projects as above. Other examples are Vintage Vibes and Apex Scotland. This is the number of individuals involved in volunteering.

## Supporting Local Business update

The Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce have expanded their Net Zero Edinburgh work this year with a new BCorp 500 initiative, which over the long-term aims to support 500 Edinburgh businesses to become BCorps. The pilot year funded by UKSPF has begun the marketing and engagement for this work, as well as supporting the first cohort of businesses to put together their BCorp applications. So far this has been successful, with 9 companies coming on board to begin the process.

Codebase have started a new cohort of 25 individuals on their Greentech education programme, designed to give people the skills, knowledge and support they need to explore tech solutions to climate-related issues. Meanwhile Business Gateway is continuing to support start-ups and existing small businesses, with a focus on previous under-represented demographics. They have been running two grant programmes which have had positive take-up, as noted below.

Headline outputs and outcomes under this priority include:

Supporting Local Business			
Indicator (output/outcome)	Achieved so far	Target	Notes
Enterprises receiving non-financial support	987	717	Including through Business Gateway and Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce projects.
New enterprises created as a result of support	118	335	Including through Business Gateway, the King's Trust (previously the Prince's Trust) and Codebase.
Businesses receiving grants	92	60	Through Business Gateway and the King's Trust.

## People and Skills update

The wide range of projects funded under this theme are tailored to support a range of specific groups including young people, those with physical and mental health conditions, women returning to the workplace after a career break, survivors of domestic abuse, ethnic minority groups and ex-offenders. The broad remit for UKSPF and the span of the reporting framework is helpful in providing space for services to tailor projects to the needs of these groups.

Over the last six months, projects for young people have found that clients have particularly significant barriers to work. Projects report that many young people present with poor mental health or are navigating neurodiverse conditions. Anxiety is common and projects link some of these issues to young people's experiences of Covid lockdowns. It takes time for staff to gain the trust of young people, and to build their confidence, motivation and skills for work. Organisations are making adaptations to programmes to allow for this.

Partnership working remains a strong theme in project reports. Edinburgh Women's Aid have seen a number of successful job outcomes in the last quarter and told us about the "incredible support that we receive from partner organisations". This included State Street Bank who provided a CV workshop, Edinburgh FUSE who ran a mock interview session, Smartworks who offered interview support, and People Know How who offered digital Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee – 3 December 2024



support. In addition, Networking Key Services (NKS) and Cyrenians Cook School worked together to enable a group of south-east Asian women to complete their Food Hygiene Certificate. NKS already had strong relationships in place with the individuals and Cyrenians have the expertise and accreditation to deliver the qualification. Together they were able to liaise on interpretation needs and work collaboratively to ensure everyone was able to achieve the certificate.

In August the MacMillan Skills Hub moved from its temporary basis into the new MacMillan Hub building, a community resource that includes a café, nursery and library. Whilst this has taken longer than hoped, the team have made positive links in the community and have successfully put down roots which will hopefully allow the service to grow from here, making links between those looking for work and opportunities offered through the extensive regeneration of the local area.

Headline outputs and outcomes under this priority include:

<b>People and Skills</b>			
<b>Indicator (output/outcome)</b>	<b>Achieved so far</b>	<b>Target</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>People receiving support to gain employment</b>	1,576	200	Employability targets are spread over a wide range of outputs and outcomes, hence originally a low target under this specific output.
<b>People supported to engage in life skills</b>	4,446	3,785	15 organisations report on this output, including Edinburgh Women’s Aid and People Know How.
<b>People in employment following support</b>	412	305	12 organisations report on this outcome including Apex, All in Edinburgh and Action for Children.
<b>People in education or training following support</b>	269	115	9 organisations report on this including Networking Key Services, Barnardo’s and the Challenges Group.

### **Concluding notes**

In addition to the above, Edinburgh is also contributing to a series of regional projects. This includes several feasibility studies such as scoping work assessing the climate risks for the region, and a project developing a strategy for the management of tourism opportunities coming from the cruise ships that bring customers into Edinburgh and the region. That work is expected to be complete by March, bringing forward a set of recommendations for future work which will be considered by the Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal Joint Committee.

The UKSPF programme continues until March 2025. The PMO will work with projects to prepare for the next stage as potential options become clear.

For more information and latest news, UKSPF Edinburgh has a website and blog page which is available here [www.edinburghukspf.org](http://www.edinburghukspf.org).

## Appendix 2 – Recommended programme and spend for Edinburgh UKSPF 2025/26

Project Name and Organisation	Project descriptions	22-23 Grant	23-24 Grant (any additional allocation)	24-25 Grant (any additional allocation)	25–26 Proposed Grant	Comment
<b>Business Gateway Plus</b> <i>City of Edinburgh Council, Business Gateway</i>	Business Gateway is increasing the number of high-value start-up businesses including those from previously underrepresented demographics. It also supports first-time exporters to enter new markets.	£0	£237,075	£377,075	£377,075	Recommended
<b>Green Tech</b> <i>Codebase</i>	The Green Tech accelerator programme teaches individuals entrepreneurial skills, supporting them to build new startups that have a positive environmental impact at their core.	£12,000	£194,000	£194,000	£194,000	Recommended
<b>Medtech</b> <i>Codebase</i>	Funding supported the development of an investment fund and network which aims to educate and fund MedTech startups that focus on products and services that improve health.	£7,500	£192,500	£0	£0	Complete
<b>Net Zero Edinburgh and BCorp 500</b> <i>Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce</i>	Net Zero Edinburgh supports enterprises to make a just transition to net zero. A plan then developed to support 500 businesses to become BCorps. Certified B Corporations are companies verified by B Lab to meet high standards of social and environmental performance, transparency, and accountability. An additional grant from UKSPF is supporting BCorp 500 is in its first year.	£56,935	£121,532	£121,533 (£65,000)	£186,533	Recommended

Project Name and Organisation	Project descriptions	22-23 Grant	23-24 Grant (any additional allocation)	24-25 Grant (any additional allocation)	25-26 Proposed Grant	Comment
<b>Business For Good</b> <i>Everyone's Edinburgh</i>	This project aimed to support businesses on their journey to becoming more purpose-driven. A piece of research was carried out which sought to understand what businesses need from the business support ecosystem. One of the recommendations was to support those businesses interested in moving forward with BCorp accreditation.	£6,250	£6,250	£0	£0	Complete
<b>Destination Marketing and Community Engagement</b> <i>City of Edinburgh Council, Forever Edinburgh</i>	Forever Edinburgh's Community Engagement project engages residents in Edinburgh's cultural offer through the Resident Rewards scheme. The Destination Marketing project has centred around 'The Beauty Within' campaign which uses visuals, videos, and written content to capitalise on the emerging consumer travel trend of visitors seeking unique and memorable experiences. Material has also been developed to increase the inclusivity of Forever Edinburgh's outreach.	£0	£190,000	£190,000	£190,000	Recommended
<b>Enabling Financial Resilience</b> <i>CHAI</i>	CHAI is delivering four discrete projects, each designed to increase current welfare rights and debt advice services across Edinburgh. Welfare advice is offered within mental health hubs and recovery hubs and through local schools. In addition, the Growing Families pilot has been expanded. This supports health visitors to ask families if they need money advice and to signpost them into CHAI's services.	£24,118	£389,302	£396,529	£396,529	Recommended
<b>End Poverty Edinburgh</b> <i>Poverty Alliance</i>	The grant supports End Poverty Edinburgh to continue its work alongside City of Edinburgh Council. This ensures that those with lived experience have the chance to influence policy and practice and to help shape the delivery of strategies to end poverty in the city.	£0	£62,334	£66,204	£66,204	Recommended

Project Name and Organisation	Project descriptions	22-23 Grant	23-24 Grant (any additional allocation)	24-25 Grant (any additional allocation)	25-26 Proposed Grant	Comment
<b>Vintage Vibes</b> <i>Space</i>	Vintage Vibes is funded to support isolated older people across Edinburgh, pairing them with volunteer befrienders and running engaging activities and events.	£38,233	£120,513 (£74,777)	£127,595 (£12,000)	£127,595	Recommended
<b>Local Volunteering Gateways</b> <i>Volunteer Centre Edinburgh</i>	The Volunteer Centre is working with local partners in each of the four localities of Edinburgh to 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.	£0	£135,838	£148,374	£148,374	Recommended
<b>Support to Community Centre Management Committees</b> <i>City of Edinburgh Council - Community Centres</i>	A collaboration between City of Edinburgh Council and EVOC, this project provides support, development, and access to resources for Community Centre management committees across the city. The purpose is to help management committees develop sustainable plans and strengthen their capacity to deliver services in their local communities.	£0	£150,000	£140,000	£140,000	Recommended
<b>Cyrenians Levelling Up Initiatives</b> <i>Cyrenians</i>	UKSPF supports the Good Food Programme including Fareshare, a food redistribution project providing surplus food from the food industry to around 20,000 individuals and families a week. Funding also supports the Cook School, which supports people on low incomes to budget, plan, and cook low-cost nutritious meals. Additionally, it helps to support the operation of community pantries.	£114,620	£124,000 (£51,935)	£161,380	£161,380	Recommended

Project Name and Organisation	Project descriptions	22-23 Grant	23-24 Grant (any additional allocation)	24-25 Grant (any additional allocation)	25-26 Proposed Grant	Comment
<b>Edinburgh Growing Together</b>  <b>Edible Estates CIC</b>	Edinburgh Growing Together supports community gardens in Edinburgh's council estates. The funding supports community engagement alongside improvements to infrastructure. This includes new connections to the water mains, new tool storage units, renovation of paths, and growing beds. The Growing Youth programme creates opportunities for young people to learn skills and improve their wellbeing through engaging with projects in the gardens.	£14,063	£135,090 (£34,043)	£154,271	£154,271	Recommended
<b>Volunteer Programme and Garden Regeneration</b>  <b>Empty Kitchens Full Hearts</b>	Empty Kitchen Full Hearts turns surplus food into meals delivered to those in need across Edinburgh. Volunteering and job opportunities are available through the Kitchen Assistant and Volunteer Programme. The regenerated garden continues to be used to grow food and for community gatherings.	£17,110	£77,819	£53,619	£53,619	Recommended
<b>Thriving Futures Fund</b>  <b>Turn 2 Us</b>	The Thriving Futures Fund will be supporting 100 individuals by March 2025. It aims to support the financial thriving of individuals currently living in poverty by providing grants. The grants are administered through local community partners who work with individuals to develop plans. The grants are designed to help with the cost of living in a sustainable way that makes a difference for individuals in the long term.	£22,625	£88,688	£88,687	£88,687	Recommended
<b>Fresh Connections</b>  <b>Fresh Start</b>	UKSPF supports several areas of Fresh Start's work including growing spaces, cooking activities and other strands of community engagement and support.	£11,738	£15,902 (£19,036)	£15,902	£25,000	Recommended

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<b>South Queensferry amenities</b>  <i>City of Edinburgh Council</i>	The grant supports the construction of accessible new public conveniences at Hawes Pier, South Queensferry.	£0	£0	£450,000	£0	Complete
<b>Southside Soil, Seed and Soul</b>  <i>Southside Community Centre</i>	The funding supported the clearing and replanting of an overgrown garden at the front of the Southside Community Centre. The centre created practical volunteering opportunities and skills development for local community groups.	£0	£23,210	£1,550	£0	Complete
<b>Here for Good</b>  <i>Spartans Community Football Academy</i>	A new building for youth work will be constructed on the Spartans site, replacing temporary portacabins. Amongst other groups, the building will host the alternative school Spartans run for young people who have disengaged with mainstream education.	£20,000	£330,000	£0	£0	Complete
<b>Strides</b>  <i>Apex</i>	Apex help those with a history of offending or at risk of offending to progress into training and work. Individuals receive one-to-one support, life and career skills, and access to training and sector-based placements. The project also engages with employers to understand their needs and skills gaps.	£36,272	£221,106	£213,242	£213,242	Recommended

Project Name and Organisation	Project descriptions	22-23 Grant	23-24 Grant (any additional allocation)	24-25 Grant (any additional allocation)	25-26 Proposed Grant	Comment
<b>Employability support for young people</b>  <b>Action for Children</b>	The grant supports several of Action for Children’s employability projects for young people including one-to-one support, groupwork and training programmes.	£0	£101,099	£110,885	£110,885	Recommended
<b>Employability support for young people</b>  <b>Barnardos</b>	Barnardos support 15–29 year olds. They offer personal development opportunities and a range of options supporting young people in training, education, and career progression.	£19,959	£85,910	£99,985	£99,985	Recommended
<b>Employability support for young people</b>  <b>The King's Trust</b>	The King’s Trust offers courses for young people aged 11-30, supporting them to develop essential life skills, get ready for work and access job opportunities. Funding particularly supports the Get Into programme, which helps those closer to the labour market, and the Explore programme, designed for those further away from moving into work.	£34,180	£169,560	£167,310	£167,310	Recommended
<b>MacMillan Skills Hub</b>  <b>Capital City Partnership</b>	Capital City Partnership is funded to provide the Macmillan Skills Hub, a local corridor of employability support in an area of high deprivation in the north of Edinburgh with a focus on connecting with the Waterfront development regeneration.	£0	£175,000 (£60,000)	£178,000 (£50,000)	£228,000	Recommended

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<b>Making Work Work</b> <i>Challenges Group</i>	Making Work Work supports women returning to the labour market. The 12 week programme connects women and offers opportunities to learn, collaborate, create, catalyse change, and make work work.	£37,813	£169,290 (£70,860)	£84,775 (£25,000)	£169,290	Recommended
<b>Volunteering and Training Programme</b> <i>Edinburgh Rape Crisis Centre</i>	Volunteering opportunities for women to support those affected by sexual violence. Volunteers develop transferable trauma-informed skills and knowledge. Each person takes part in a bespoke rape crisis training program and completes a supervised long-term placement at ERCC.	£0	£16,167	£39,586	£39,586	Recommended
<b>Works4Women</b> <i>Edinburgh Women's Aid</i>	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 minority ethnic community).	£20,000	£72,859	£64,389	£64,389	Recommended
<b>All in Edinburgh</b> <i>Enable Scotland</i>	The All in Edinburgh consortium delivers a supported employment model and supports the retention of jobs for those clients furthest removed from the labour market.	£0	£400,000 (£75,000)	£400,000	£400,000	Recommended
<b>Communities Empowered and One-to-One Digital Support</b> <i>NKS (Networking Key Services)</i>	Networking Key Services (NKS) deliver holistic support for those from South-Asian communities. This includes support with digital skills which are important for access to basic services but also support many participants to progress into education and work.	£4,000	£38,000 (£23,650)	£38,000 (£40,000)	£78,000	Recommended



Project Name and Organisation	Project descriptions	22-23 Grant	23-24 Grant (any additional allocation)	24-25 Grant (any additional allocation)	25-26 Proposed Grant	Comment
<b>Reconnect Edinburgh</b>  <i>People Know How</i>	People Know How partnered with community organisations to run weekly digital and well-being support sessions. Support met varying levels of digital skills and was responsive to a variety of needs such as disability or language barriers.	£25,000	£60,000	£35,000 (£50,000)	£0	Organisation closed
<b>Shifting Gears</b>  <i>The Bike Station</i>	Previous funding has supported the renovation of a new Bike Station depot in Gorgie. It has also supported the Shifting Gears programme. Shifting Gears is an approach to support marginalised communities to mitigate the impact of the cost-of-living crisis and climate emergency, enhance life and employment skills, and access work experience and employment opportunities.	£19,687	£34,979	£49,939	£49,939	Recommended
<b>CEC Capital Projects</b>  <i>City of Edinburgh Council</i>	Improved equipment is being purchased by the parks and green spaces team within the council, which will be in full use by March. This will allow maintenance to be carried out in a more nature-friendly way and includes the trial of a cargo bike for parks staff and a forest kindergarten on the edge of the city.	£0	£0	£558,529	£0	Complete
<b>Visitor Economy and Culture (Forth Bridges)</b>  <i>Fife Council</i>	The outcomes of this project are expected to promote sustainable tourism and active travel, improve public transport connectivity, highlight local identity and sense of place, improve the impact and experience of the Forth Bridges Tourism Trail, and increase visitor numbers. Due to the location of the signs and the capital nature of the investment, only Fife Council and Edinburgh Council are requested to fund this aspect of the programme.	£0	£0	£95,000	£0	Complete

Project Name and Organisation	Project descriptions	22-23 Grant	23-24 Grant (any additional allocation)	24-25 Grant (any additional allocation)	25-26 Proposed Grant	Comment
<b>Regional Projects</b>  <i>Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region</i>	Edinburgh has contributed to a series of feasibility studies including scoping work on climate risks for the region, and a project developing a strategy for cruise management (relating to the cruise ships that bring tourism into Edinburgh). That work will complete in the final six months of the programme creating a set of recommendations to be considered by the Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal Joint Committee.	£0	£0	£195,609	£0	Complete

**Total of proposed grants in 2025/26: £3,929,893**