

Project Overview

Project Title	UKSPF - Local Authority Hyper Local Programme
Main Funding Programme	UKSPF
Project cost	£35,037,000
Funding Applied from the Combined Authority	£31,227,000
Other public sector funding amounts and sources	£3,810,000

The UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) is the Government's successor to the ESIF programme, aiming to "build pride in place and increase life chances across the UK" through three investment priorities/pillars.

£31,227,000 of the UKSPF allocation will be allocated to the five local authorities to support local delivery primarily focused on the community and place pillar. Although crosscutting work that requires district level delivery will also be a focus.

This scheme will deliver interventions, outputs and outcomes at a hyperlocal level which will contribute to the West Yorkshire Combined Authority's UKSPF Local Investment Plan (LIP) between October 2022 and March 2025. Local delivery will be delivered in line with the aims and objectives of UKSPF alongside the regional strategic objectives set out in the West Yorkshire Investment Strategy (WYIS) and the local challenges faced by each Local Authority (LA). The project builds on the infrastructure and partnerships already in place across the region to ensure delivery is effective, successful and timely.

The scheme is to be delivered through UKSPF with some match funding from several of the Local Authorities.

Business Case Summary

Strategic Case

The scheme will be delivered through UKSPF funding and will operate and align with the fund objectives which align with the Government's Levelling Up agenda. The scheme has particular alignment with the communities and place pillar delivering against these objectives, interventions, outputs and outcomes. The scheme also has alignment with the support local businesses and people and skills pillar.

The project will support delivery of three mayoral pledges and priorities and at the heart of all LA's local strategies are inclusive growth, health & wellbeing and sustainability which contribute to regional and national strategic priorities.

At a regional level there is no existing structures in place to deliver the Communities and Place pillar at a hyperlocal level which means WY LA's are ideally placed to accept this funding due to the infrastructure and partnerships in place at a hyperlocal level and their experience in delivering these types of projects. The existing infrastructure, partnerships in place and thorough understanding of the local area alongside existing systems and processes enables the WY LA's to add additionality to its existing activity at a hyperlocal level at speed and scale enabling the LIP outputs and outcomes to be achieved in a timely and effective manner. The strong partnerships WY LA's hold particularly with the voluntary and community sector (VCS) ideally positions them to facilitate building VCS capacity and building safer, stronger communities which are identified as opportunities which will contribute to the delivery of the West Yorkshire LIP.

Each LA has put together a business case which sets out the selected interventions, outputs and outcomes they expect to deliver at a hyperlocal level. Interventions, outputs and outcomes are in line with the West Yorkshire Local Investment Plan (LIP) which was submitted to the UK government for approval summer 2022.

The West Yorkshire LIP identified the need to build VCS capacity, build safe strong communities, support places to thrive and create opportunities for resilient and safe communities. It also identified the unique nature of place in addressing these issues. The delivery of interventions will be measured through outputs and outcomes at a hyperlocal level for each WY LA and are set out in appendices of the LIP. Interventions, outputs, and outcomes metrics, set out by Government, are in place which enables the project's success to be clearly measured and evidenced

Economic Case

3 options are appraised at a programme level – BAU (do nothing), do minimum (Smaller LA allocation with centralised Communities and Place Fund) and additional option (Allocation of funding to West Yorkshire LAs) with the additional option being the preferred option.

The UKSPF West Yorkshire Local Partnership 'Advisory' Group (LPG) will monitor and ensure successful delivery and that the interventions will deliver the outputs and outcomes set out in the LIP.

Commercial Case

The scheme will be delivered through a mixture of methods which includes internal delivery and procurement with levels varying between each LA.

It is anticipated a large parts of the funding will be procured. A mixed approach will be taken where activities will be delivered internally and procured to external providers.

The region has a strong and vibrant third sector providing a range of services and activities across the region. Due to their location within communities, their relationship with residents and expertise in the services they provide they are ideally situated to achieve the outputs and outcomes identified.

Procurement across each LA takes place within the Public Contracts Regulations. Established governance processes and contract standing orders are in place at each LA which meet the PCRs alongside the requirements of each LA.

A funding agreement will be put in place with each LA.

Financial Case

£30,000,000 plus management fees of £1,227,000 of the UKSPF allocation will be allocated to the five local authorities to support local delivery primarily focused on the community and place pillar as follows:

- Bradford £7,578,145 + £303,126 management fee.
- Calderdale £2,764,079 + £137,563 management fee
- Kirklees £5,824,858 + £232,994 management fee
- Leeds £9,393,538 + £375,742 management fee
- Wakefield £4,439,380 + £177,575 management fee
- Total £30,000,000 + £1,227,000 management fee

The Combined Authority's contribution is £31,227,000 from UKSPF.

Note: the allocation and final approval of UKSPF funding is subject to Government approval of the West Yorkshire Local Investment Plan due late October/early November 2022.

£3,810,000 match funding is also being provided by the LAs.

The total scheme costs are £35,037,000

The capital and revenue split has been set by the Government for UKSPF within their methodology.

As funding is being sought from UKSPF from an agreed funding formula, for factors such as for inflation or increased cost the only contingency which can be considered is scaling back activity, which may have an effect on outputs and outcomes. The change control process to mitigate the risk of clawback will be monitored in line with the Governments requirements with reporting mechanisms and change control processes set out within the Funding Agreements to be put in place

Management Case

4Overall programme management for the £68m Fund is led by the Combined Authority who are the designated Lead Authority by Government.

Oversight of performance at West Yorkshire level will be through the UKSPF West Yorkshire Local Partnership 'Advisory' Group – the WY LPG – that will report to WYCA's Finance, Resources and Corporate Committee (FRCC) of the Authority and ultimately to the Combined Authority.

At a local level, programme management arrangements are in place. Each LA has extensive programme management experience of delivering externally funded programmes with assurance processes in place – who will report to the Combined Authority on a quarterly basis.

Monitoring processes and procedures will be established in line with guidance from WYCA to meet the reporting requirements of UKSPF and in line with the Funding Agreement(s) which will be put in place by the Combined Authority and the Local Authority's. These will monitor the progress against the interventions, outputs, and outcomes of the project for each LA.