

UK Shared Prosperity Fund allocation planned for East Birmingham

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UK SPF Pillars

The UKSPF programme will run from April 2022 through to March 2025, and is split across three pillars:

1. Communities and Place
2. Supporting Local Business
3. People and Skills (from April 2024)

Birmingham City Council has secured £27 Million of UKSPF funding to deliver for the citizens of the city. The East Birmingham Programme Team has proposed interventions against all three Pillars worth £1.265m.

	2023-2024	2024-2025	Total
Communities and Place	565,000	-	565,000
Supporting Local Business	84,000	416,000	500,000
People and Skills	-	200,000	200,000
Total	649,000	616,000	1,265,000

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Communities and Place

Aims:

- Strengthen our social fabric and foster a sense of local pride and belonging, through investment in activities that enhance physical, cultural and social ties through capacity building and social infrastructure support;
- Build resilient, healthy and safe neighbourhoods, through investment in quality places that people want to live, work, play and learn in.

EB proposals:

	2023-24	2024-25	Total
Communities & Place (not yet allocated for 24/25)	565,000	-	565,000
EB020: improving green infrastructure for community use (River Cole)	165,000	-	165,000
EB021: Locally delivered community leadership/Levelling Up capacity-building to 10 community anchor organisations across East Birmingham.	140,000	-	140,000
EB022: 10 grants (£16k each) for local organisations focusing on inclusive growth priorities and establishing a network of community anchor organisations partnering for the East Birmingham Inclusive Growth Strategy	160,000	-	160,000
EB014: Pocket Parks environment demonstrator project: creation of 3 - 4 pocket parks with community groups for future local management	100,000	-	100,000

Supporting Local Business

Aims:

- Create jobs and boosting community cohesion, through investments that build on existing industries and institutions.
- Promote networking and collaboration, through interventions that bring together businesses and partners within and across sectors to share knowledge, expertise and resources.
- Increase private sector investment in growth-enhancing activities.

The East Birmingham Programme Team will deliver this by commissioning a **Tailored Business Support Programme**. This will be delivered in conjunction with Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council and will be aimed explicitly at **preparing local SMEs and Social Enterprises to successfully apply for Public Sector contracts**. This Programme will directly respond to specific contracting opportunities identified by the Birmingham Anchor Network; provided by Solihull MBC; and/or from emerging contracting opportunities within key strategic developments like Tyseley and Kingshurst. This Commission will be worth up to £450k (inclusive of an £80k grant programme for East Birmingham businesses only) and will run until March 2025.

This Commission is in development and will be open to applications later this year.

	2023/24	2024/25	Total
Business Support	84,000	416,000	500,000
EB023: Market research and tailored support for businesses located in the immediate vicinity of new markets to enable readiness for contracts and diversification	74,000	296,000	370,000
EB024: 10 grants per annum (various grant value categories and purposes)	-	80,000	80,000
Business Support and Procurement Liaison Officer (staff time to deliver EB023 and EB024)	10,000	40,000	50,000

People and Skills

The People and Skills Pillar begins delivery from April 2024. This Pillar aims to:

- Boost core skills and support adults to progress in work, by targeting adults with no or low-level qualifications and skills in maths, and upskill the working population.
- Reduce levels of economic inactivity through investment in bespoke, intensive life and employment support tailored to local need.
- Support people furthest from the labour market to overcome barriers to work by providing cohesive, locally tailored support including access to basic skills.
- Support local areas to fund gaps in local skills provision to support people to progress in work. This will be supplementary to provision available through national employment and skills programmes.

The East Birmingham Programme Team are looking to fund one strategic intervention aiming at establishing a **Good Jobs Hub** for East Birmingham. Further details will be available next year.

People and Skills	2023/24	2024/25	Total
EB025: Creation of a Good Jobs Hub (funds only available in 2024/25)	-	200,000	200,000
Total		200,000	200,000