

UKSPF SOCIAL ENTERPRISE CAPITAL GRANT

2023 Guidance

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE FUND:

The purpose of this grant is to offer capital support to social economy sector organisations and businesses. This grant will enable organisations/businesses to purchase capital equipment or undertake capital works.

Funded by the “Supporting Local Business” priority of the UK Government’s Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF), this grant programme aims to contribute to delivering on the UK Government’s levelling up objectives:

- Creating jobs and boosting community cohesion, through investments that build on existing industries and institutions, and range from support for starting businesses to visible improvements to local retail, hospitality and leisure sector facilities.
- Promoting networking and collaboration, through interventions that bring together businesses and partners within and across sectors to share knowledge, expertise and resources, and stimulate innovation and growth.
- Restore a sense of community, local pride and belonging, especially in those places where they have been lost
- Empower local leaders and communities, especially in those places lacking local agency

Should your application be successful, we will monitor your project against the relevant outputs and outcomes related to the specific UK Government interventions. This detail will be included in the grant offer letter. For further information please see the [UK Government Shared Prosperity Fund Prospectus](#)

2.0 WHAT CAN IT FUND:

The UKSPF Social Enterprise Capital Grant will fund:

- Internal building works that enhance or safeguard the business / organisation / building,
- External works which positively impact upon the services of the organisation / business,
- Equipment purchases

Ineligible Expenditure:

- Any form of revenue costs,
- Costs to purchase buildings, land or vehicles

- Hire Purchase/Lease Purchases
- Costs such as rent, rates, admin, vehicles; cost of works being carried out as a legal statutory requirement
- Costs that relate to normal running expenses,
- Contingency costs & Utilities
- Statutory procedures such as planning permission or building regulations,
- Equipment / items that have a one-off annual use or are deemed to be seasonal,
- Retrospective costs i.e. costs for works or equipment that has already been undertaken,
- VAT
- Staff costs/Marketing

3.0 WHO CAN APPLY:

You can apply for the UK Social Enterprise Capital Grant if your organisation:

- Is any form of social business i.e. social enterprise, constituted (preferably incorporated) community group, CIC, sports club, youth organisation, worship group, resident association etc.,
- Resides in Merthyr Tydfil.

You are not eligible for the UKSPF Social Enterprise Capital Grant if:

- You are a private business (please see UKSPF Capital Grant for Business)
- You are an un-constituted social business / group,
- You are a social business / group without an organisational bank account,
- The organisation/applicant has any financial arrears with the Council.

4.0 HOW MUCH CAN I APPLY FOR:

The grant will fund up to 80% of eligible total project costs (from £5,000 up to a maximum of £20,000).

5.0 FUNDING TIMESCALES:

Activity	Timeframe/Deadline
Grant Schemes Open	21 st June 2023
Application Deadline	5pm 7 th July 2023
Decision to applicants	4 th August 2023
Monitoring & Engagement	5 Months
Final Monitoring & Grant closure	January 2024

6.0 FURTHER INFORMATION:

Prior to the deadline you will need to submit a fully completed application form with all the required supporting information specified in the applications checklist.

Please note: partially completed applications will not be assessed, therefore, please ensure that you complete all sections of the application form and submit all necessary documents.

For capital works a minimum of three quotes will be required which should be submitted along with the application and other supporting documentation.

Grants will not be offered or paid if the business or applicant is in arrears with any payment to the Local Authority. Checks will be made as required.

Grant money will be paid by BACS into the business bank account after receipt of original paid invoices and corresponding bank statements or, in exceptional circumstances based on a business case assessment, on receipt of invoice.

All projects will need to be complete by the 18th December 2023 with all evidence of spend submitted.

We will accept all applications and documentation via the e-form on the MTCBC website. If you have any problems in submitting documents please notify a member of the team via the email address below and they will assist you. Please also note that the submission of an application does not guarantee funding.

economic.development@merthyr.gov.uk

7.0 SHORTLISTING & ASSESSMENT CRITERIA:

Your application will be subject to an initial validation check to ensure you have submitted all the correct information. In addition, each organisation / business will go through a due diligence check as part of our grant condition processes.

The second phase of assessment will see each application being assessed by a chosen specialist panel set against the following criteria:

- Value for Money
- Job Creation/Safeguarding
- Socio-economic Impact
- Project Outcomes
- Need
- Sustainability / Longevity of the Project / Works
- Project Timeframe

Should you have any queries, please contact the Enterprise Team via
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