



**SOUTH  
KESTEVEN  
DISTRICT  
COUNCIL**

# Officer Delegated Decision

14<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Richard Wyles, Deputy Chief Executive and  
s151 Officer

## Approval of UKSPF Board funding recommendations

This report provides details of the applications allocated funding from the South Kesteven Prosperity Fund

<b>Decision made by:</b>	Deputy Chief Executive and s151 Officer
<b>Decision:</b>	To accept the UKSPF Board decisions to fund a range of projects via the UKSPF
<b>Date:</b>	14/11/24
<b>Public or Exempt:</b>	This report is not exempt from publication
<b>Reasons for exemption:</b>	N/A
<b>Conflicts of interest:</b>	No
<b>Policy compliant:</b>	Yes
<b>Details of delegation:</b>	<p>The Council's Financial Regulations allow the Chief Executive to approve spend incurred by the Council within the limits set out in the Financial Regulations (Constitution).</p> <p>Full Council, in approving the governance associated with the UK Shared Prosperity Board, agreed a specific delegated authority which provides the Chief Executive with the ability to take this decision.</p>

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## **1 The Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 To approve the grants endorsed by the UKSPF Board on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2024. Appendix 1 identifies a total of four projects that were supported, which combined have a value of £222,500. Two of these were for project adjustments to approved projects from previous board meetings: The National Trust Belton Estate requesting a capital grant rather than revenue funding and Claypole Village Store applying for the use of underspend on further activity related to their approved project.
- 1.2 To note the UKSPF Programme Monitoring and Evaluation framework which, in accordance with MHCLG funding conditions, establishes the requirements on the Authority to deliver robust Value for Money and compliance with regulations regarding the use of public monies. At a delivery level this consists of requiring all projects to adhere to CPR 2015 for all expenditure and to provide evidence at the request of the Authority. Monitoring of outputs & outcomes is captured via an initial baseline assessment upon application and 'Project Completion Reports' submitted by fund beneficiaries upon delivery of their project(s). A review of all projects to date is currently being scoped in preparation for project closure in March 2025.

## **2 Available Options Considered**

- 2.1 There are no other options as the grants as provided by DLUHC is aligned to the SK Investment Plan, which enables South Kesteven District Council to draw down funds which support local projects that deliver outputs/outcomes against the Investment Plan.

## **3 Preferred Option**

- 3.1 To accept the Board's decisions to fund the four projects.

## **4 Financial Implications**

- 4.1 The recommendations for the grant awards have been undertaken in accordance with the grant allocations and agreed criteria.

**Financial Implications reviewed by: Richard Wyles, Deputy Chief Executive and S151 Officer**

## **5 Legal and Governance Implications**

- 5.1 The Chief Executive has the necessary delegated authority to take this decision.

**Legal Implications reviewed by: Graham Watts, Monitoring Officer**

## **6 Equality and Safeguarding implications**

- 7.1 There are no equality or safeguarding implications associated with this report.

## **7 How will the recommendations support South Kesteven District Council's declaration of a climate emergency?**

- 8.1 The UKSPF Rural programme has a focus on carbon reduction and climate change. Applications will be considered that make contributions to the move towards Net Zero.

## **8 Appendices**

- 9.1 Appendix 1, list of endorsed projects

**Signed by:** R WYLES

**Date:** 14/11/24

## Appendix A

Organisation	Project Description	Funding Award
Harrowby FC	Refurbishment of football changing rooms & site security bringing the pitch(s) back into use.	£65,000
Lincolnshire County Council	LCC led project which will promote SKDC area(s) to location scouts for Film & TV productions as well as production of digital assets to promote the area as 'filming friendly' & highlight locations of notable productions to expand the visitor interest in these sites.	£55,000
Grantham College	Employability Skills Development Project which will provide guidance, training, mentoring & pastoral support to residents of Grantham disengaged from the labour market.	£43,000
Our Place, Our Art (SKDC)	This project will see creative facilitators/artists work with communities in Bourne, Stamdord, Deepings & Grantham to co-create artistic installations which will be prominently displayed in each settlement.	£36,000
The Whale Art Project  (SKDC)	This project will see the 18m 'The Whale' installation brought to Deepings & Grantham using arts to educate and raise awareness of the environment, oceanic species health and pollution.	£10,500
Lindissi CIC	A creative festival highlighting the 'pre-history' of South Kesteven, expanding on a previously successful project which will be funded by UKSPF for the first time. The award will see the event brought to new areas and engage larger audiences.	£6,500
South Witham PC	Capital improvement scheme for South Witham Village Hall.	£7,800

St Guthlac PCC	Capital improvement scheme for St Guthlac's Church.	£38,510
Heydour Aisby & Osby PC	Play equipment replacement project.	£21,000
Fulbeck Sports & Social	Capital improvement scheme for a sport & social club	£22,900
SKDC	Parks Improvement Project	£100,000
<b>Total funding Allocation</b>	<b>Main Programme Rural England Prosperity Fund</b>	<b>£251,210 £55,000</b>