

**UKSPF Feasibility Fund Call Specification 18/01/23**

Applications are invited for activity that relates to the feasibility and research of projects and activities that meet the priorities of Shropshire UKSPF Investment Plan and Economic Growth Strategy.

Criteria for call:

- First application call window closes on 28 Jan 2023. It is desired that applications that come forward in this call can **spend at least 50% of their grant and submit a claim by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March**. There will be further call windows in 23/24.
- There is no match funding required but the maximum amount of funding available for activity relating to a single project is £30,000.
- The grant will be paid in arrears following appropriate evidence that the expenditure has been incurred by the applicant.
- All applications will be assessed in relation to how the activity meets the aims of Shropshire's UKSPF Investment Plan priorities as covered in the application form and depending on the response rate, prioritisation of applications could occur.
- To be eligible, applicants must be formally registered legal entities. This fund is to help inform activity relating to the betterment of Shropshire and its communities. It is not for activities that are for the exclusive benefit of the applicant organisation. It is therefore anticipated that the fund will mainly be of interest to intermediary organisations that provide support to communities.
- Eligible activity includes, but is not limited to:
  - Externally commissioned work
  - primary and desktop research, feasibility, and options analysis
  - surveys, ballots, and other public consultation activities
  - Proof of concept development
  - Evaluation
- Ineligible activity includes, but is not limited to:
  - Planning or other statutory fees
  - Post RIBA Stage 2 activities (in relation to construction projects)
  - Running costs or salaries of the applicant organisation.

More information <https://www.investinshropshire.co.uk/applications-now-open-ukspf-feasibility-fund/>

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