



Rural England Prosperity Fund (REPF)

Interventions, Objectives, Outputs & Outcomes

To access Rural Fund allocations, you must provide an additional information addendum to your UKSPF investment plan.

The addendum covers 3 areas.

1. Local context - referencing the Fund's investment priorities: supporting rural business and supporting rural communities.
2. Interventions - select from a menu of options and explain how they respond to local context.
3. Delivery - how and when you'll deliver the interventions you've selected.

Each place has flexibility to invest in activities or 'interventions' that support rural businesses and rural communities. These are within the context of the Fund's aims.

Interventions are split by investment priority. Each investment priority gives details of:

- the interventions and objectives
- indicative outputs and indicative outcomes
- example projects

Review the interventions and identify activities that support Fund objectives in your area.

Investment priority	Intervention	Example Projects	Objectives	Indicative Outputs	Indicative Outcomes
Supporting rural business	<p>Funding (capital grants) for small scale investment in micro and small enterprises in rural areas.</p> <p>Including capital funding for net zero infrastructure for rural businesses, and diversification of farm businesses outside of agriculture to encourage start up, expansion or scale up of these businesses where this involves converting farm buildings into other commercial or business uses.</p>	<p>Creation and expansion of rural leisure and tourism businesses. For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> creating event venues or farm tourism facilities such as accommodation, wedding venues and leisure facilities provision of facilities for pet and equines such as kennels, livery and pet health venues <p>Purchase of equipment for food processing for non-farmer-owned businesses. For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> purchasing new process and packaging machinery such as brewing equipment and onsite vending machines equipping development kitchens, or modernising existing kitchen equipment for increased energy efficiency or increased productivity through automation <p>(Support for farmer owned businesses is available under the Farming Investment Fund (FIF)).</p> <p>Funding for resilience infrastructure and nature-based solutions that protect local businesses and community areas from natural hazards including flooding and coastal erosion.</p>	<p>Creating jobs and boosting community cohesion.</p> <p>Increasing private sector investment in growth- enhancing activities, through targeted support for small and medium sized businesses to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> undertake innovation adopt productivity enhancing, energy efficient and low carbon technologies and techniques 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of businesses supported Number of farm businesses supported Number of farm diversification project supported Number of micro businesses supported 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jobs created Jobs safeguarded Number of new businesses created Number of businesses adopting new to the firm technologies or processes Number of businesses with improved productivity Number of businesses experiencing growth

<p>Supporting rural business</p>	<p>Funding (capital grants) for growing the local social economy and supporting innovation. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ community businesses ▪ cooperatives and social enterprises ▪ research and development Sites <p>This intervention corresponds to the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) intervention E26.</p>	<p>Creation of multifunctional rural business hubs providing shared workspace and networking opportunities for rural businesses. For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ flexible access to commercial kitchens ▪ co-working spaces ▪ business infrastructure such as broadband and electric vehicle (EV) charging points <p>Establishment of rural community businesses, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ community-owned shops (for example provision of premises) ▪ equipment to support the showcasing of local food and drink products such as regional information ▪ display boards 	<p>Creating jobs and boosting community cohesion. From capital grant support for starting businesses to visible improvements to local retail, hospitality and leisure sector facilities.</p> <p>Enhancing rural visitor economy and rural leisure opportunities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of businesses supported ▪ Number of farm businesses supported ▪ Number of farm diversification projects supported ▪ Number of micro businesses supported 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Jobs created ▪ Jobs safeguarded ▪ Number of new businesses created ▪ Number of businesses adopting new to the firm technologies or processes ▪ Number of businesses with improved productivity ▪ Number of businesses increasing their export potential
<p>Supporting rural communities</p>	<p>Funding (capital grants) for local arts, cultural, heritage and creative activities.</p> <p>This intervention corresponds to the UKSPF intervention E6.</p>	<p>Funding for provision of maker spaces.</p> <p>Funding for local art galleries, museums and libraries for altering premises or providing spaces for exhibitions to support displays for artists to showcase work.</p> <p>Capital grants to enable cultural, heritage and creative events and provision of venues for locally-led:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ music and theatre performances ▪ tours ▪ author events ▪ film screenings 	<p>Strengthening our social fabric and fostering a sense of local pride and belonging, through investment in activities that enhance physical, cultural and social ties and amenities. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ community infrastructure ▪ Local green space ▪ community led projects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of potential entrepreneurs provided assistance to be business ready ▪ Number of organisations receiving grants ▪ Number of local events or activities supported 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Jobs created ▪ Jobs safeguarded ▪ Increased footfall ▪ Increased visitor numbers ▪ Improved engagement numbers ▪ Improved perception of facilities or amenities ▪ Number of community-led arts, cultural, heritage and creative programmes as a result of support ▪ Improved perception of events