

Outcomes of Midlothian UK Shared Prosperity Fund 2022-25

Interventions

There were 51 set interventions as part of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund that Scottish Local Authorities were able to select from to prioritise the need for different types of activity to meet local requirements as identified in the Midlothian Investment Plan. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-sharedprosperity-fund-interventions-outputs-and-indicators>

Beneath these interventions sit a multitude of outputs and outcomes that are used to measure the success of delivering against these interventions and they are reported to the UK Government as per their reporting schedule.

Below is the list of interventions selected by Midlothian.

Intervention Definitions
Communities and Place
S2: Support and improvement of community assets and infrastructure projects. This could include support for decarbonisation of facilities, energy efficiency audits, and installation of energy efficiency and renewable measures in community buildings (including capital spend and running costs).
S7: Funding for the development and promotion of wider campaigns which encourage people to visit and explore the local area.
S8: Funding for impactful volunteering and/or social action projects to develop social and human capital in local places.
S9: Investment in capacity building, resilience (including climate change resilience) and infrastructure support for local civil society and community groups.
S10: Community measures to reduce the cost of living, including through measures to improve energy efficiency, and combat fuel poverty and climate change.
S11: Funding to support relevant feasibility studies.
S13: Support for linking communities together and with employment opportunities with a focus on decarbonisation.
Support to Local Business
S14: Funding for the development and promotion (both trade and consumer) of the visitor economy, such as local attractions, trails, tours and tourism products more generally.
S17: Funding for the development and support of appropriate innovation infrastructure at the local level.
S19: Strengthening local entrepreneurial ecosystems, and supporting businesses at all stages of their development to start, sustain, grow and innovate, including through local networks.
S20: Support for expert business advice and support programmes at the local and regional level, including support for decarbonisation, climate adaptation and circular economy advice. This could include funding for new and improvements to existing training hubs, business support offers, 'incubators', 'accelerators' and

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<p>other forms of developmental environments for local enterprise (including social enterprise) which can support entrepreneurs and start-ups/high growth potential firms through the early stages of development and growth by offering a combination of services including: e.g. - account management, advice, resources, training, mentorship, coaching and access to workspace.</p>
<p>S22: Support for growing the local social economy, including community businesses, cooperatives and social enterprises.</p>
<p>S24: Export Grants to support businesses to grow their overseas trading, supporting local employment and investment, having regard to Scotland's export plan ('Scotland: a trading nation').</p>
<p>People and Skills</p>
<p>S31: Employment support for economically inactive people: Intensive and wrap-around one-to-one support to move people closer towards mainstream provision and employment, supplemented by additional and/or specialist life and basic skills (digital, English, maths* and ESOL) support where there are local provision gaps.</p>
<p>S32: Courses including basic skills (digital, English, maths (via Multiply) and ESOL), and life skills and career skills** provision for people who are not economically inactive and who are unable to access other training or wrap around support detailed above. This could be supplemented by financial support for learners to enrol onto courses and complete qualifications.</p>
<p>S33: Activities such as enrichment and volunteering to improve opportunities and promote wellbeing.</p>
<p>S34: Intervention to increase levels of digital inclusion, with a focus on essential digital skills, communicating the benefits of getting (safely) online, and in-community support to provide users with the confidence and trust to stay online.</p>
<p>S37: Green skills courses to ensure we have the skilled workforce to support the Just Transition to a net zero economy and climate resilience, with a particular focus on vulnerable or low-income groups who will be disproportionately affected by climate change. Retraining support for those in high carbon sectors, providing career guidance and supporting people to seek employment in other sectors.</p>
<p>S39: Support for education and skills targeting vulnerable young people leaving school, aligning with young person's guarantee, modern apprenticeships and related policy.</p>
<p>S40: Support for community learning and development.</p>
<p>Multiply</p>
<p>S42: Courses designed to increase confidence with numbers for those needing the first steps towards formal qualifications.</p>
<p>S47: Innovative programmes delivered together with employers – including courses designed to cover specific numeracy skills required in the workplace.</p>
<p>S51: Activities, courses or provision developed in partnership with community organisations and other partners aimed at engaging the hardest to reach learners – for example, those not in the labour market or other groups identified locally as in need.</p>

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Projects Funded

The following table highlights all the projects that have been funded by UKSPF over the period 2022-25.

Organisation	Project Name	Interventions	Project Description	£ Total Grant Awarded
Access to Industry	Access Learning Midlothian	S31, S34, S40	Staff and running costs to provide learning across Midlothian to unemployed people of working age who experience barriers to both accessing and participating in learning	96,811
Rosewell Development Trust Community Company Ltd	Rosewell - Creating a strong, safe and sustainable community for all	S8, S9, S10, S33	Staff and running costs to provide community-led volunteering opportunities, capacity building, community led projects to address the cost of living and enrichment and volunteering opportunities	80,558
Midlothian Voluntary Action	Build Back Bolder	S9, S11	Feasibility study into third sector hub and staff costs for capacity building to upskill 3rd sector organisations in community benefits, charity related support and gift aid	33,380
Into Work	Midlothian Works	S10, S31, S33, S39, S40	Staff and running costs to provide person-centred, trauma informed approaches which are needs based, provide pathways into sustainable and fair work, promote and embed this locally with SME's and work to close the disability employment gap	221,944

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Volunteer Midlothian	Volunteer Midlothian	S2, S8, S33	Staff, running costs and small amount of capital to increase volunteer numbers, establish a volunteering hub and provide tailored work experience placements	64,466.78
Mayfield and Easthouses Development Trust - MAEDT	Making it Happen (Mayfield and Easthouses Development Trust - MAEDT)	S2, S8, S10, S33, S39, S40	Staff and running costs for Development Trust activities and installation of solar panels.	197,735.00
Newbattle Abbey College	Prescribe Nature	S31, S32,	Programme combining outdoor-based skills development, wellbeing in nature and personal development. It provides the opportunity for participants to improve their mental and physical health, reduce social isolation, develop new skills and enhance their life chances through further learning and/or employment options.	51,200.00
Cyrenians	Fairer food for all (Cyrenians)	S8, S10,	Staff and running costs to provide local, accessible opportunities for individuals to increase their social capital and mitigate the effects of the cost-of-living crisis. Installation of an outdoor shelter and sensory area. To provide cookery courses.	149,308.00
Gorebridge Community	Gorebridge Community	S2, S8, S10, S33, S40	Increase user participation, expand	163,580.00

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Development Trust	Development Trust		the community hub, volunteering, peer-led activities, community events and activity. Improve and increase community wellbeing through delivery of initiatives to reduce the impact of the cost-of-living crisis. Continuation of community fridge, establish community pantry, community social and learning activities. Deliver accredited training, learning and development.	
Barnardo's	Barnardo's Best	S31, S33, S34, S39, S42	Deliver an integrated and holistic programme of support to Young People aged 16 –29 who live in Midlothian and are facing multiple disadvantage/barriers to entering/sustaining/progressing into employment.	136,904.99
Edinburgh College	Edinburgh College Skills for Life and Work	S37, S42, S47, S51	To deliver Green Skills programmes and develop and deliver Multiply modules for those attending college without a Level 5 Maths qualification.	40,586.00
ENABLE Scotland (Leading the Way)	First Steps	S31, S32, S34	Deliver Stage 1 "First Steps" project for people who have disabilities, autism and long-term health conditions. This is a 1-2-1, face to face intervention service that helps those furthest from the	99,438.00

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			labour market. We will provide an Employment Coordinator to engage these people.	
Midlothian Council CLLE - Shaping Places for Wellbeing	Shaping Places for Wellbeing	S9, S10, S11,	CLLE will recruit a dedicated worker to deliver on inequalities work in the central Dalkeith and Woodburn area. The worker will deliver the Shaping Places for Wellbeing programme (SPW) which will increase the capacity of the local community and support local initiatives aimed at reducing inequalities, building on existing provision contributing to alleviating the impact of the current cost of living crisis.	182,998.00
Midlothian Council (Communities, Lifelong Learning and Employability)	Participation All Levels – Midlothian (PALM Project)	S31, S32, S34, S39, S40	Develop and deliver local networks to support the transition of young adults with ASD (Autistic Spectrum Disorder) into work or further learning. The project will deliver across 4 geographic networks to support young people develop life skills and employability skills to prepare for moving into work. We will offer a range of qualifications, tailored to group needs. We will work with vulnerable young people leaving school and offer the same opportunity to	44,141.00

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			vulnerable people that are in an older age group.	
Midlothian Council (Communities, Lifelong Learning and Employability)	Midlothian Numeracy Pathway	S42, S47, S51	Recruitment of a Co-ordinator to develop a numeracy pathway to take people from Scottish Credit Qualification Framework (SCQF) Level 2 to SCQF Level 4. The Co-ordinator will be responsible for the development of training materials, course content and timetabling activities to deliver effective community numeracy programmes across Midlothian.	145,879.00
Temple Old Kirk Friends [SCIO]	Temple Old Kirk Friends [SCIO]	S2, S7	Temple Old Kirk is a Scheduled Ancient Monument (Historic Environment Scotland reference: SM119) and a former church no longer used for worship. The proposed repairs to the Old Kirk form part of a continuing conservation project to include its oversight and preservation along with similar efforts for the churchyard.	35,426.00
Penicuik Community Sports and Leisure Foundation	Ladywood Leisure Centre (Penicuik Community Sports and Leisure Foundation)	S2	Capital costs for refurbishment of the building and changing rooms.	87,550.00
Midlothian Council - Local Business - Castlelaw Ltd	Castlelaw Ltd Secret Herb Garden Café Cake School	S14	Local Business/ Secret Herb Garden Café Cake School - An existing visitor attraction and cafe, the applicant plans to	14,684.32

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			<p>create a cake school. The funding would be used to fully equip a kitchen for the cake making school and to market cake and cupcake classes to target families with young children in Edinburgh and Lothians. The cake school will also be marketed to the tourism sector to attract new visitors to The Secret Herb Garden.</p>	
<p>Midlothian Council - Local Business - SilviBio Ltd</p>	<p>Ex002-Silvio Bio / Micro Cell Production for Peat-Free Growing</p>	<p>S24</p>	<p>The project aims to fulfil a major gap in the domestic and international horticultural market by prototyping a peat-free growing media for micro cell production. The funding will be used to cover research staff time to develop the prototype. This is in response to the UK Government's plan to ban peat use for the horticultural sector by 2030. There is significant scope for exporting a product of this nature to other countries where peat use for growing is banned or strictly regulated. Sweden and the Nordic countries have been identified as a significant and ideal first target market.</p>	<p>6,450.00</p>
<p>Midlothian Tourism Forum</p>	<p>Midlothian Tourism Forum</p>	<p>S19</p>	<p>Destination Midlothian Leaflet</p>	<p>6,323.00</p>
<p>Cairns Exclusive Drinks</p>	<p>Cairns Exclusive Drinks</p>	<p>S24</p>	<p>The funding will pay for an external</p>	<p>5,580.00</p>

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			consultant to develop a 20-page multi-language website, which will include an online platform for wholesalers and a compliant store for direct sales	
Gorebridge Development Trust	Gorebridge Development Trust	S14	Delivery of "Press Pause" workshop and action plan	4,565.00
Penicuik Community Alliance Ltd	Penicuik Community Alliance Ltd	S22	The project seeks to increase the efficiency in the running of the Penicuik Storehouse community cafe by using the grant to purchase refrigeration units to increase food storage, and to replace the commercial dishwasher.	14,581.42
One Dalkeith Community Development Trust	One Dalkeith Community Development Trust	S22	One Dalkeith is seeking funding to develop a retail shop from their premises in Dalkeith town centre providing a low-cost entry route for micro businesses including the creative sector. Part funding of a shop manager & CCTV system to ensure products are protected	24,539.85
Rosemains Steading CIC	Rosemains Steading CIC	S19	Fund a project facilitator to manage the redevelopment of the current website and integrate it with an e-commerce site and implement a strategic growth opportunity for this collective of businesses.	6,500.00

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Roslin Inn Ltd T/A The Original Rosslyn Inn	Roslin Inn Ltd T/A The Original Rosslyn Inn	S14	To promote outdoor access trails around Roslin and surrounding area to visitors and locals. The aim is to encourage wider distribution of the tourism benefits from the significant level of visitors to Rosslyn Chapel.	8,000.00
Rosslyn Chapel Trust	Rosslyn Chapel Trust	S14	To buy and install a bespoke display case in the visitor centre for this purpose of displaying objects and items such as historic guidebooks, postcards and souvenirs, as well as more recent items reflecting the Chapel's role in the book and film The Da Vinci Code,	8,039.09
Stewart Contracts (Scotland) Ltd T/A Pentland Pods	Stewart Contracts (Scotland) Ltd T/A Pentland Pods	S14	To expand the business through purchase of an additional luxury accommodation pod and to employ staff to service the pods.	9,375.00
The Energy Training Academy	The Energy Training Academy	S22	To part fund the development of the Heat Networks Suite, a modern conference suite within The Energy Training Academy in Dalkeith	15,000.00
The Turing Trust	The Turing Trust	S19 S22	Turing Trust is a charity based in Loanhead that enables IT supported learning by reusing computers in classrooms globally.	24,672.75
Midlothian Tourism Forum	Midlothian Tourism Forum	S19	Midlothian Tourism Forum, a business led tourism association, will use the funding	9,592.00

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			to commission Napier University's 3-day Destination Development & Leadership Course for a Midlothian group of MTF member businesses	
The Turing Trust	The Turing Trust	S24	To create a new position of an International Sales Executive and fund the post for the initial 3 months.	6,000.00
Fifth House Design Ltd	Fifth House Design Ltd	S24	To export Fifth House's specialised marketing services to the Dubai market. Funds to cover the costs associated with developing relationships and launching tailored marketing services.	5,796.13
Rosslyn Chapel Trust	Rosslyn Chapel Trust	S14	To help develop the understanding of people who have visited the Edinburgh area in this period, but not visited the Chapel and trial a digital marketing campaign with Reach media group to attract local residents to visit.	12,475.00
Midlothian Tourism Forum	Midlothian Tourism Forum	S19	This is a research project proposal led by MTF to scope out the needs and wants of the varied community enterprises and groups within the Midlothian area, to explore with them their tourism offering and establish a plan for helping them to gain benefit from the tourism visitor	3000.00

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			market and integrating them into the overall tourism destination message for Midlothian.	
Buildu	Buildu Scotland	S22	The project creates a new social enterprise and a Renewable Energy and Construction training space.	33,323.24
LASC Childcare Services Ltd	LASC Childcare Services Ltd	S22	The funding will support the creation of a short promotion film to enhance their offer and development of marketing strategy	3,669.80
Prana Fitness CIC	Prana Fitness CIC	S22	The funding will support the purchase and installation of judo mats at a new community hub being established	15,121.13
Betabugs Ltd	BetaBugs Ltd	S24	The project will produce an export feasibility study to inform the growth strategy for 2025 – 2028 ensuring sustainable growth outside of the USA, enhancing global market position through entry to new markets from 2025	6,334.25
Secret Garden Distillery Ltd	Secret Garden Distillery Ltd	S24	The project will support the requirements to make Gin Still operational for new product range	6,334.25
Common Coffee Ltd	Common Coffee Ltd	S24	The funding offers an opportunity to showcase their groundbreaking, high end instant product as well as their other coffee products at the World of Coffee trade	6,043.47

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			show. Currently, not trading with any Middle Eastern wholesaler or consumer, so this would be an entirely new market along with the hotel industry.	
Inclusive Play (UK) Ltd	Inclusive Play (UK) Ltd	S24	Feasibility studies and trade show scoping visit	6,334.25
Rosslyn Chapel Trust	Rosslyn Chapel Trust	S14	The funding will enable Rosslyn Chapel to develop new functionality on the website to host online exhibitions. This would be a permanent feature for the website, they anticipate adding 3-4 different exhibitions each year. The Chapel's website is an important means of communication and is used to attract visitors, process bookings, manage the online shop and promote visits to other local sites.	5,000.00
Midlothian Tourism Forum	Midlothian Tourism Forum	S14	The project is the development of a dynamic new treasure trail app with a route being an interactive Dalkeith town trail plus also the plan to support a variety of new thematic trail content within Midlothian for visitor engagement and promotional purposes	10,008.66
Energy Training Academy	Energy Training Academy	S19	Management costs - Green Skills Programme	25,011.00

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The Bubbling Toad	The Bubbling Toad Ltd	S14	New business development at Vogrie House	10,008.66
Fifth House Design Ltd	Fifth House Design Ltd	S14	Commissioned to produce a series of engaging Tourism Marketing Videos to highlight various attractions in Midlothian. The videos will promote the region's tourism, cultural heritage, and natural beauty, highlighting the region's unique offerings to engage and inspire potential visitors to explore the region.	24,800.00
Capital City Partnership – Net Zero Accelerator Hub and Midlothian Council	Net Zero Accelerator Hub	S11	NetZero Accelerator Hub (NZAH) - led by West Lothian College on behalf of all four Colleges. The study will complete skills mapping as well as supply and demand analysis based on expected NetZero activity. The project will complete by 31st July 2024.	18,775.00
Capital City Partnership – Climate Risk and Opportunity Assessment and Midlothian Council	Climate Risk and Opportunity Assessment	S11	Climate Risk & Opportunity Assessment (CROA) - led by Sniffer. The assessment will provide evidence of climate risk, provide an economic assessment of risk and undertake extensive public engagement. The findings will enable the 6 local authorities to identify local priority actions to address climate risk.	51,000.00

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Midlothian Council - Place Directorate - National Cycle Network route 196	NCN R196 Rosewell to Auchendinny	S2	The project aims to replace and improve the cycle path between Rosewell and Auchendinny in Midlothian, National Cycle Network route 196 (NCN R196).	141,489.00
Midlothian Council and Capital City Partnership – Visitor Economy & Culture	City Deal Visitor Economy	S11	The Visitor Economy & Culture project includes a DDI-led Approach to Visitor Economy Destination Management, supporting and promoting the region’s cultural assets, the development of a Cycling Tourism Strategic Vision Framework and Regional Cycling Tourism Feasibility Study and the development of a Strategic Regional Cruise Management Plan.	30,500.00
Midlothian Council and Capital City Partnership – Regional Energy Masterplan	City Deal REM - Regional Energy Masterplan	S13	The Regional Energy Masterplan is a collaborative project that has a number of different components including a data sharing agreement between six local authorities, a regional GIS conceptual model, an Archetype classification, definition, and codification and Skills (supply and demand) requirements within this sector.	30,500.00
Midlothian Council - Education- Multiply for 16 plus	Education – Multiply for 16 plus	S42	Schools are to provide additional support for 16+ with maths confidence and qualifications.	140,012.00

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			This will include tutoring, masterclasses and drop-in classes	
Midlothian Council - Millerhill Hub	Millerhill Hub	S2	Upgrade & install fire doors & upgrade kitchen	55,165.00
Midlothian Council - Hawthorn Family Learning Centre	Midlothian Council - Children's services Secret Garden	S2	To develop a piece of land opposite the community room where groups and supervised family times take place. It will become a nurturing outdoor space to meet the needs of their community families.	8000.00
Midlothian Council - Hawthorn Family Learning Centre	Midlothian Council - Children's Services - Family Wellbeing	S9 S40	To run a "Food and Family Learning Event" from Challenge Poverty Week on a monthly basis.	4,190.00
Midlothian Council -Place Directorate – Road Services- Gorebridge signs	Gorebridge signs	S2	Installation of Welcome to Gorebridge signs	7,591.00
Midlothian Council - Place Directorate and Vogrie Country Park	Vogrie Country Park improvements	S2	Install car park barrier and signage.	70,000.00
Midlothian Council - Place Directorate	Midlothian Bin Improvement programme	S2	Deliver Bin Improvement programme	40,000.00
Midlothian Council - Place Directorate	Midlothian Bus Stop Improvement programme	S2	Deliver Bus stop Improvement programme	50,000.00
Midlothian Council - CLLE	Penicuik Town Hall feasibility study	S11	Feasibility study, scoping and design for a lift to all floors	82,000.00

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Outputs and Outcomes

The tables below show the indicative forecast figures against the actual figures reported to date with associated RAG ratings until December 2024 across the whole of the 2022-25 UKSPF programme.

It should be noted that changes were made to the criteria of the Multiply Investment Priority at the end of Year 2 (2023/4). The age requirement to be eligible was reduced from 19+ years to 16+ years to reflect the school leaving age in Scotland. This has had a significant impact on the number of clients that were able to participate in Multiply activity and has to date resulted in Red RAG ratings for both outputs and outcomes. However significant changes have now been made to the delivery of Multiply activity and the expectation is that we are likely to have Amber ratings by the end of the programme. It is possible that we will have a Green rating for outputs by the end of March 2025. However, as a number of the Maths qualifications are not completed before the end of the UKSPF programme, there will be a time lag in obtaining results and the number of outputs will not convert into positive outcomes. The delivery of Multiply has been a problem Scotland wide and not just within Midlothian.

The People and Skills Investment Priority addresses employability matters and although the outputs reflect a Green RAG rating, the outcomes are only rated Amber. Several projects have highlighted that their clients have been much further down the employability pipeline than expected with many facing multiple barriers to employment. The outputs highlight the amount of activity taking place to assist clients but, due to the increased intensive nature of support required, it has not yet converted into positive job outcomes.

One of the most notable points from these tables is the much higher than predicted figures for both outputs and outcomes under the Communities and Place Investment Priority. One of the main reasons is as a result of the higher-than-expected numbers of people engaging with interventions associated with the cost-of-living crisis. There was a clear need for this type of activity in Midlothian but the scale of demand for it has surpassed all expectations. In addition, the number of volunteering opportunities created by some Development Trusts has been higher than expected especially those associated with developing and running local pantries.

The overall UKSPF 2022-25 programme is on track to deliver within budget, having disbursed the full Midlothian allocation of funding to local projects, and positively against the indicative outputs and outcomes. The final programme figures will be available when the end of year report has been completed for UK Government in early summer.

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Year 1-3 2022-2025	YTD Cumulative 3 Years April 2022 - December 2024			
Outputs	Totals			RAG Rating
	3 Year Total Forecast	YTD-Cumulative	YTD-Cum'/3Yr Total %	YTD-Cumulative
Investment Priorities				
Communities & Place	9,860	17,433	177	
Local Business	338	359	106	
People & Skills	4,540	4,651	102	
Multiply	1,545	346	22	
Full Fund Total	16,283	22,789	140	

Year 1-3 2022-2025	YTD Cumulative 3 Years April 2022 - December 2024			
Outcomes	Totals			RAG Rating
	3 Year Total Forecast	YTD-Cumulative	YTD-Cum'/3Yr Total %	YTD-Cumulative
Investment Priorities				
Communities & Place	8,726	18,416	211	
Local Business	161	194	120	
People & Skills	1,443	694	48	
Multiply	1,111	117	11	
Full Fund Total	11,441	19,421	170	