# **Rural England Prosperity Fund**

# **Grant Application Form**

## Please email completed applications to economic.development@stroud.gov.uk

# Please refer to the Guidance Notes document when completing your application. Further information is available at www.stroud.gov.uk/REPF

Please note – we are not able to assess applications which exceed the word allowances.

## **Section 1 - Project Overview**

### All applicants must complete this section.

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| **Project Title:** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Application Organisation:** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Type of Organisation** (business, charity etc.): | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Company / Charity No.** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Application Address:** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Project Location Post Code:** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Primary Contact Name:** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Primary Contact Job Title:** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Email Address:** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Website address:** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Telephone Number:** | Click or tap here to enter text. |

## **Project Summary**

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| Please give a brief summary of your project: (50 words max.)  Click or tap here to enter text. |

## **Project Details & Delivery**

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| Please describe the following: (1000 words max.)   * Your proposed project and its objectives * How the project will be managed and implemented, with a timeline or delivery plan * How you will spend the funds * What the main challenges and risks are for your project   Click or tap here to enter text. |

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| Does your project require planning permission or other consents?\* | Choose an item. |
| If yes, have they been secured?\*\* If so, please confirm the planning reference number | Choose an item.  Click or tap here to enter text. |

\*\*if your project requires planning permission we are unable to assess your application until this is in place.

### **Section 2 - Rural Businesses**

### Please only complete if relevant for your business or organisation.

### Community-focused projects should complete section 3.

Please select the relevant category for your project:

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| For small scale investment in micro and small enterprises  Including (but not limited to) funding for net zero infrastructure, farm diversification, rural leisure & tourism businesses, innovation activities, pet & equine facilities, food processing / production |  |
| For growing the local social economy and supporting innovation (UKREPF E26)  Including (but not limited to) funding for community businesses, cooperatives, social enterprises, research & development sites, business hubs, community shops, infrastructure such as broadband & EV charging points |  |
| For the development and promotion of the visitor economy (UKREPF E17)  Including (but not limited to) funding for local attractions, trails, tourism products |  |

## **Impacts of the grant on your business:**

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| Please describe: (500 words max.)   * How your project will benefit your business and the local economy:   Click or tap here to enter text. |

### **Section 3 - Rural Communities**

### Please only complete this section if you are applying for a community-focused project.

Please select the relevant category for your project:

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| Funding for investment and support for digital infrastructure for local community facilties (UKREPF E15)  Including (but not limited to) funding for gigabit capable infrastructure at village halls, pubs, post offices |  |
| Funding for investment in capacity building and infrastructure support for local civil society and community groups (UKREPF E11)  Including (but not limited to) funding for provision of net zero infrastructure for communities and to support rural tourism, e.g. EV charging points, community energy schemes, community kitchens to support food entrepreneurs |  |
| Funding for creation of and improvements to local rural green spaces (UKREPF E3)  Including (but not limited to) funding for community gardens, green spaces, watercourses, embankments, greening of streets and paths, incorporating natural features into public spaces |  |
| Funding for existing cultural, historic and heritage institutions which make up the local cultural heritage offer (UKREPF E4)  Including (but not limited to) funding to develop, restore or refurbish local natural, cultural and heritage assets and sites, improving visitor experience and accessibility of these assets e.g. wheelchair ramps, step free access, all terrain wheelchairs |  |
| Funding for local arts, cultural, heritage and creative activities (UKREPF E6)  Including (but not limited to) funding for provision of maker spaces, local art galleries, museums, libraries for altering premises, providing exhibition spaces. To enable cultural, heritage and creative events |  |
| Funding for active travel enhancements in the local area (UKREPF E7)  Including (but not limited to) funding for creation of new footpaths and cycle paths, upgrading existing footpaths and cycle paths particularly in areas of health need |  |
| Funding for rural circular economy projects  Including (but not limited to) funding for enabling, enhancing or setting up community-led repair cafes / mend workshops e.g. provision of premises, tools or equipment to support |  |
| Funding for impactful volunteering and social action projects to develop social and human capital in local places (UKREPF E9)  Including (but not limited to) funding to enable people to develop volunteering and social action projects locally, e.g. purchase of equipment, improvements to premises |  |

## **Impacts of the grant on rural communities:**

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| Please describe: (500 words max.)   * How your project will strengthen the rural economy and / or your rural community * The evidence of the need or demand for your project   Click or tap here to enter text. |

### **Section 4 – Outputs & Outcomes**

### All applicants to complete this section.

The outcomes and outputs are the way in which the Government measures the value-for-money of the rural grants. These must be realistic and achievable as they will be detailed on your grant agreement and you will be required to report on your progress achieving them.

Please select which outcomes your project will meet, and quantify this by providing the relevant number in the right-hand column:

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| **Outcomes** | **Tick** | **Total** (number) |
| Number of businesses supported |  |  |
| Number of farm businesses supported |  |  |
| Number of farm diversification projects supported |  |  |
| Number of micro businesses supported |  |  |
| Number of organisations receiving grants |  |  |
| Number of facilities supported/created or installed |  |  |
| Number of EV charging points |  |  |
| Number of visitors or locals using charging points |  |  |
| Number of community energy projects funded |  | . |
| Number of rehabilitated premises |  |  |
| Amount of land made wheelchair accessible/step free (m2) |  |  |
| Amount of public realm created or improved (m2) |  |  |
| Amount of green or blue space created or improved (m2) |  |  |
| Number of tourism/culture or heritage assets created or improved |  |  |
| Number of potential entrepreneurs assisted to be enterprise ready |  |  |
| Number of events/participatory programmes |  |  |
| Total length of new or improved cycle ways or footpaths (km) |  |  |
| Number of new or improved cycle ways or footpaths |  |  |
| Number of people reached |  |  |
| Number of projects successfully completed |  |  |

Please select which outputs your project will meet, and quantify this by providing the relevant number in the right-hand column:

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| **Outputs** | **Tick** | **Total** (number) |
| Jobs created as a result of support (FTE) |  |  |
| Jobs safeguarded as a result of support (FTE) |  |  |
| Number of new enterprises created as a result of support |  |  |
| Increased number of enterprises supported |  |  |
| Number of enterprises adopting new to the firm technologies or processes |  |  |
| Number of enterprises with improved productivity |  |  |
| Number of enterprises experiencing growth |  |  |
| Number of enterprises increasing their export capability |  |  |
| Number of enterprises increasing their turnover |  | . |
| Increased users of facilities or amenities (baseline required) |  |  |
| Improved perception of facility or infrastructure project (number of users reporting) (baseline required) |  |  |
| Improved perception of facilities/amenities (number of people reporting) (baseline required) |  |  |
| Improved perceived/experienced accessibility (Number of people reporting) (baseline required) |  |  |
| Increased footfall (baseline required) |  |  |
| Increased visitor numbers (baseline required) |  |  |
| Increased use of cycleways or footpaths (number of cyclists or pedestrians) (baseline required) |  |  |
| Improved engagement numbers (number of people)  (baseline required) |  |  |
| Number of community led arts/cultural/heritage and creative programmes as a result of support |  |  |
| Improved perception of events (number of people reporting)  (baseline required) |  |  |
| Number of community-led programmes as a result of support |  |  |
| Number of volunteering opportunities created as a result of support (number of volunteering roles created) |  |  |

## **Section 4 – Nature Recovery & Net Zero**

### All applicants to complete this section.

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| Please indicate if your project contributes to the following, and if so, please describe how:  (500 words max.)   * The UK’s commitment to cut greenhouse gas emissions to net zero by 2050 * Wider environmental considerations, such as resilience to natural hazards * The commitments set out in the Government’s [25 Year Environment Plan](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/25-year-environment-plan/25-year-environment-plan-our-targets-at-a-glance)   Click or tap here to enter text. |

## **Section 5 – Value for Money / Added Value**

### All applicants to complete this section.

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| Please describe: (500 words max.)   * How you will ensure that your project is cost effective * Why you believe your project should receive public funding * What would happen without the grant?   Click or tap here to enter text. |

## **Section 6 – Match Funding**

#### All applicants to complete this section.

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| Projects are required to have 60% match funding to receive a REPF grant, except in special circumstances. Please answer the following: (100 words max.)  * Does your project have 60% match funding secured? If yes, please provide details * If no, please explain why you are unable to fund your project by any other means   Click or tap here to enter text. |

## **Section 7 – Declarations**

### All applicants to complete this section.

Please use the table below to declare any public sector funding you have received within the previous three years:

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| **Date awarded:** | **Amount received:** | **Name of funding body:** |
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| **By ticking this box, you confirm you have not received funding from the following:**  The Farming in Protected Landscapes Programme (DEFRA), The Farming Investment Fund  The Farming Equipment or Technology Fund (DEFRA) or  The Platinum Jubilee Village Hall improvements Grant (DEFRA) |  |

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| Total amount of grant funding being applied for: | 2024-25 £Click or tap here to enter text. |

### **Expenditure Profile Plan**

Please list the capital items the grant will be spent on:

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| Item | Have 3 quotes been obtained | Total (not incl. VAT) |
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| TOTAL (not incl. VAT): | | £Click or tap here to enter text. |

### **Final Declarations**

By ticking this box, you confirm you are able to provide auditable evidence of three quotes for each item the grant will be spent on.

By ticking this box, you confirm that you will complete monitoring and evaluation paperwork as required by Central Government, as well as providing evidence of outcome achieved. (This to be completed with requirements.)

By ticking this box, you confirm that you understand that REPF grants are paid in arrears, on our receipt of confirmation of spend.

By ticking this box, you confirm all information provided is to the best of your knowledge.

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| Name: | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Signature: | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Date: | Click or tap here to enter text. |