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Community Support Grants 2025-2026

Introductory Workshop

11th April 2025

UKSPF Community Support Grants – 2025-2026

Housekeeping

- Please mute microphones
- Use the chat function to submit questions during the session

Welcome & Introductions

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UKSPF Community Support Grants – 2025-2026

- 1. Essential Skills**
- 2. Venues and Spaces**
- 3. Community Engagement**
- 4. Winter Support**



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UKSPF Community Support Grant – Essential Skills

- The minimum grant available is £10,000
- The maximum grant available is £25,000

Focus areas are

- ESOL
- Digital Skills
- Numeracy

Recognising that delivery in the community is key to helping improve the take up.



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UKSPF Community Support Grant - Essential Skills

- This funding can be used to contribute to:
 - the salary costs of colleagues involved in project delivery, management and administration
 - volunteers' expenses
 - digital and IT equipment required to support delivery of project activities* (up to a maximum of £2,499)
 - other materials and resources required for delivery of the activities (up to a maximum of £2,499)

** Organisations that were previously awarded a UKSPF Digital Capital Grant by Nottingham City Council are not able to include any digital or IT equipment in their application for this grant.*

- Funding may not be used to incentivise attendance at the activities or to contribute to the costs of participants accessing the provision.



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UKSPF Community Support Grant - Essential Skills

Eligible Projects

We are looking to fund initiatives that:

1. Expand access to ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) classes, with a focus on conversational sessions that lead to increased referrals for further ESOL provision.
2. Enhance digital access and skills, ensuring more people can confidently use technology and progress into formal digital skills training.
3. Provide non-accredited numeracy training, supporting individuals in developing practical maths skills and encouraging progression into accredited courses.
4. Help participants to develop other skills which would help to reduce isolation or exclusion and to progress into employment



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UKSPF Community Support Grant - Essential Skills

Outputs Indicator
Number of people participating in adult numeracy provision
Number of adults participating in maths qualifications and courses up to, and including, Level 2 equivalent
Number of people supported to access basic skills courses
Number of people supported to participate in education

Outcomes Indicator
Number of people with basic skills following support
People gaining a qualification or completing a course following support
Number of adults achieving maths qualifications up to, and including, Level 2 equivalent
Number of people in education/training following support
Jobs created as a result of support (in your organisation)
Jobs safeguarded as a result of support (in your organisation)



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UKSPF Community Support Grant - Essential Skills

Timeframes

- Open to applications **until 23:59 on Monday 5th May 2025**.
- Notification of bid will be within two week of application deadline.
- **Payment of Grant**
- 50% of grant will be paid after receiving the signed grant agreement in June 2025 (covering June – October 2025 delivery). Subject to satisfactory performance the remain 50% will be paid in November (covering November 2025 – March 2026 delivery).
- Payment made to successful bids within 10 days of a Grant Agreement being signed.
- All projects funded through the Scheme **must be** fully completed and all grant funding **spent** by applicants by 31st March 2026.



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UKSPF Community Support Grant - Venues and Spaces

- The minimum grant available is £10,000
- The maximum grant available is £24,999

This funding can be used to contribute to:

- The funding available to organisations through this grant scheme is **capital** funding. This funding can only be used to cover the costs of construction (including professional fees associated with construction) and for large items of equipment. It cannot be used to contribute to the costs of delivering events and activities that may be held at the venues once the improvements have been made.
- For purchases between £2,500 - £24,999, three written quotes or prices must be sought from relevant suppliers of goods, works and / or services.



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UKSPF Community Support Grant - Venues and Spaces

Eligible Projects

We are looking to fund initiatives that:

- Improving space within existing venue (e.g. kitchen area, meeting space) to allow new or additional community engagement activities to be delivered
- Create new, or improve existing, outdoor space which could be used to deliver community engagement activities. (e.g. community garden)



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UKSPF Community Support Grant - Venues and Spaces

Outputs Indicator

Number of low or zero carbon energy infrastructure installed

Amount of green or blue space created or improved

Number of amenities/facilities created or improved

Number of volunteering opportunities supported

Outcomes Indicator

Increased users of facilities/amenities

Number of volunteering opportunities created

Jobs safeguarded as a result of support

Jobs created as a result of support



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UKSPF Community Support Grant - Venues and Spaces

Timeframes

- Open to applications **until 23:59 on Wednesday 21st May 2025.**
- Notification of bid will be within two week of application deadline and payment made to successful bids within 10 days of a Grant being signed.
- All projects funded through the Scheme **must be** fully completed and all grant funding **spent** by applicants by 31st December 2025.

Payment of Grant

- Successful applicants will be issued a Grant Agreement. Once this has been countersigned, the payment of the grants will be approved. Payments will be made upon receipt of invoices for works or equipment, being sent to NCC.
- Payment of grant funds to support cash-flow can be considered if it is included as part of the application



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UKSPF Community Support Grant – Community Engagement

- The minimum grant available is £5,000
- The maximum grant available is £10,000

All events and activities supported using this grant must be:

- free to all (i.e. no entry or admission fees)
- accessible to all (i.e. entry is not limited to members of a particular organisation or group)

UKSPF Community Support Grant – Community Engagement

- This funding can be used to contribute to:
 - the salary costs of colleagues involved in the delivery of the events and activities and / or in the management, administration and reporting associated with this grant.
 - volunteers' expenses
 - costs of marketing and promotion of the events and activities
 - Other costs associated with the delivery of the events and activities*

**Organisations that were previously awarded a UKSPF Creative, Cultural and Heritage Capital Grant by Nottingham City Council are not able to use this grant to purchase any equipment which costs more than £2,499*

- *Please note – this grant scheme is not focused on events and activities whose primary aim is to support residents with reducing the burden of the increased cost of living. A separate UKSPF funded grant scheme with this focus will be launched by Nottingham City Council later this year.*



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UKSPF Community Support Grant – Community Engagement

Eligible Projects

We are looking to fund initiatives that:

- increase the number of people engaging in community events and activities
- celebrate the heritage of the City
- encourage people to engage in creative activities
- promote and celebrate the City's diverse cultures
- encourage community cohesion
- aim to engage the most vulnerable in our communities and those who feel excluded or isolated due to their labour market status, age, gender, ethnicity, health or sexuality.
- increase the use of community facilities and amenities
- create local volunteering opportunities



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UKSPF Community Support Grant – Community Engagement

Outputs Indicator

Number of local events or activities supported

Number of people reached

Number of volunteering opportunities supported

Outcomes Indicator

Increased users of facilities/amenities

Improved engagement numbers

Number of community-led arts, cultural, heritage and creative programmes as a result of support

Number of volunteering opportunities created

Jobs created as a result of support (in your organisation)

Jobs safeguarded as a result of support (in your organisation)



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UKSPF Community Support Grant – Community Engagement

Timeframes

- Open to applications **until 23:59 on Sunday 8th June 2025**
- Notification of bid will be within two week of application deadline and payment made to successful bids within 10 days of a Grant being signed.
- All projects funded through the Scheme **must be** fully completed and all grant funding **spent** by applicants by 31st March 2026.

Payment of Grant

- Successful applicants will be issued a Grant Agreement. Once this has been countersigned, the payment of the grants will be approved. You will not be required to send invoices for this Grant.
- 50% of grant will be paid after receiving the signed grant agreement in July 2025 (covering July – November 2025 delivery). Subject to satisfactory performance the remain 50% will be paid in December (covering December 2025 – March 2026 delivery).



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UKSPF Community Support Grant – Winter Support

- The minimum grant available is £5,000
- The maximum grant available is £10,000

Focus - Supporting households with reducing the burden of the increased cost of living

Timescales – Application process open in August /September

Payment – 100% upfront in October



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Help and Support

- If you would like to discuss the general eligibility of your proposal, prior to submitting an application, please contact the Nottingham City Council UKSPF Team at ukspf@nottinghamcity.gov.uk

Frequently Asked Questions

- An FAQ document will be added to the UKSPF website



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