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Nottingham City Council UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) Programme 2022 - 2026



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FOREWORD

“It gives me great pride to introduce this report on Nottingham’s UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) Programme, which outlines the progress we’ve made from 2022 to 2026 in supporting our communities, businesses, and residents.

The UKSPF has enabled us to invest in our city, its people, places and businesses. From revitalising neighbourhoods and enhancing green spaces to supporting local businesses and empowering residents with new skills, this programme has been a catalyst for positive change. Targeted support uplifts communities, creates opportunities, and fosters a sense of pride and belonging.

This report not only celebrates the achievements of the past three years but also sets out our vision for the final year of the programme. With an additional £4.6 million secured, we are committed to building on our successes—supporting inclusive growth, tackling the cost of living, and ensuring Nottingham continues to thrive as a vibrant, resilient, and forward-looking city.

I would like to thank to all the organisations, businesses and individuals who have contributed to this programme. Your dedication and collaboration have been instrumental in delivering real, lasting impact across Nottingham.

Together, we are shaping a city that works for everyone.”

Nottingham's UKSPF programme

In October 2022, Nottingham City Council was allocated £8.6 million from the UK Government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) to deliver a wide-ranging programme of projects, initiatives, and activities designed to support the city's residents, communities, and businesses.

Nottingham's UKSPF programme was built around six key themes across the three UKSPF strands (Communities and Place, Supporting Local Businesses and People and Skills). These were:

1. Developing Nottingham's communities – including targeted employment support
2. Enhancing the city centre and neighbourhoods
3. Boosting the visitor economy
4. Attracting inward investment
5. Supporting business growth
6. Developing local skills – with a focus on digital and green skills

Each theme was shaped by the city's wider ambition to become carbon neutral and its ongoing commitment to diversity and inclusion.

The initial programme was delivered from October 2022 until March 2025. In April 2026, Nottingham City Council secured an additional £4.6 million in UKSPF funding to extend the programme into a fourth year.

This update provides a summary of how the funding has been invested so far, including examples of the projects and schemes that have been delivered and the impact these have had across the city.

It also outlines our plans for the final year of the programme.



AyUp Market in Old Market Square



New decking at the St Ann's Advice Centre

How has the funding been spent so far?

The majority of the first three years' UKSPF funding was allocated as grants to local organisations and businesses, enabling them to deliver many of the 35+ projects and schemes that formed Nottingham City Council's UKSPF programme. A selection of these initiatives are showcased in the following pages.

The table below provides a breakdown of total 2022-2025 expenditure by UKSPF strand.

In addition to the £8.6m of Government funds, many of the organisations and businesses that received grants also contributed their own resources to support the delivery of the programme.

In total, an additional £2,851,000 in 'match' funding was secured to help deliver our UKSPF projects and initiatives

UKSPF Intervention/Strand	2022-25 Expenditure	% of 2022-25 allocation used
Communities and Place	£2,510,000	30%
Supporting Local Businesses	£2,943,000	34%
People and Skills	£3,131,000	36%
Programme Total	£8,584,000	100%



Nottingham Light Night



Theme 1

Developing Nottingham's communities

Community Development was part of Nottingham City Council's UKSPF programme, focusing on the investment priorities of People and Skills and Communities and Place.

The council invited applications from organisations whose work supported the development of Nottingham's communities and residents. Projects delivered by these organisations aimed to:

- Strengthen Nottingham's social fabric and promote social inclusion
- Reduce social deprivation and the cost of living
- Encourage social mobility and improve neighbourhood infrastructure
- Deliver life, vocational, financial, and personal development skills
- Engage economically inactive residents in regeneration and economic growth
- Support Nottingham's ambition to become a carbon neutral city by 2028.

The funding delivered tangible improvements in local communities, helping residents feel more connected, proud, and invested in Nottingham.

“When I first met the team, I wanted to work but lacked confidence and didn't know where to start. Being invited to the hub made me feel comfortable—it was local and supportive. With help on job applications, mock interviews, and financial advice, my confidence grew. I joined job club, made friends, and felt part of something. Eventually, I got a job, and I still come to the hub. Now I'm even thinking about increasing my hours.”

Evolve CIC client



**Employment Support Workshop
run by Evolve CIC**

Supporting Nottingham's communities

235,000	people reached by UKSPF funded activities
650	local events and activities supported
18	community-led arts, cultural, heritage and creative programmes supported
8,170	households receiving support to reduce the burden of the increased cost of living
3,660	households supported to take up energy efficiency measures
23	neighbourhood improvements undertaken
71	facilities or buildings improved
1,358	volunteering opportunities supported



Rainbow Road. Broad Street, Nottingham



Notts Pride

Cultural, Heritage and Creative Grant

The Cultural, Heritage, and Creative Capital (CHC) Grant supported 18 organisations across Nottingham, enabling the development and growth of a wide range of cultural, heritage, and creative projects.

Among the highlights are the Hockley Hustle, one of the city's most cherished music and arts festivals, and the open-air film screenings organised by Lakeside Arts, which have expanded access to cultural experiences in outdoor community spaces.

These initiatives have not only contributed to the vibrancy of Nottingham's cultural life but also promoted inclusivity, creativity, and a stronger sense of community.



39,000+	people engaged on Cultural, Heritage and Creative programmes
18	community-led arts, cultural, heritage and creative programmes as a result of support

Winter Support Grant

Nottingham has faced considerable economic challenges due to the rising cost of living and energy prices. In response, Nottingham City Council used its UKSPF to launch the Winter Support Grant, which aimed to ease financial pressures on households.

The grant, delivered in two parts, focused on helping families cope with the cost of living and encouraging energy efficiency.

In total 15 organisations were supported to deliver vital services such as warm hubs, emergency food parcels, energy-saving workshops, and the distribution of energy efficient appliances like air fryers and slow cookers.

These initiatives have provided practical assistance to vulnerable households across Nottingham during the winter months.

15	community organisations across Nottingham supported to help city households reduce their cost of living
4,072	number of households receiving support
696	number of households supported to take energy efficiency measures and receiving energy saving products (air fryers, light bulbs etc) to increase their take up of energy efficiency measures



Crowdfund Nottingham

Nottingham City Council, in partnership with crowdfunding platform Spacehive, launched an initiative to empower local residents to fundraise for capital projects aimed at boosting community development and employment support.

Using capital funding from the UKSPF, the council matched contributions raised on Spacehive to support improvements to venues, facilities, and engagement activities that help economically inactive and long-term unemployed residents.

The Crowdfund Nottingham program successfully supported 15 organisations across the city, resulting in the creation of new equipment, buildings, and community spaces. In total, these projects raised £167,758, including matched funding, from the council.



Rehearsal space at Nottingham Arts Theatre



Classes at Sneinton Amateur Boxing Club

15	local community groups raised money for their projects in Nottingham, creating new community equipment, buildings and spaces
£167,758	raised overall (including Nottingham City Council's contributions)
4,556	number of people reached
841	the number of individuals who report their perception of facilities/amenities as good or very good (after works had been completed)
289	number of volunteering opportunities supported
11	jobs safeguarded as a result of support

Supporting progression to employment

The 13 organisations below received UKSPF grants to work across Nottingham to strengthen communities and support economically inactive and long-term unemployed residents to improve their employability, life and personal skills.

Several of these organisations' projects also contributed to neighbourhood development, social inclusion, and community pride. Collectively, these projects helped support Nottingham's goal of creating a more connected, skilled, and resilient city.

Access Training
Bestwood Partnership
Evolve
Framework Housing
Futures
Nottingham City Council
Housing Services

Places for People
The King's Trust
Renewal Trust
Second Chance Learning Academy
St Anns Advice
Transform Training
Volunteer It Yourself

"A' became involved with Transform after discovering the organisation through a social media group for Hong Kong nationals. They described the training as inspirational, helping them build communication skills, reflect on their career goals, and gain confidence for job interviews. Following the training, 'A' began volunteering with Transform's Breakaway Group, gaining valuable experience with SEN young people, which supported their successful application for a teaching assistant role. Transform also assisted in their job search and helped them feel more connected to the local community as an immigrant."

Transform Training client



Supporting Nottingham's residents

2,624	economically inactive and long-term unemployed people supported to engage in job-searching
2,308	economically inactive and long-term unemployed people receiving support to gain employment
1,313	people reporting increased employability through development of interpersonal skills
326	people progressing into employment, following support
1,099	people supported to access basic skills courses
2,748	people supported to engage in life skills
1,471	people gaining a qualification or completing a course following support
471	people in education or training following support



Theme 2

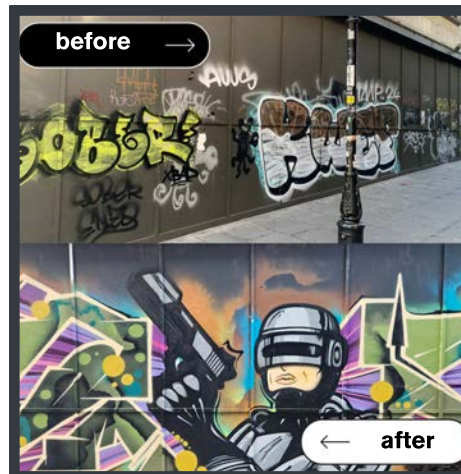
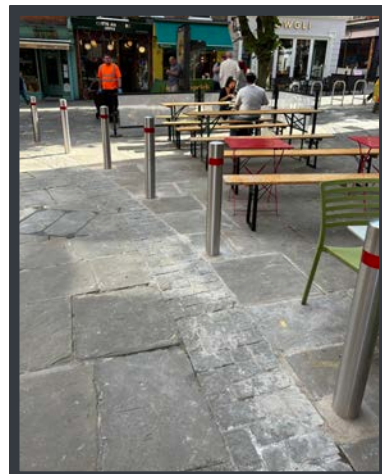
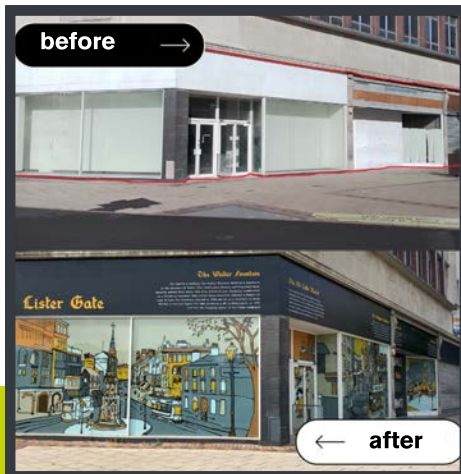
Enhancing the city centre and neighbourhoods

UKSPF funding was allocated to enhance Nottingham's city centre and neighbourhoods.

This significant investment has supported a wide range of improvements aimed at boosting local economies, enhancing public spaces, and encouraging community engagement.

Key areas that have seen the benefits of this funding include the historic Old Market Square, the vibrant Sneinton Market, the retail and pedestrian area of Lister Gate, the creative quarter of Hockley, and the culturally rich district of Canning Circus.

These enhancements range from infrastructure upgrades and street scene improvements to business support initiatives and community-led projects, all contributing to a more attractive and thriving urban environment for residents, visitors, and businesses alike.



Improving Nottingham's green spaces

UKSPF funding has been used to make improvements to parks and gardens across the city, including Bilborough Park and Peppers Gardens.

The Nottingham City Council Greenspace Development Service used UKSPF funds to improve and upgrade play equipment on several play areas across the city. It also funded the resurfacing of the play area facilities on Highfields Park, Sycamore Recreation Ground, Forest Recreation Ground and parts of Victoria Embankment.



Highfields Park



Bilborough Park



Highfields Park



before →



← after

Forest Recreation Ground

Improving Nottingham's leisure facilities

UKSPF funding has been used to create new outdoor spaces at two of the city's leisure centres, Clifton and Ken Martin.

Active Nottingham, part of Nottingham City Council's Sport and Leisure service, runs six community leisure centres focused on resident wellbeing. Thanks to USKPF funding, two new inclusive outdoor spaces have been created, expanding capacity for exercise classes, social groups, and partnerships with health services.

"Active Nottingham is thrilled to receive UKSPF funding to create welcoming, inclusive spaces at Ken Martin and Clifton Leisure Centres. These new areas offer a less intimidating entry point than traditional settings, helping to remove barriers for some visitors. Early feedback from staff, customers, and partners has been very positive. For instance, Ken Martin's Outdoor Cycle Track will host a family-friendly launch event for the children's swim book Notty's New Hat in May, while Clifton's outdoor space is being explored with Nottingham Trent University for future community engagement initiatives."

Claudia Russell, Inclusion and Physical Activity Officer

"The track has been a hugely welcomed initiative to the centre and it's been fantastic to see members of the public engage with the cycle track with their children. We look forward to welcoming a whole host of activities across the warmer months to continue to build on our offer to Ken Martin's customers."

Jamie Scothern, Assistant Manager at Ken Martin Leisure Centre



Cycle Track at Ken Martin Leisure Centre



Outdoor space at Clifton Leisure Centre



Bilborough Park improvements

Community projects

Nottingham City Council invested UKSPF funds to support community improvement projects across the city. The funding focuses on enhancing public spaces, tackling antisocial behaviour, and promoting local pride and cultural identity.

Key projects include:

- Hyson Green marketplace enhancements: collaborating with New Art Exchange and local artists, the area was revitalised with vibrant artworks celebrating community resilience and heritage.
- City centre artwork at the former McDonald's site: commissioned art was installed to improve the appearance of a key city location, deter vandalism, and uplift the area while awaiting redevelopment.

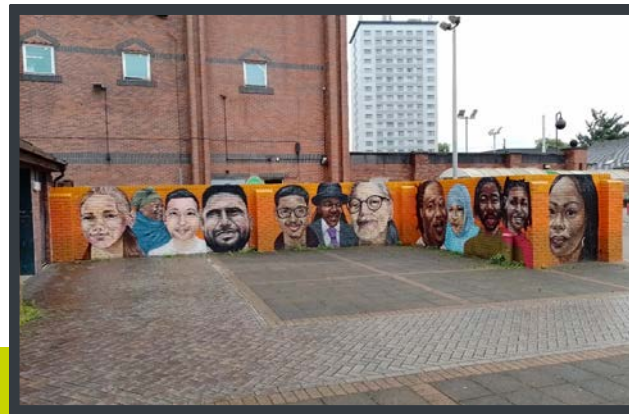
These initiatives aim to strengthen community connections and improve the quality of life for Nottingham residents.



Pride artwork on the wall of the Lord Robert public house



Hyson Green marketplace artwork



Hyson Green marketplace artwork



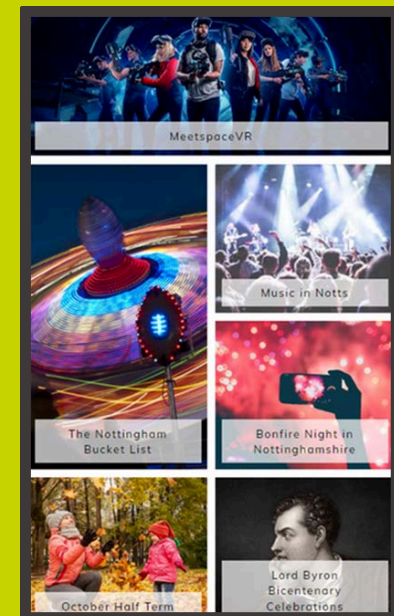
Theme 3

Boosting the visitor economy

Marketing Nottingham and Nottinghamshire (MNN) is the official Place Marketing Organisation for the region. It has received UKSPF funding over the past three years to:

- grow visitor numbers
- promote major events
- encourage more overnight stays
- extend our tourism season and encourage more seasonal breaks to the city.

229,000+	increased number of web searches
47	local events or activities supported
3,550	people reached



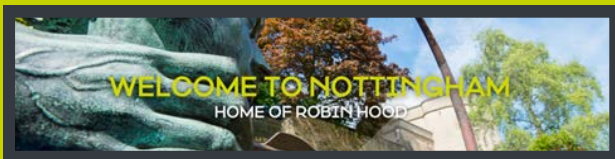
'Working with the Invest in Nottingham and Nottingham Partners teams has enabled us to engage key stakeholders within the local business community and bring forward the War Rooms site. Once planning is approved, the £30m development will bring a forgotten part of the Cold War era into the 21st century, providing affordable homes, a visitor attraction and a creative space for businesses to come together.'

CRAIG CAMERON, HAMILTON RUSSELL



"We've supported a company over the past year in developing a major city centre site. [...] The project is now on track, with planning permission nearly secured, helping unlock a £150m development."

MARKETING NOTTINGHAM and NOTTINGHAMSHIRE



Theme 4 Attracting Investment in to Nottingham

A key focus of the UKSPF programme was to support inward investment. This was recognized as crucial for creating jobs and prosperity in the city.

Marketing Nottingham and Nottinghamshire were awarded a grant to:

- promote Nottingham as a business and investment destination
- offer a range of free and impartial support services for businesses looking to relocate or expand within Nottingham.

300+	enterprises receiving non-financial support
1,080	jobs created as a result of support
£31.5m	increased amount of investment

Theme 5

Supporting business growth

Nottingham City Council is committed to supporting our city's business community. This is why we committed UKSPF funding to support local businesses to grow the city's economy and create new jobs.

We funded the provision of business advice through the Nottingham Growth Hub alongside a range of general and sector specific business support projects delivered by NBV Enterprise Solutions, Medilink Midlands, The University of Nottingham and Nottingham Trent University.

We also supported the city's two Universities to deliver specialist business growth programmes designed to develop the local social economy, attract new angel investment and allow businesses to access grants for research and development. We also funded a new Digital and Immersive Studio aimed at fostering a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship among Nottingham's digital and creative businesses.

634	businesses received advice and support
128	grants were awarded
224	potential entrepreneurs were assisted to develop their business ideas
111	jobs were safeguarded
79	jobs were created
44	new businesses were established



Medilink – Life-science businesses attending Medilink Midland's MeTap programme



NBV - providing pre-start and start-up business support to local entrepreneurs

Shop Front Improvement and Vacant Premises Grant

The Shop Front Improvement and Vacant Premises Grant was available to independent retail businesses and property owners in Nottingham city centre and neighbourhood shopping districts to improve their shop front or to bring vacant premises back into use.

The objective of the grant was to support traders and the local economy as well as improving the retail environment for shoppers, residents and visitors.

The grant had two aims:

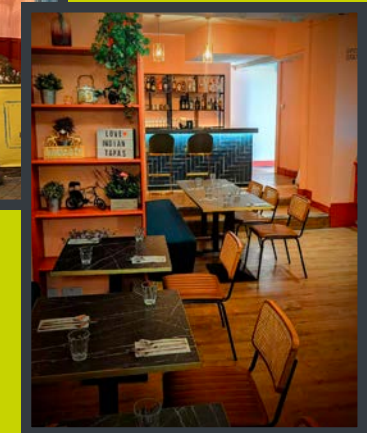
- improving the appearance of shop fronts and high streets to increase trade and footfall
- reducing the number of vacant shop units by assisting tenants and property owners to improve the function and appearance of empty shops in order to bring them back into commercialise.

The grant provided a maximum of 50% towards the total cost of the work up to a maximum of £5,000 for shop front improvements and £10,000 for vacant premises refurbishment

35	grants totalling £189,466 awarded
35	commercial premises refurbished or improved
5,121m2	of commercial space improved
83	jobs were created



Mansfield Road, Sherwood



Pelham Street, Nottingham

Business Decarbonisation Grant

Nottingham City Council is committed to delivering a clean, green economic future for our city and used some of our UKSPF funding to support our city economy to move towards this goal.

The Business Decarbonisation Grant's main objective was to support retail businesses in eligible areas of Nottingham to reduce their energy related costs whilst also seeking to reduce the city's carbon emissions. This will allow businesses to reduce their operating costs, improve their profitability and protect employment for residents of Nottingham.

The grant supported businesses to invest in carbon reduction technologies, products and services that directly improved the energy performance of their premises, reduced their energy consumption, reducing their costs and carbon emissions.

This grant was designed to allow businesses to invest in the short term for their longer-term sustainability and support the City Council and the UK government to achieve our net zero targets.

The grant supported up to 50% of the costs of installing carbon reduction measures up to a maximum grant per business of £5,000.

25	grants totalling £72,531 awarded
25	commercial premises made more energy efficient
52	tonnes of carbon saved
9,370m²	of zero carbon energy infrastructure installed



Solar panels at John E Wright



LED lighting and internal wall insulation at Blade Barbers

Business Growth Grant

The Business Growth Grant supported city businesses to access funding to help them to deliver growth and create new jobs. Its aim was to grow the local economy through new investment, supporting the expansion and diversification of existing businesses.

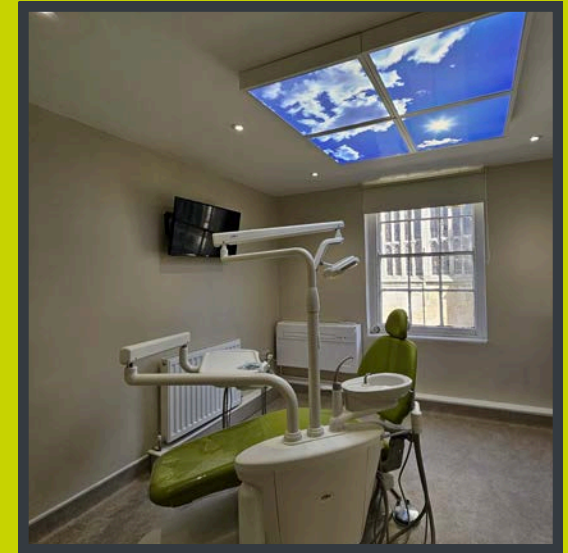
The grant supported businesses to exploit their existing offer or introduce new systems, software or other physical/intellectual items to grow their business, improve performance, raise productivity and increase skilled employment opportunities for residents of the city.

The grant provided a maximum of 50% towards the total cost of projects with the maximum grant that could be awarded of £10,000. The award of grants was tied to the creation of new employment within the business.

49	grants totaling £331,136 awarded
94	jobs created



CNC Machine at Contract Furniture Group



**Dental training facility at JDSP
Dental**



**Sofa samples at The House
Upstairs**

Supporting Nottingham's businesses

1,832	businesses receiving UKSPF funded support
1,460	jobs created
357	businesses and organisations received grants
237	potential entrepreneurs assisted to be enterprise ready
43	new enterprises created
22,000m²	of commercial space improved
47	low or zero carbon energy infrastructure installed
£32m	additional investment



Theme 6

Developing local skills

Green Skills

Nottingham College was awarded a grant to deliver a project that supported people to learn skills which would help them to progress into 'green' jobs and careers, including those relating to the maintenance of electric vehicles.

86	people receiving support to gain employment
35	people receiving support to gain a vocational licence



Nottingham College headquarters in Ruddington

"In one of our final UKSPF cohorts, we had a fantastic group of learners, similar in age and experience, all eager to gain a new qualification and secure employment. One learner stood out, expressing doubts during the induction about whether they could return to a learning environment. After several conversations and a supportive call with their father, they found the confidence to not only complete the course but achieve 80% in both their online and oral assessments. They didn't just finish the course, they made friends and have now successfully secured an apprenticeship in the industry."

Nottingham College



Green Skills Courses at Nottingham College

Digital Capital Grant

Nottingham City Council identified the need to improve digital skills and increase access to high-quality digital spaces within local communities.

Using capital funding from the UKSPF, the Council enhanced community venues and digital services through the Digital Capital Grant. This initiative supported community organisations to acquire essential digital equipment to help residents build key life skills and access accredited learning.

Fifteen organisations received grants of between £10,000 and £15,000 to invest in digital resources

Grant funding has supported several partner organisations across Nottingham, including the refurbishment of the IT suite at St Ann's Advice Centre to provide accessible digital services, the replacement of vital equipment at a Strelley community centre following a break-in to maintain digital learning continuity, and investment in digital resources at Nottinghamshire Archives to enhance public access and volunteer development.

These initiatives have strengthened the city's digital inclusion efforts by creating welcoming, well-equipped spaces for skill-building and community engagement.

1277	people supported to engage in life skills
741	people gaining a qualification or completing a course following support



IT suite at St Ann's Advice centre



Presentation screen at Belong Nottingham



IT suite at Bestwood Partnership

UKSPF 2025 - 2026

The allocation for UKSPF for the fourth and final year of the Nottingham City Council programme includes a contribution of £312,000 from the East Midland Combined Counties Authority (EMCCA). The total budget for the year is just over £4.6m.

As with the previous 3 years a significant proportion of this funding will be allocated as grants to local organisations and businesses. The 2025-2026 UKSPF programme will be made up of 25 projects and schemes, many of which are extensions or enhancements to previous projects.

Further information of this year's schemes is included in the following pages.



UKSPF Strand	Total UKSPF and EMCCA funds for 2025-26	% of Total Programme Budget for 2025-26
Communities and Place	£1,607,000	35%
Supporting Local Businesses	£1,401,000	30%
People and Skills	£1,596,000	35%
Programme Total	£4,604,000	100%



Garden space at Bestwood Community Centre



Meeting space at Carousel CIC

Theme 1

Developing Nottingham's communities

Nottingham City Council will use UKSPF funds to deliver a number of grant schemes during 2025-2026 to support our residents, communities and businesses.

Community Venues and Spaces Grant

Nottingham City Council recognises the important role that community venues play in promoting social and cultural events, helping to build stronger, more cohesive communities.

Organisations were able to apply for up to £25,000 to enhance venues, facilities, and outdoor spaces that support community engagement activities. The grant aims to support improvements that will enable more effective and inclusive community engagement across Nottingham. These projects will also provide valuable opportunities for residents to get involved in volunteering, further strengthening community ties.

Details of the grants awarded will be published on www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/ukspf in June 2025.

Community Engagement Grant

Nottingham City Council is offering funding through the UKSPF to support local community events and activities that are free, inclusive, and accessible to all.

The aim of the grant is to encourage greater community engagement, celebrate the city's heritage and cultural diversity, promote creativity, and foster a sense of cohesion across Nottingham's communities. Events should seek to involve people who may feel excluded or isolated due to factors such as age, health, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, or employment status, and should also help increase the use of community spaces and create local volunteering opportunities.

The grant is not intended for events focused on addressing the rising cost of living, as a separate scheme will cover that area later in the year. Projects must be delivered by 31st March 2026, with grants ranging from £5,000 to £10,000 available per application.

Winter Support Grant

Nottingham City Council is committed to helping local households through the ongoing cost of living challenges.

The focus of this grant scheme is on reducing the financial strain caused by rising household costs, especially energy bills, and ensuring that families receive the help they need to stay warm and well this winter.

Local organisations that can offer practical support to residents within their communities will be able to apply for a grant to support their work.

Further information about the application process will be published on www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/ukspf in late Summer 2025.



Windrush 75th anniversary event



**Clifton Easter Community Day
cost of living event**



Reducing energy costs

Employment support in 2025 - 2026

As with the 2022-2025 programme, we are using UKSPF funding to support community organisations to help economically inactive residents to progress towards employment.

To find out more about these projects please click on the link in the table below

[Belong Nottingham](#)

[Bestwood Partnership](#)

[Evolve](#)

[Futures](#)

[Second Chance Learning Academy](#)

[Nottingham City Council Housing Services](#)

[Transform Training](#)



Theme 2

Enhancing the city centre and neighbourhoods

Some of this year's Communities and Place funding will be dedicated to:

- improving more parks and green spaces across the city
- improving the outdoor space at Djanogly Leisure Centre
- renovating / servicing the council house clock in readiness for its centenary year in 2028.



Victoria Embankment Park



Council House in Old Market Square



Djanogly Leisure Centre

Theme 3

Boosting the visitor economy

In the 2022-2025 UKSPF programme, grant was awarded to Marketing Nottingham and Nottinghamshire to:

- grow visitor numbers
- promote major events
- encourage more overnight stays
- extend our tourism season and encourage more seasonal breaks to the city.

This activity in 2025-2026 is being commissioned by EMCCA. UKSPF funding will be dedicated to supporting some of Nottingham's major cultural events, including Nottingham Carnival, Nottinghamshire Pride and Light Night.

Theme 4

Attracting inward investment

In the 2022-2025 UKSPF programme, grant funding was awarded to Marketing Nottingham and Nottinghamshire to:

- promote Nottingham as a business and investment destination
- offer a range of free and impartial support services for businesses looking to relocate or expand within Nottingham.

This activity in 2025-2026 is being commissioned by EMCCA.



Notts Pride 2024



Nottingham Carnival 2024

Theme 5

Supporting business growth

Nottingham City Council invited applications from organisations able to deliver high-impact projects aligned with this priority. As a result, grant funding was awarded to support the delivery of four distinct projects, each designed to contribute to the city's economic development. These projects will collectively work to enhance business productivity, expand the number and resilience of businesses operating locally, and stimulate sustained economic growth within the city.

Importantly, one of the funded projects is dedicated to developing and expanding the social economy in Nottingham. This project seeks to empower social enterprises, cooperatives, and community-based businesses, recognising their crucial role in creating inclusive economic opportunities, promoting social value, and fostering a more resilient and equitable local economy. By nurturing this sector, the project aims not only to generate new employment opportunities but also to embed a culture of socially responsible business practice across Nottingham.

To find out more about these projects please click on the link in the table below:

<u>East Midland Chamber</u>	Nottingham Accelerator	1 April 2025
<u>Medilink Midlands</u>	MeTAP	1 April 2025
<u>Nottingham City Growth Hub</u>	Nottingham City Growth Hub	1 April 2025
<u>Nottingham Trent University</u>	Social Enterprise Accelerator	1 April 2025
<u>University of Nottingham</u>	Talent and Innovation	1 April 2025



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Business Support Grants

Business Growth and Productivity Grant

The grant provides financial support to businesses within the city, with the primary goals of enhancing productivity, driving sustainable growth, and creating new employment opportunities.

By offering targeted funding, the grant aims to enable businesses to invest in new technologies, processes, or facilities that will significantly boost their operational efficiency and competitiveness.

Ultimately, this grant will foster a thriving business environment in Nottingham where companies are better equipped to succeed, create high-quality jobs, and attract further investment into the city.

Business Decarbonisation Grant

This grant provides financial support to businesses located within Nottingham to help them to improve the energy performance of their premises. The primary focus is to facilitate improvements in energy efficiency, enabling businesses to reduce their energy consumption and, in turn, lower their energy-related operating costs.

By implementing energy-saving measures, such as upgrading insulation, installing energy-efficient lighting and heating systems, or utilizing renewable energy sources, businesses will not only benefit from reduced overheads but also contribute to the city's overall environmental sustainability and net zero aspirations.

This grant seeks to create a win-win situation, where businesses can thrive financially while helping reduce the carbon footprint of the city, aligning with the government's City's long-term vision for a greener, more sustainable future.





Theme 6

Developing local skills

Essential Skills Grant

Nottingham City Council has allocated funding from its UKSPF to improve access to essential skills training across the city. The focus is on increasing participation in ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages), digital skills, and numeracy. Recognising the importance of community-based delivery, the programme aims to boost take-up by making skills training more accessible to those who need it most.

Fifteen Organisations have been awarded grants ranging from £12,000 to £25,000. These projects will expand access to conversational ESOL sessions, enhance digital skills and confidence, provide non-accredited numeracy training, and help participants build additional skills to reduce isolation and support their progression into employment or further education.

Details of the grants awarded will be published on www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/ukspf in June 2025.





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