

ANALYSIS OF CURRENT INITIATIVES & EXISTING ERDF/ESF SCHEMES DUE TO END

	Possible Interventions	Reason for RAG Rating	Current initiatives that address this intervention	ERDF / ESF schemes coming to an end	Comments
BUILT ENVIRONMENT INTERVENTIONS	E1: Funding for improvements to town centres and high streets, including better accessibility for disabled people, including capital spend and running costs.	Insufficient capital funding allocation to be able to deliver this priority (alone or in collaboration)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future High Streets Fund – Basildon not shortlisted/applied. • Towns Fund - not awarded to Basildon 	Not applicable	Limited other funding available for this type of intervention. What national funds have existed have not been available to Basildon.
	E5: Design and management of the built and landscaped environment to 'design out crime'.	Insufficient capital funding allocation to be able to deliver this priority, although part funding of CCTV / street lighting might be possible.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safer Streets Funding • Office Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex 	Not applicable	Limited large scale funds available for this type of intervention, unless part of wider regen schemes.
	E3: Creation of and improvements to local green spaces, community gardens, watercourses and embankments, along with incorporating natural features into wider public spaces.	Insufficient capital funding allocation to be able to deliver this priority, although 'greening' town centres might be a possibility.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Levelling Up Funding • Levelling Up Parks Fund • Local Authority Treescapes Fund • Urban Tree Challenge Fund • National Tree Sponsorship Scheme • Power to Change • idverde Community Investment Fund • SUEZ Communities Trust • Evergreen Fund • ENTRUST 	Not applicable	Appears to be quite a few potential options to fund small scale town centre 'greening' projects, although very fragmented and grant levels tend to be small. Some schemes would need to be part of larger funding bids and / or smaller schemes would need to be delivered by the voluntary and community sector.
SPORTS & ACTIVE TRAVEL INTERVENTIONS	E7: Support for active travel enhancements in the local area.	Insufficient capital funding allocation to be able to deliver this priority (alone or in collaboration)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active Travel Fund • Levelling Up Funding 	Not applicable	Limited other funding available for this type of intervention. Some national schemes available.
	E10: Funding for local sports facilities, tournaments, teams and leagues; to bring people together.	Insufficient capital funding allocation to be able to improve/create new facilities (alone or in collaboration). Sponsoring tournaments, leagues etc. to increase participation in sport may be an option.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veolia Environmental Trust • The Football Foundation • Sport England Places and Spaces Fund • Football Foundation Non-League & Women's Football Club Funding • Essex Cycle Grant • LDP Microgrants • Basildon Council Sport & Physical Activity Development Grant 	Not applicable	Appears to be quite a few potential options to fund small scale improvements to local sports facilities, although very fragmented and grant levels tend to be small. That said, or ability to invest in large scale project is also limited by the lack of UKSPF capital funding.
HERITAGE AND TOURISM & CULTURE INTERVENTIONS	E4: Enhanced support for existing cultural, historic and heritage institutions that make up the local cultural heritage offer.	Insufficient capital funding allocation to be able to improve/create new facilities (alone or in collaboration). May be an option to support cultural / historic / heritage institutions with revenue grants but this could also be achieved under E11.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECC Arts and Cultural Fund • National Lottery Heritage Fund • Essex Heritage Trust • ACE Project Grants – Unlocking Collections • Esmée Fairbairn Collections Fund • Historic England • ACE - Museum Estate and Development Fund 	Not applicable	Appears to be quite a few funds to support heritage projects, although landscape is fragmented, grant levels tend to be small and quite focussed on organisations that have capacity. Not so many for fledgling organisations.
	E6: Support for local arts, cultural, heritage and creative activities.	Revenue emphasis might make this a viable intervention. Implies support for stimulation of existing & new creative and cultural industries, so wider impact may be felt. CPP Programme active in this area, but not in enterprise support / creation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECC Arts and Cultural Fund • BasildON CPP Programme • Arts Council England – Cultural Development Fund • ACE National Lottery Project Grants • ACE Developing your Creative Practice • ACE Capital Investment Programme 	Not applicable	Appears to be quite a few funds for creative projects, although landscape is fragmented, grant levels are small and quite focussed on organisations that have capacity. No business support.

	E8: Funding for the development and promotion of wider campaigns which encourage people to visit and explore the local area.	Basildon not a tourism 'attack brand' & generally visitors are day visitors. It may be a challenge to have sufficient impact. Also, product developments could be funded under E11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit Essex 	Not applicable	Basildon's visitor economy is mostly made up of day visitors. Product investment needed, but lack of capital makes this difficult
VOLUNTARY & COMMUNITY SECTOR SUPPORT INTERVENTIONS	E2: Funding for new, or improvements to existing, community and neighbourhood infrastructure projects including those that increase communities' resilience to natural hazards, such as flooding. This could cover capital spend and running costs.	Insufficient capital funding allocation to be able to improve/create new facilities (alone or in collaboration). May be an option to support voluntary/community sector organisations with grants for events and activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECC Climate Action Challenge Fund • Solar Together Essex • Warm Homes Essex • Green Homes Grant Local Authority Delivery Scheme 	Not applicable	Existing community grants scheme already exist. Basildon also needs to increase the number of third sector organisations.
	E9: Funding for impactful volunteering and/or social action projects to develop social and human capital in local places.	Understand there are lots of volunteering schemes currently being supported. Is there a market gap?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer Basildon • Get volunteering • Basildon, Billericay & Wickford Volunteer Network • CPP Programme • Volunteer Essex • Active Essex • Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service • Essex Highways • Essex Libraries • Essex Outdoors • Essex Youth Offending Service • Explore Essex Country Parks and Heritage Places • The Essex Forest Initiative • Love Essex Champion • ACL Digital Champions • ACL Parent Ambassador • Independent visitor to children in care • Panel member for statutory school appeals 	Not applicable	A fairly busy marketplace. Basildon needs to increase the number of third sector organisations
	E11: Investment in capacity building and infrastructure support for local civil society and community groups.	Revenue and micro grant emphasis might allow for a wide range of organisations to be supported. Could also potentially support infrastructure organisations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • East of England Co-op's Community Cares Fund • Provide Community Grants • Essex Community Foundation's Essex Fund • Basildon Council community and voluntary sector grants • Basildon Council Grants to Older People's Groups • Essex Community Foundation • Essex County Council Community Challenge Fund • Community Initiatives Fund • Active Essex Micro-Grants 	Not applicable	Potential to invest in Social Enterprise Adviser under E26, to support infrastructure organisations in the sector. Research suggests there are a lack of third sector organisations in Basildon and investing in E26 will enable us to support the existing organisations in the sector and stimulate new ones.
COMMUNITY CAPACITY BUILDING FOR REGENERATION	E12: Investment in community engagement schemes to support community involvement in decision making in local regeneration.	Revenue funding to build the capacity of local communities to get involved in local regen schemes (i.e., Business Improvement Districts, Community Ownership Fund etc.). Could be a route for developing larger funding applications.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing available for the initial consultant support (but could open up opportunities for follow on funding) 	Not applicable	Possible opportunity around Business Improvement Districts, Community Improvement Districts & Community Ownership Fund
PROMOTION OF COST SAVING MEASURES	E13: Community measures to reduce the cost of living, including through measures to improve energy efficiency, and combat fuel poverty and climate change.	Outputs imply revenue (promotion only). No funding to subsidise capital costs. Do the poorest in society really have the funds to invest?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECC Climate Action Challenge Fund • Solar Together Essex • Warm Homes Essex • Green Homes Grant Local Authority Delivery Scheme 	Not applicable	Only funds revenue element – i.e., campaigns to take up services, not capital to subsidise installation.

FEASIBILITY STUDIES	E14: Funding to support relevant feasibility studies.	Significant current funding gap to enable the development of larger scale bids (Levelling Up Funding, Cultural Development Fund etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing available for the initial consultant support (but could open up opportunities for follow on funding) 	Not applicable	Possible opportunity to support feasibility studies for larger capital schemes.
COMMUNITY DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS	E15: Investment and support for digital infrastructure for local community facilities.	Insufficient capital funding to deliver large scale infrastructure investment (alone or in collaboration). Voucher based broadband voucher scheme is a possibility.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Superfast Essex ASELA Digital Programme 	Not applicable	Would have to be a limited number of community broadband vouchers, as we do not have enough capital to support infrastructure investment.
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GENERALIST BUSINESS SUPPORT	E23: Strengthening local entrepreneurial ecosystems and supporting businesses at all stages of their development to start, sustain, grow and innovate, including through local networks.	First Stop Shop' style business support for emerging and existing businesses. Could solely be telephone and web based or also include face to face advisors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Growth Hub Let's do Business Essex Peer Networks Colbea 	South-East Business Boost https://www.sebusinessboost.org.uk/	Worth investment, but perhaps a question of ensuring we augment the core Growth Hub offer and deliver a more sustainable, localised service.
	E30: Business support measures to drive employment growth, particularly in areas of higher unemployment.	Generalist business support, to drive employment growth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Largely as above. 	No applicable	As above
SPECIALIST TOWN CENTRE, TOURISM BUSINESS SUPPORT & INTERNATIONAL B2B EVENTS	E16: Investment in open markets and improvements to town centre retail and service sector infrastructure, with wrap around support for small businesses.	Investment in 'pop-up' markets and 'meanwhile use' programmes to support the creation and development of Town Centre enterprises.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing targeted available – provision largely delivered through the Growth Hub 	Not applicable	A service that would be good to have, but lack of available funding is an issue
	E17: 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.	Investment in business support programmes to support the Tourism, Hospitality and Leisure Sector. Could include investment in regional business support programmes and local initiatives (i.e., trails)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visit Essex 	Not applicable	Basildon's visitor economy is mostly made up of day visitors. Product investment needed, but lack of capital makes this difficult
	E25: Grants to help places bid for and host international business events and conferences that support wider local growth sectors.	No major venue in the area to host such events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing targeted available 	Not applicable	Without a suitable venue, this is difficult to justify
SPECIALIST MANUFACTURING ADVISORY SERVICE	E18: Supporting Made Smarter Adoption: Providing tailored expert advice, matched grants and leadership training to enable manufacturing SMEs to adopt industrial digital technology solutions including artificial intelligence; robotics and autonomous systems; additive manufacturing; industrial internet of things; virtual reality; data analytics. The support is proven to leverage high levels of private investment into technologies that drive growth, productivity, efficiency and resilience in manufacturing.	Investment in a Manufacturing Growth Programme to support the high productivity sector.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manufacturing Growth Programme Made Smarter Future Cube CEME 	Manufacturing Growth Programme - https://www.manufacturinggrowthprogramme.co.uk/	Basildon has a strong manufacturing and digital sector, only the lack of available funding makes investment in this a challenge.

SPECIALIST INNOVATION BUSINESS SUPPORT, SECTOR NETWORKS AND INNOVATION GRANTS	E19: Increasing investment in research and development at the local level. Investment to support the diffusion of innovation knowledge and activities. Support the commercialisation of ideas, encouraging collaboration and accelerating the path to market so that more ideas translate into industrial and commercial practices.	Stimulating increased take up of innovation programmes. Grant support to help businesses to access support to help them access innovation opportunities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing targeted available locally. Only really sustainable if developed as part of a property solution. Sector approach may also deliver some sustainability, but will require collaboration across Essex/South Essex 	I-Construct https://www.i-construct.org.uk/ Transportation and Logistical Efficiencies https://www.tale.org.uk/KEEP+ https://keepplus.co.uk/	Innovation Advisers and Sector Groups are a possibility, although only likely to be sustainable if linked to other commercial revenue generation opportunities (property solution, membership fees etc.)
	E20: Research and development grants supporting the development of innovative products and services.	Supporting innovation and R&D at the level of the firm through the provision of R&D grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> University of Essex Innovation Vouchers Innovate UK awards 	Not applicable	Some voucher based schemes already exist. Not sustainable
LOCAL BUSINESS HATCHERY / INCUBATION / ACCELERATION / ENTERPRISE CENTRES	E21: Funding for the development and support of appropriate innovation infrastructure at the local level.	Investment in Local Innovation Infrastructure. Description sounds like capital investment, but most outputs are actually revenue focussed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing available locally 	Not applicable	Is a possible to one to consider with E24, although the guidance makes this feel like it is quite sector focussed.
	E22: Investing in enterprise infrastructure and employment/innovation site development projects. This can help to unlock site development projects which will support growth in places.	Insufficient Capital allocation to be able to deliver sufficient impact in this priority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing available locally 	Not applicable	Very capital focussed (business sites) and we do not have enough
	E24: Funding for new and improvements to existing training hubs, business support offers, 'incubators' & 'accelerators' for local enterprise (including social enterprise) which can support entrepreneurs & start-ups through the early stages of development & growth by offering a combination of services including account management, advice, resources, training, coaching, mentorship & access to workspace.	Acceleration and Incubation support. Basildon needs more of this kind of activity to stimulate renewal of the industrial base	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing available locally 	Not applicable	Could fund the idea generation and incubation process (i.e., revenue based service). Would need to link to some kind of capital asset to achieve sustainability
SPECIALIST SOCIAL ENTERPRISE BUSINESS SUPPORT	E26: Support for growing the local social economy, including community businesses, cooperatives and social enterprises.	Specialist business support for social enterprise sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing available locally 	Not applicable	Better to invest in this, than community grants. More likely to strengthen the third sector in Basildon
ANGEL INVESTMENT NETWORK	E27: Funding to develop angel investor networks nationwide.	No major Angel Investment Network Locally. Insufficient funding to make large scale impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Angels@Essex 	Not applicable	Insufficient funding to deliver a viable solution
EXPORT GRANTS	E28: Export Grants to support businesses to grow their overseas trading, supporting local employment.	Export Grants to match fund against DIT Internationalisation Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DIT Internationalisation Fund 	DIT Internationalisation Fund - https://www.great.gov.uk/campaigns/internationalisation-fund-for-english-businesses/	Private Sector firms already pay the match. Surely this is a good thing, that they contribute to the scheme?

LOW CARBON BUSINESS SUPPORT	E29: Supporting decarbonisation and improving the natural environment whilst growing the local economy. Taking a whole systems approach to invest in infrastructure to deliver effective decarbonisation across energy, buildings and transport and beyond, in line with our legally binding climate target. Maximising existing or emerging local strengths in low carbon technologies, goods and services to take advantage of the growing global opportunity.	LOCASE Style programme to help businesses implement energy efficiency / low carbon measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LOCASE 	<p>Low Carbon Across the South East https://locase.co.uk/</p> <p>South East New Energy https://www.uel.ac.uk/our-research/sustainability-research-institute-sri/south-east-new-energy-project#:~:text=South%20East%20New%20Energy%20(SENE,the%20barriers%20to%20rapid%20decarbonisation</p>	Would have been nice to fund, but requires regional collaboration
FEASIBILITY STUDIES	E31: Funding to support relevant feasibility studies.	Revenue funding to support the commissioning of feasibility studies, possibly for larger scale projects.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing available for the initial consultant support (but could open up opportunities for follow on funding) 	Not applicable	Possible opportunity to support feasibility studies for larger capital schemes.
RESILIENCE INFRASTRUCTURE	E32: Investment in resilience infrastructure and nature based solutions that protect local businesses and community areas from natural hazards including flooding and coastal erosion.	Coastal erosion not relevant to Basildon. Insufficient capital funding allocation to be able to deliver this priority (alone or in collaboration)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Property Flood Resilience Grant 	Not applicable	Insufficient capital to invest in this.
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SUPPORTING ECONOMICALLY INACTIVE PEOPLE TO OVERCOME BARRIERS TO WORK THROUGH TAILORED 1:1 SUPPORT & BASIC SKILLS	E33: 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. This provision can include project promoting the importance of work to help people to live healthier and more independent lives, alongside building future financial resilience and wellbeing. Expected cohorts include, but are not limited to people aged over 50, people with a disability and health condition, women, people from an ethnic minority, young people not in education, employment or training and people with multiple complex needs (homeless, care leavers, ex/offenders, people with substance abuse problems and victims of domestic violence). *via Multiply	There will always be a requirement to provide employability support for economically inactive people. These types of services are likely to be delivered by the voluntary/community sector and be relevant for early intervention.	Heads Up and Community Connections	<p>Enable East – Heads Up http://www.enableeast.org.uk/headsup/</p> <p>Papworth Trust – Community Connections https://www.papworthtrust.org.uk/work/community-connections/essex/</p>	Would have liked to support this, but really requires cross authority co-operation, to get scaler into the model.

SUPPORTING PEOPLE FURTHEST FROM THE LABOUR MARKET THROUGH ACCESS TO BASIC SKILLS	E34: Courses including basic skills (digital, English, maths (via Multiply) and ESOL), and life skills and career skills** provision for people who are unable to access training through the adult education budget or wrap around support detailed above. Supplemented by financial support for learners to enrol onto courses and complete qualifications. Beyond that, this intervention will also contribute to building community cohesion and facilitate greater shared civil pride, leading to better integration for those benefitting from ESOL support. **where not being met through Department for Work and Pensions provision.	There will always be a requirement to deliver basic skills provision. Evidence suggests ESOL, digital and English likely to be in demand (Maths resolved through Multiply)	Various schemes currently funded, but more reach potentially desirable	Not applicable	Would have liked to support this, but really requires cross authority co-operation, to get scale into the model.
	E35: Activities such as enrichment and volunteering to improve opportunities and promote wellbeing.	An already busy marketplace. Plenty of provision already available?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer Basildon • Get volunteering • Basildon, Billericay & Wickford Volunteer Network • CPP Programme • Volunteer Essex • Active Essex • Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service • Essex Highways • Essex Libraries • Essex Outdoors • Essex Youth Offending Service • Explore Essex Country Parks and Heritage Places • The Essex Forest Initiative • Love Essex Champion • ACL Digital Champions • ACL Parent Ambassador • Independent visitor to children in care • Panel member for statutory school appeals 	Not applicable	A fairly busy marketplace. Basildon needs to increase the number of third sector organisations
	E36: 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.	There will always likely be a requirement for digital skills for inclusion.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New funding to enhance digital skills of unemployed (as highlighted by Denise at the last meeting?) 	Not applicable	Would have liked to support this, but really requires cross authority co-operation, to get scale into the model.
SKILLS TO PROGRESS IN WORK AND TO FUND LOCAL	E37: Tailored support to help people in employment, who are not supported by mainstream provision to address barriers to accessing education and training courses	Emphasis appears to be on basic skills for employed people. Likely again to emphasise ESOL, English, Digital (with maths covered by Multiply)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some sporadic funding for basic skills delivery in work. Always likely to be a need for more. 	Not applicable	Would have liked to support this, but really requires cross authority co-operation, to get scaler into the model.

	E38: Support for local areas to fund local skills needs. This includes technical and vocational qualifications and courses up to level 2 and training for vocational licences relevant to local area needs and high value qualifications where there is a need for additional skills capacity that cannot be met through mainstream funding	Could possibly modules or part courses, orientated towards the needs of the local labour market.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various 	Not applicable	High degree of flexibility on this one, but this could support module delivery and technical courses.
	E39: Green skills courses targeted around ensuring we have the skilled workforce to achieve the government's net zero and wider environmental ambitions.	Could be skills for emerging technologies - hydrogen, retrofit installation etc, although need to be aware of current standards.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some market gaps 	Not applicable	Could support module delivery and technical courses.
	E40: Retraining support for those in high carbon sectors.	Could be skills provision to manage transition to net-zero technologies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some market gaps 	Not applicable	Could support module delivery and technical courses.
	E41: Funding to support local digital skills.	Digital skills for employed people to progress.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adapt to Digital 	Not applicable	Would have liked to support this, but really requires cross authority co-operation, to get scaler into the model.