

UKSPF Feasibility Fund Call Specification

Applications are invited for activity that relates to the feasibility and research of projects and activities that meet the priorities of Basildon UKSPF Investment Plan. The criteria for this call is:

- This application call window **opens on 1st May 2024 and closes on Friday 24 May 2024**.
- Applications that come forward in this call must **spend their grant and submit a claim by the end of March 2025**. If all the funding is allocated in this call, there will be no further call windows in 24/25.
- There is no match funding required but the maximum amount of funding available for activity relating to a single project is £20,000.
- The grant will be paid in arrears following appropriate evidence that the expenditure has been incurred by the applicant.
- All applications will be assessed in relation to how the activity meets the aims of Basildon's UKSPF Investment Plan priorities (as covered in the details below and in the application form)
- Depending on the response rate, prioritisation of applications could occur. Prioritisation criteria will include issues like whether the applicant has some potential ideas about other funding that might be drawn into the project as it develops and the track record of the applicant and their nominated consultants. Whilst this fund is looking to support feasibility studies, we are particularly keen to support projects that look like they are grounded in solid business models, so this information will be key in helping to assess the quality of applications.
- To be eligible, applicants must be one of the following formal registered legal entities:
 - A registered charity
 - A co-operative
 - A social enterprise or community interest company
 - A not-for-profit company limited by guarantee
 - A statutory organisation such as a local authority, health board or school.
- This fund is to help inform activity relating to the betterment of Basildon and its communities. It is not for activities that are for the exclusive benefit of the applicant organisation. It is therefore anticipated that the fund will mainly be of interest to organisations that provide support to communities.
- We are particularly keen to support feasibility projects for place based community infrastructure, including physical town centre regeneration schemes (including public realm schemes); improvements to existing, community and neighbourhood infrastructure; the establishment co-working space, the creation & improvement of green and blue infrastructure, including community gardens, watercourses & embankments; enhanced educational, cultural, historic and heritage facilities; built/landscaped environment schemes to 'design out crime'; support for active travel infrastructure enhancements; and local sports and leisure facilities.
- Eligible activity includes, but is not limited to:
 - Externally commissioned consultancy support
 - Primary and desktop research, feasibility, and options analysis
 - Surveys, ballots, and other public consultation activities
 - Proof of concept development
- Ineligible activity includes, but is not limited to:
 - Planning or other statutory fees
 - Post RIBA Stage 2 activities (in relation to construction projects)
 - Running costs or salaries of the applicant organisation.

Please direct all enquiries to businessassist@basildon.gov.uk

