



Glasgow City Council

City Administration Committee

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**SHARED PROSPERITY FUND - GLASGOW COMMUNITIES AND PLACE
FUND**

Purpose of Report:

To summarise the processes used for the Glasgow Communities and Place Fund programme funded from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and to seek approval for the projects recommended for support from the fund.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that Committee:

- a) approves the Glasgow Communities and Place Fund award recommendations from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2025 as set out in Appendix 1; and
- b) notes the applications not recommended for funding following the assessment process in Appendix 2.

Ward No(s):

Citywide: ✓

Local member(s) advised: Yes ☐ No ☐ consulted: Yes ☐ No ☐

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 At its meeting held on 18th August 2022, the Committee agreed the Glasgow element of the Glasgow City Region Investment Plan under the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF). The fund will run for the three financial years from 2022/23 to 2024/25.
- 1.2 The fund has three investment priorities: Communities and Place, Employment and Skills and Supporting Local Businesses. The Committee agreed to allocate some £6.0m of UKSPF under the **Communities and Place** investment priority to a challenge fund primarily aimed at community and third sector organisations in the city. The fund would complement the support available through the Glasgow Communities Fund and also reflect the council's experience with the UK Community Renewal Fund.
- 1.3 At its meeting held on 13th October 2022, the Committee agreed the key features and proposed timeline for the Glasgow Communities and Place Fund (GCPF).

2. GLASGOW UKSPF COMMUNITIES AND PLACE FUND - PROCESSES

- 2.1 Following the approval of the report on the fund, the application portal for the GCPF opened on 3rd November 2022 and a deadline of 12 noon on 12th December 2022 set for applications to be submitted.
- 2.2 A stakeholder engagement session, facilitated by the Glasgow Council for the Voluntary Sector (GCVS), took place via Zoom on 10th November 2022. Nearly 100 individuals registered to attend the event. In addition information on the fund was placed on the Council's website. This included a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section which was updated during the course of the application period in response to queries received through the Council UKSPF mailbox.
- 2.3 81 applications were logged at the time the portal was closed. Key organisational checks were then carried out by the Grants and Initiatives team while content eligibility checks (for example to ensure that the GCPF grant sought was at least £200,000) were undertaken by Economic Development. At the end of this stage 9 applications were rejected with one being withdrawn.
- 2.4 In January 2023 awards were made in respect of the Glasgow Communities Fund and this resulted in 34 of the organisations who had applied under GCPF being successful under GCF. These organisations were then contacted to ascertain whether, in the light of the situation, they wished to pursue their GCPF

application. It was stressed that, while there was no bar on an organisation being successful under both funds, applications falling under this category would be scrutinised closely for potential duplication of activity and organisational capacity to deliver under both funds at the same time.

- 2.5 No applications were withdrawn as a result of this exercise and the 71 remaining applications were then passed for detailed assessment. A panel of assessors was then established with members being drawn from various departments of the council and Glasgow Life. Briefing sessions on the assessment process were held with the staff concerned. The criteria themselves were based on those presented to Committee in the previous report. The assessors were identified on the basis of their expertise in the primary topic addressed in the application. Assessments were then carried out using a paired scoring approach ensuring that the score was not the result of the views of any one individual. Assessors were asked to score the projects according to 12 criteria on a scale of 1 to 5 so generating a final score out of 60.
- 2.6 All assessments were completed by 28th February 2023. An Assessment Panel of senior management in Economic Development then met to consider the scores from assessors and details of other funding secured from GCC since the application process had begun. The Assessment Panel scored projects, taking particular cognisance of ability to deliver and organisational capacity, taking into account wider factors including other funding which had been secured. A moderated score out of 30 for each project was agreed and added to Assessors' score to give a final score.

3. OUTCOME OF PROCESS

- 3.1 The 71 eligible projects sought a total of £26.1m grant set against an available budget of £6.0m This clearly means that only a minority of applications can be supported.
- 3.2 As a result of the process set out in section 2, the projects listed in appendix 1 to the report are recommended for approval.
- 3.3 In order to maximise the available budget and offer support to as many projects as possible, a slight overcommitment of £145,656 (2.4% greater than the overall £6m available) is recommended. All projects will be closely monitored and as underspends are identified these will be applied to reduce and eradicate the overcommitment. In the unlikely event that sufficient underspend is not identified Economic Development will underwrite to support the approved programme of projects from within the overall UKSPF programme.

4 Policy and Resource Implications

Resource Implications:

<i>Financial:</i>	The fund represents additional resource to deliver on the Council's economic strategy and related policies
<i>Legal:</i>	There will be a formal agreement between the council and successful projects.
<i>Personnel:</i>	Additional staff capacity will be required to manage and monitor the fund – 4% of the council's UKSPF allocation can be allocated for such purposes. The Green business support programme will be managed within existing resources.
<i>Procurement:</i>	Guidance by the UK Government published on 19 th July 2022 gives information on applicable processes and thresholds to be applied in respect of UKSPF supported activities.

Council Strategic Plan:	Grand Challenge 1: Reduce poverty and inequality in our communities <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mission 3: Improve the health and wellbeing of our local communities• Mission 4: Support Glasgow to be a city that is active and culturally vibrant
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<i>Does the proposal support the Council's Equality Outcomes 2021-25? Please specify.</i>	Yes, specifically: Tackling Poverty; Reducing Health Inequality; and Empowering Communities
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<i>What are the potential equality impacts as a result of this report?</i>	Positive – all applications were assessed for their impact on equalities.
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<i>Please highlight if the policy/proposal will help address socio-economic disadvantage.</i>	The fund has been developed as part of the UK Government's Levelling Up agenda, specifically to Mission 8 as set out in the UK Government's Levelling Up White Paper.
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Climate Impacts:

Does the proposal support any Climate Plan actions? Please specify:

Applications received under the fund were assessed for their contribution to emissions reduction and the reduction of climate risks.

What are the potential climate impacts as a result of this proposal?

Positive in terms of promoting fairer, more net zero carbon and climate resilient communities.

Will the proposal contribute to Glasgow's net zero carbon target?

Yes

Privacy and Data Protection Impacts:

Data protection provisions will be included in the formal agreements with successful projects

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 It is recommended that Committee:

- a) approves the Glasgow Communities and Place Fund award recommendations from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2025 as set out in Appendix 1; and
- b) notes the applications not recommended for funding following the assessment process in Appendix 2.

APPENDIX 1: GLASGOW COMMUNITIES AND PLACE FUND 2023/25 – PROJECTS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

Organisation	Project Title	Overview of the Project	GCPF Total Requested
Baltic Street Adventure Playground	Baltic Street Adventure Playground	Baltic Street Adventure Playground is primarily an outdoor playground for the children of Dalmarnock. Over the course of the past 4 years, it has become the heart of the community, tackling food poverty and social isolation through the food hub, holiday and term time children's meal programme, cake, and coffee sessions for the elderly. In the last year it had over 21,000 playground attendances and distributed over quarter of a million meal portions to those in need in Dalmarnock and the surrounding areas	£227,396
Basketballscotland Limited (on behalf of Easterhouse Community Sports Hub Partnership)	Reanimating Easterhouse Sports Centre to Change Lives	<p>The project will create positive change for the community of Easterhouse by providing an informed range of activities that benefit residents socially, physically, and mentally. Sport, physical activity, and community empowerment is fundamental to our project's success, which will be delivered at Easterhouse Sport Centre. Activities / services include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Social impact projects - Sport and physical activity programmes - Training/educational opportunities. 	£271,659
Bike for Good Ltd	Bike for Good Community Upskilling Programme	<p>Bike for Good's Community Upskilling Project is a development programme of training and volunteering opportunities for people aged 16+, with the aims to develop skills and confidence while promoting cycling as a viable means of transport across Glasgow. The programme includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - bike mechanics training - Build Your Own Bike courses 	£354,172

		<p>- Cycle Leader and First Aid Training</p> <p>On completion of the training volunteers will be supported through a personalised volunteer development plan and be involved in the delivery of Bike for Good's services including led bike rides, fix your own bike workshops, cycle training, stripping, and building bikes, van driving, administration, etc</p>	
Castlemilk Youth Complex	Strength Through Art (S.T.A.R.T)	<p>Strength Through ART (S.T.ART) will be an outcomes-based initiative which equips young people, from deprived backgrounds, with the skills and qualifications to pursue careers in diverse art disciplines while improving their mental health and wellbeing.</p> <p>We will engage young people from the Castlemilk area with learning and performance opportunities as a vehicle to further/higher education and employment in the performing arts. Established research demonstrates the additional positive influences from participation in music, theatre, and other performing arts, especially on young people. "The benefits are physical, emotional and social; while instilling a healthy appreciation of culture and community."</p>	£204,077
Centre for Contemporary Arts	CCA Community and Engagement Strands	<p>Five strands of community engagement and enrichment for Glasgow, promoting social cohesion and inclusion through art and culture, coproduced by local people:</p> <p>Common Ground- dedicated space and programme for the refugee communities.</p> <p>Seed Library- programme of seed saving, gardening, and nurturing.</p> <p>Schools' engagement- outreach and engagement with schools in our neighbourhood, and a city-wide high school programme.</p>	£585,842

		<p>Improved accessibility for core exhibitions to take meaningful steps to engage D/deaf, disabled, blind, neurodiverse communities.</p> <p>Engagement of more organisations and individuals from marginalised communities into our open-source programme to present diverse and culturally enriched work.</p>	
Clydeside Initiative for Arts Ltd (widely known as SWG3)	Yardworks GRID Beyond Walls	The project will transform Glasgow Riverside Innovation District into a Street Arts District and Open-Air Gallery. SWG3 will work closely with local partners across Govan, Partick and Yorkhill to turn land and buildings into colourful attractions, showcasing some of the world's most renowned artists alongside respected local names. This will help to attract more visitors, improve the environment to foster a greater sense of local pride, strengthen the social fabric of GRID communities, and reduce illegal graffiti in key locations. It builds on the UK CRF funded first phase which involved 153 people, 28 partners, and created 16 public artworks.	£477,617
Community Central Hall Limited	Woodside Community Campus	Woodside Community Campus is the creation of an events and activities community hub for residents which will provide a platform for a wide range of cultural, arts and creative projects and social action projects, and generating sustainable economic impact. Alongside an artistic and performance/event programme, working with local BAME organisations the campus will co-produce programmes that will be used to support the growth of multi-cultural programmes and events which engage with the diverse and minority ethnic communities which form part of the local community.	£314,776
Community InfoSource	Asylum Seekers, Skills,	The project will support 500 asylum seekers living in dire poverty in Glasgow, who suffer poor mental health, are excluded, and lack information on training, sports, cultural, and volunteering opportunities, lack	£248,672

	Impactful Volunteering and Wellbeing project	sufficient English language and are digitally excluded, to build a sense of community and belonging, integrate locally and secure high-quality skills. Through providing impactful volunteering opportunities (supporting other isolated asylum seekers), sporting, social and cultural activities, digital skills training, ESOL classes and other communities' activities, the project will enable asylum seekers to enhance the social and cultural quality of life, improve their health and skills for employability.	
Eco Drama	Glasgow Communities Empowerment Project	<p>A programme of accessible, creative, and cultural activities designed to engage and empower children and adults in the communities of Pollok and Townhead, plus schools and communities in the most disadvantaged areas of Glasgow.</p> <p>The nature themed programme includes theatre, participatory workshops and events, fruit tree planting and teacher training plus a legacy of 21 city wide orchards.</p> <p>The programme will enhance participation in social, cultural, and creative activity, improve health and wellbeing, make productive use of underutilised green spaces, and build skills, confidence and resilience through learning, empowering people of all ages to actively participate and contribute to their community.</p>	£200,076
Glasgow and Clyde Rape Crisis	The G20 and G45 Heal to Thrive Project	To empower women and girls who are survivors of rape and sexual violence and other forms of gender-based violence (GBV) in Glasgow to have control of their lives and options – especially in relation to employment and education. Helping vulnerable communities to identify and heal their trauma, and delivering a localised responsive and specialist triage, advocacy, and therapeutic support service. In addition, we would increase the ability of local partners and community-based organisations	£427,370

		delivering advice and support services in welfare, education, and employment fields, to provide a trauma-informed approach to survivors on first disclosure of rape or sexual violence.	
Inspiring Scotland	Creative Communities Glasgow	Creative Communities Glasgow is based on Inspiring Scotland's Scotland-wide Creative Communities Programme (2020-22). It will fund and support community organisations in Glasgow to develop and run creative projects with a focus on wellbeing. We work in communities facing barriers to engaging with creativity. Previous projects have supported refugees and asylum seekers, young people in secure care, minority ethnic groups, children with multiple disabilities and people living in top SIMD decile areas. Funded organisations receive bespoke training, peer support, and one-to-one specialist support to drive delivery, ensure value for money, and build capacity.	£745,000
Pollok United SCIO	Nethercraigs Space for All to Revive & Thrive	The 'Space for All' initiative will provide the vital resource keys to turn a closure threatened facility into a multi-use, inclusive community venue responding to the needs of the surrounding community. It will ensure that Nethercraigs is not simply an evening & weekends only Centre of Sporting Excellence. Through a combination of innovative & aggregated partnership service delivery it will sustain a critical focal point Community Resource with maximum opening times offering a range of services - from weekly fairs and community larder to Health & wellbeing classes targeting the most vulnerable - within a safe, warm & inclusive setting.	£365,921
Sanctuary Scotland Housing Association	Thriving Communities Priesthill, Househillwood, Nitshill	Sanctuary Scotland and HSCP South Health Improvement Team will work in partnership with the local community to build on the success of Thriving Places in Priesthill, Househillwood and Nitshill. We will address social isolation, economic disadvantage & improve mental health through a comprehensive programme of inclusive Health & Wellbeing activities. We	£245,042

		will focus on 3 priority areas, identified alongside the community – Trauma, Poverty and Mental Health. We recognise the impact that Trauma, Poverty and Mental Health have and to create a thriving community we must address them collectively, working with community, services, and businesses in the area	
Sniffer	Creative Climate Futures	<p>Creative Climate Futures will seek to empower Glasgow's communities who are most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change to design climate ready futures for their neighbourhoods and catalyse action to make these visions a reality. It includes three activities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pioneers: working with two neighbourhoods to co-design climate ready futures, agree priorities and accelerate action 2. Learning: sharing learning from these neighbourhoods through a series of events and a training programme for 30 community organisations 3. Legacy: co-creating and sharing resources to help other communities and local authorities across Glasgow and beyond to imagine and create climate ready futures. 	£465,803
St. Paul's Youth Forum	Blackhill's Thriving	<p>This funding will enable the local community to reopen the Molendinar Community Centre. This will let us tackle many of the main issues facing our area, such as those continually highlighted through SIMD statistics. It will focus on Education, Employment and Health by opening a café, gym, and learning suite, and partnering with our local college, housing associations and money advice.</p> <p>By facilitating local people to lead this project, it will kickstart a positive cycle of regeneration, with an increase in morale and community cohesion leading to increased employment rates and skills acquisition and decreased petty crime and vandalism.</p>	£403,805

The GalGael Trust	Making Just Futures	Collaborating with people from communities across Glasgow, Making Just Futures will co-produce a community curriculum of new and continuing learning experiences through which over 440 people can reclaim skills, agency, and their wellbeing. The project is a practical and participatory response to poverty, poor mental health, inequality, and loneliness and a means to develop capacities necessary for a just transition to net zero carbon. Over two years, Making Just Futures will empower communities to imagine, determine and ultimately make just futures that meet their needs for living well and sustainably in an increasingly uncertain world.	£243,182
YoMo (Young Movers)	North Maryhill Tackling Poverty Project	The project utilises local place-based assets, to develop a community pantry and a community cycle facility. Developing a arrange of local volunteering, employability services, health and wellbeing services and reducing food poverty through democratic input from the local community, within the regeneration area of Glenavon Maryhill. The pantry and cycle activity are urgently required as indicated through resident surveys. The pantry will create a focus for the community and as a draw provide added value to facilitate access to other engagement. The cycle part of the project “beneficial bikes” will improve active leisure, health and wellbeing and travel engagement.	£365,246
TOTAL			£6,145,656

APPENDIX 2: GLASGOW COMMUNITIES AND PLACE FUND 2023/25 – PROJECTS NOT RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

Organisation	Project Title	GCPF Requested
Action for Children	Action for Children	£399,824
Ashfield Football Academy	Project Ashgill	£375,000
Brighter Baillieston SCIO	Garrowhill Community Centre	£271,659
Castlemilk Community Football Trust	Castlemilk Community Football Trust	£326,733
Central and West Integration Network SCIO	Community Food Plus	£346,182
Community Transport Glasgow	Place Based Transport	£258,476
Concrete Garden	Growing Well	£268,633
Crossroads Youth and Community Association	Flourishing Communities	£328,343
David Dale Gallery & Studios	A New South Glasgow Hub for the Arts	£298,346
Garnethill Multicultural Centre	Communities Wellbeing & Space Repurposing	£221,307
Gilded Lily Inspiring Enterprise CIC	Reform and Transform – Confidence & Enterprise Project	£505,345
Glasgow Council for the Voluntary Sector	Engage and enhance	£498,725
Glasgow Eco Trust	Community Centred Climate Action	£236,521
Glasgow Film Theatre	Cinema For All in Action	£507,047
Glasgow Sculpture Studios LTD	'Potted History' Developing a Community Workshop Space	£220,974
Govan Appliance Project	Glasgow Communities and Place Fund	£200,000
Govan Community Project	Inclusive Community Connections in Govan	£275,855
Govanhill Baths Community Trust	Govanhill Baths Community Wellbeing	£609,598
Govanhill Community Development Trust	Govanhill PEP People, Economy, Place	£398,686
Growing21 LTD	Fireclay Cafe	£475,279

Healing for the Heart SCIO	Greater Wellbeing in Glasgow Communities means Greater Opportunities	£324,026
Home-Start Glasgow South	Training and Volunteering Opportunities across Glasgow South	£348,726
Hope Amplified	The Kush Waste & Energy Emission Project	£301,866
Impact Arts (Projects) Ltd	Green Arts Project	£395,928
Locavore Community Interest Company	Locavore Alliance	£467,700
Loco Home Retrofit CIC Ltd	Neighbourhood Retrofit	£498,621
Maryhill Burgh Halls Trust	New Foundations for the Maryhill Community Post Pandemic	£291,310
Mental Health Foundation	Flourish Glasgow Partnership	£385,134
Milnbank Housing Association	Milnbank Community Engagement and Income Maximisation Project	£304,126
New Gorbals Housing Association	Rebuilding Resilience in Gorbals	£296,992
Potential In Me CIC	Potential in Families	£303,722
Provan Hall Community Management Trust	Pride of Place at Provan Hall	£267,050
Right There	Common Ground City Centre Youth Work Project	£812,864
Scottish Ethnic Minority Deaf Charity	BEME Befriending	£202,699
Southside Housing Association Limited	Southside Connections Programme	£490,440
Southwest Arts and Music Project	Greater Futures Project	£440,260
The British Red Cross Society	Weather Together	£499,890
The Gladiator Programme	Gladiator's Community Leadership Programme	£224,550
The Halliday Foundation	Eastmuir Street Unit for Halliday Foundation Operations	£269,104
The Hidden Gardens Trust	Boosting Biodiversity (climate emergency) and local community pride	£362,097
The Pavilion (Greater Easterhouse)	Greening and Growing Ruchazie and Blairtummock Rogerfield	£259,598
The Playcenter Glasgow C.I.C	Project RESET	£200,000

The Prince's Trust	Get Started in Volunteering	£236,616
The Pyramid at Anderston	The Pyramid Building – Community Wealth and Wellbeing	£427,867
The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds	North Glasgow Greener Futures Project	£236,474
The Scottish Pantry Network	The Pantry Support and Good Practice Project	£768,110
The Village Storytelling Centre	Celebrating Community Stories	£340,328
The Volunteer Centre – the Centre for Volunteering, Community Action, and Employment Initiatives (operating as Volunteer Glasgow)	Volunteering and Enterprise Development for Communities of Place	£292,343
The Willow Tea Rooms Trust	Mackintosh at the Willow Building Back from COVID 19	£403,896
The Wise Group	Home Energy Advice Team	£1,082,534
Volunteering Matters	Volunteering for a Brighter Future	£336,098
Yoga and Thyme CIC	Herb Garden Network & Healing Workshops	£338,320
YoMo (Young Movers)	Youngsters Level Up	£296,653
Young Enterprise Scotland	Glasgow Enterprise and Financial Skills	£220,614