

Report to Portfolio Holder: Lifestyles, Health and Wellbeing

Subject: Approval of Gedling UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) Health and Wellbeing, Physical Activity Grant Fund 2025/26

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Wards Affected: All

Purpose

To request approval to launch and administer the Gedling UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) 'Health and Wellbeing, Physical Activity' Grant Fund.

Key Decision This is not a key decision.

Recommendation(s)

THAT:

1. The Portfolio Holder for Lifestyles, Health and Wellbeing approves the launch and administration of UKSPF 'Health and Wellbeing, Physical Activity Grant Fund to community-based organisation across the Borough.
2. The portfolio Holder for Lifestyles, Health and Wellbeing delegates authority to the Head of Communities and Leisure to give final approval on grant applications, following rigorous assessment by a panel established from within the GBC Communities Team.

1 Background

- 1.1 The demand for investment into community based Physical Activity projects is supported by the results of the Sport England Active Lives survey, which suggests that 20% of our residents are classed as inactive. This need is supported through local insight from community partners and external organisations.

- 1.2 The UKSPF Health and Wellbeing, Physical Activity' Grant Fund provides the opportunity to invest into community-based provision that increases physical activity opportunities available to residents. £60,000 has been secured towards this programme. The £60,000 has been split into £40,000 Capital and £20,000 Revenue. The full budget must be spent by March 2026.
- 1.3 The Health and Wellbeing, Physical Activity' Grant Fund will be launched over the summer of 2025, with application forms for Capital and Revenue project which will outline the criteria. The application forms will be made available in a word document format for groups to complete and email into the Communities Team. The funding opportunity will be promoted via the Gedling Community Hubs and Partners Network, The Gedling Health and Wellbeing Co-production network and through our Community and Health and Wellbeing E-newsletters.
- 1.4 In order to allocate the Health and Wellbeing, Physical Activity' Grant Fund in a transparent and equitable way a Scoring Matrix with a criteria has been devised. This will be used to score the potential projects. The Scoring Matrix scores the individual projects against the following: 1. Feasibility of spend before March 2026, 2. Shared Prosperity Fund interventions met. 3. Focus on area of Deprivation and/or underrepresented groups. 4. Affordability. 5. Gedling Plan 2023-27 priorities.
- 1.5 A review group will be set up to score and review the projects throughout the 2025/26 timeframe. The review group will consist of members from the Leisure and Communities Team.
- 1.6 Any allocation agreed will be governed by a grant agreement between Gedling Borough Council and the recipient organisation
- 1.7 Progress on spending allocations and monitoring will be undertaken through the UKSPF Working Group. The Health Development Officer will act as lead officer for this programme. All progress will be reported to the UKSPF Partnership Group.

2 Proposal

- 2.1 It is proposed that the Portfolio Holder for Lifestyles, Health and Wellbeing:
1. approves the launch and administration of UKSPF 'Health and Wellbeing, Physical Activity Grant Fund' to community-based

organisation across the Borough.

2. The portfolio Holder for Lifestyles, Health and Wellbeing delegates authority to the Head of Communities and Leisure to give final approval on grant applications, following rigorous assessment by a panel established from within the GBC Communities Team.

3 Alternative Options

- 3.1 To not deliver the Health and Wellbeing, Physical Activity Grant Fund.

This grant fund has been designed to support the strategic outcomes within the Gedling Plan 2023/27 which seeks 'to enable a resilient, empowered, inclusive and healthy community'. Choosing not to support this project does not therefore support the corporate priority identified above.

- 3.2 To deliver a different approach to achieve an increase in Physical Activity provision within the local community.

Developing an alternative model would take time and resources which have not been identified. There is a risk that by the time another model is developed the timeframe to spend the UKSPF funding (by March 2026) will have decreased which may result in returning the funds, rather than ensuring the residents of Gedling benefit from the funds.

4 Financial Implications

- 4.1 The Health and Wellbeing, Physical Activity Grant Fund relates to a **£60,000** UKSPF allocation, which has been approved by the Council:

- **£40,000** for capital projects
- **£20,000** for revenue projects

5 Legal Implications

- 5.1 The GBC Legal team has supported the development of the application form and the grant agreements, whilst ensuring that the requirements of the Subsidy Control Act 2022 are fulfilled.
- 5.2 A principles assessment has been carried out on the overall grant programme and subsidy scheme has been devised to cover all the

individual grants awarded as part of this programme.

- 5.3 The successful applicants will be asked to formally confirm that under the Subsidy Control Act 2022; the proposed subsidy will not cause them to exceed their Minimum Financial Assistance threshold. They will be asked to formally sign the appropriate MFA notification document to this effect once a formal offer has been made.

6 Equalities Implications

- 6.1 Projects have the potential to have a positive equalities impact across the Borough. On awarding the allocations consideration will be given to those projects that demonstrate the ability to provide equal opportunities, including those individuals and groups identified as having protected characteristics in the Equalities Act 2010. As part of the application scoring process projects that are delivering in areas of deprivation and targeting underrepresented groups will be given priority.

7 Carbon Reduction/Environmental Sustainability Implications

- 7.1 Carbon Reductions and Environmental sustainability implications will be considered when reviewing the projects. As part of the Grant Agreement, successful organisations are required to adhere to the Council's Environmental Sustainability policies.

8 Appendices

- 8.1 **Appendix 1: DRAFT Application and guidance document for Health and Wellbeing, Physical Activity Grant Fund (Revenue).**

Appendix 2: DRAFT Application and guidance document for Health and Wellbeing, Physical Activity Grant Fund (Capital).

9 Background Papers

- 9.1 None

10 Reasons for Recommendations

- 10.1 To enable the launch and delivery of the Council's UKSPF 'Health and Wellbeing, Physical Activity Grant programme 2025/26.

Statutory Officer approval

Approved by:

Date:
On behalf of the Chief Financial Officer

Approved by:
Date:
On behalf of the Monitoring Officer