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To: Graham Flexman
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Attachments: UKSPF - Project 2 - Town Centre Improvements - Parishes.docx; UKSPF Outcomes and Outputs for NFDC.docx

Dear Graham

My name is Patricia Salami and I am the interim Programme Manager at NFDC for the UKSPF funding which has been awarded to the New Forest District Council (NFDC)

The government launched its UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) Prospectus in April 2022 as part of its Levelling Up agenda. The funding covers the three-year period up to March 2025, with all areas of the UK receiving an allocation via a funding formula rather than a competition. NFDC received an allocation of £1m and was required to submit a Local Investment Plan to government by 1 August 2022.

In August 2022, following Cabinet approval, NFDC submitted an Investment Plan setting out how UKSPF would be allocated in the New Forest, the investment Plan included £220,000 of revenue funds to support our town centres. All funds must be fully spent by March 2025.

Earlier this month, Cllr Tipp as the Portfolio Holder with responsibility for UKSPF in the NFDC, clarified how the fund would be utilised across the district. It was agreed that New Milton Town would receive a £15,000 revenue allocation as part of that process. Cllr Tipp additionally instructed officers to work with the relevant Town or Parish Council to develop individual projects.

I would like to have an initial discussion with you as the Town Clerk for New Milton Town to consider how best these funds can be utilised in line with the requirements of the UKSPF guidelines. Could we set up a short meeting to talk through how best to take this opportunity forward? I have attached a little background of the outputs and outcomes expected from the project and I have included a project proforma that will help in developing / shaping the project(s) that you may want to deliver.

I have also noticed that there is a General Council meeting on the 2nd October – which I can attend should you feel it necessary.

Please let me know when we can have an initial discussion on how to progress, if you are not the person that will progress this please point me in the right direction.

I look forward to working with you to develop some exciting proposals for the area.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me

Kind regards

Patricia

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SPF Outcomes and Outputs

E1 – Improvements to town centres and high streets

Amount of public realm created or improved – 375m2
Number of low carbon energy infrastructure installed – 25
Amount of low or zero carbon energy infrastructure installed – 288m2
Number of decarbonisation plans developed – 1

E2 – Community and Neighbourhood Infrastructure Projects

Number of low carbon energy infrastructure installed – 4
Amount of low or zero carbon energy infrastructure installed – 4m2
Number of organisations receiving grants – 1

E6 – Local arts, cultural, heritage and creative activities

Number of organisations receiving grants – 1
Number of organisations receiving non-financial support – 1
Number of local events or activities supported – 12
Number of volunteering opportunities supported – 8
Increased footfall – 7% increase
Increased visitor numbers – 5% increase
Improved perception of facilities/amenities – 7% increase
Improved engagement numbers – 5% increase
Number of community led arts, cultural, heritage and creative programmes as a result of support – 6
Improved perception of events - 10

E14 – Relevant feasibility studies

Number of Feasibility Studies supported – 1
Increased number of projects arising from funded feasibility studies – 2

E23 Strengthening local entrepreneurial ecosystems

Number of businesses receiving non financial support – 60
Number of potential entrepreneurs provided assistance to be business ready – 12
Jobs Created – 6
Jobs Safeguarded – 6
Number of new businesses created – 4
Number of businesses introducing new products to the firm – 5
Number of businesses adopting new to the firm technologies or processes – 5
Number of businesses with improved productivity – 10
Number of businesses engaged in new markets – 10

E33 – Employment support for economically inactive people

Number of economically inactive people engaging with key worker support services – 50
Number of economically inactive people supported to engage with the benefits system – 10
Number of socially excluded people accessing support – 10
Number of people supported to access basic skills – 50
Number of people accessing mental and physical health support leading to employment – 15
Number of people supported to engage in job searching – 60

Number of people receiving support to gain employment – 24
Number of people receiving support to sustain employment – 15
Effective working between keyworkers and additional services – 60 engagements
Number of economic inactive individuals in receipt of benefits they are entitled to, following support – 8
Number of active or sustained participants in community groups as a result of support – 8
Number of people reporting increased employability through improved interpersonal skills – 40
Number of people engaging with mainstream healthcare services – 10
Number of people sustaining engagement with key worker support and additional services – 25
Number of people engaged in job searching following support – 60
Number of people in employment, including self employment, following support – 18
Number of people sustaining employment for 6 months – 10
Number of people with basic skills (English, maths, digital, ESOL) - 40

E40 – Retraining support – high carbon sectors

Number of people receiving support to gain employment – 6
Number of people receiving support to sustain employment – 3
Number of people retraining – 12
Number of people attending training sessions – 18
Number of people gaining a qualification or completing a course following support – 12
Number of people in employment, including self-employment, following support – 15
Number of people gaining a qualification or completing a course following support - 10