

# Community Renewal Fund



Information for Potential Applicants to  
Plymouth City Council

# Agenda



1. Welcome
2. Overview of the UK Community Renewal Fund
3. Q&A Session
4. Next steps and closing remarks

If you have a question, please either raise your hand or type your question in the chat box.

# Aims and objectives



## Overarching aim

The UK Community Renewal Fund is a UK Government programme for 2021/22. This aims to support people and communities most in need across the UK to pilot programmes and new approaches to prepare for the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. It invests in skills, community and place, local business, and supporting people into employment.

## Objectives

- Supporting a smooth transition
- Enabling innovation through pilots
- A new way of working between UK Government and places
- Levelling up and creating opportunity
- Building capacity

# Key features



- £220m for spend in 2021/22 only (less £14m for UKSPF capacity funding)
- Maximum of £3m per place
- Mainly revenue (90% revenue/10% capital)
- Larger bids of £500,000+ are encouraged
- Match funding is not required, but applicants are encouraged to maximise the leverage of other funding
- **Project must be delivered (and spent) by 31st March 2022**
- A focus on place and innovation/piloting new ideas

# National Investment Priorities

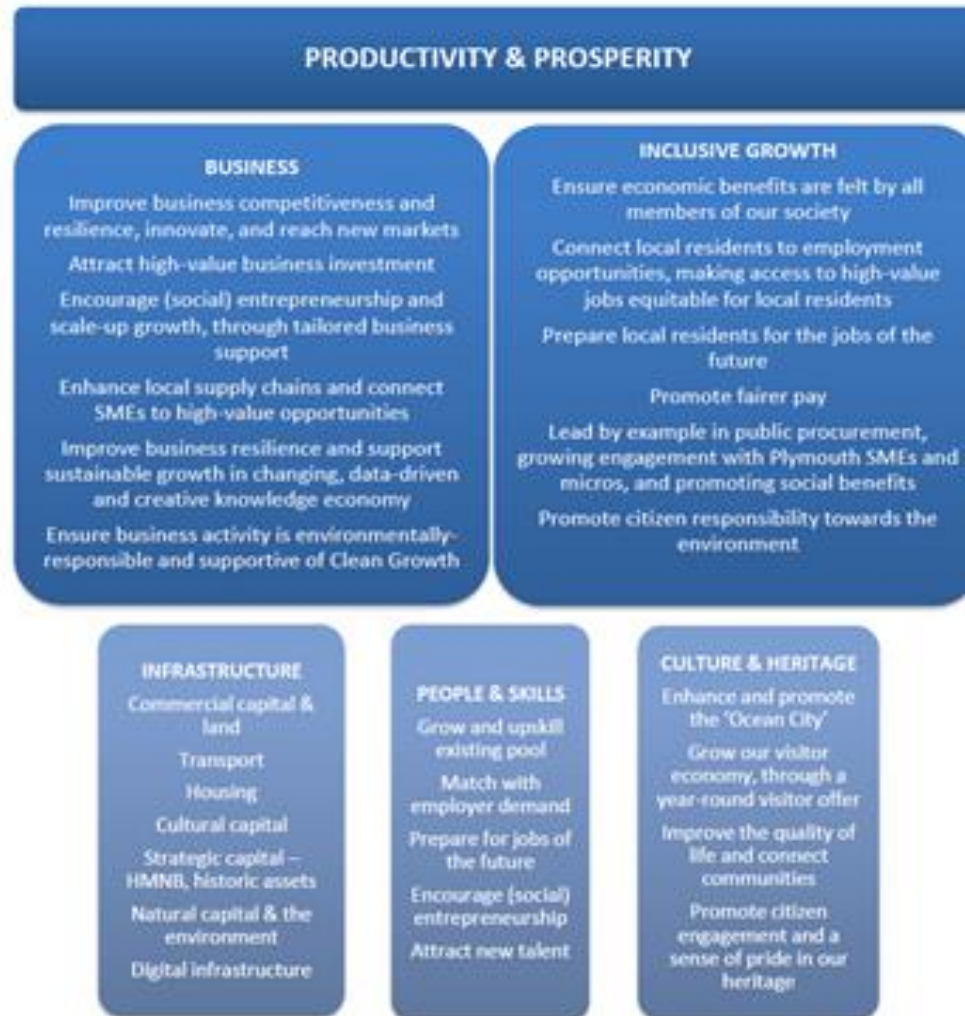


- **Investment in skills**
- **Investment for local businesses**
- **Investment in communities and place**
- **Supporting people into employment**
- Projects may align with one or deliver across several priorities and holistic bids are encouraged
- There will be no ringfences/thresholds applied across these themes

# Local Investment Priorities - Plymouth's Plan for Growth



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## Six key pillars

### Sector action plans

Every sector will have unique challenges. We have set up sector taskforces to work with sector leaders and groups to deliver focused and tailored support.

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### Build 4 Plymouth

We can help stimulate recovery by accelerating big construction, building and infrastructure projects that will create jobs and build foundations for future prosperity.

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### City centre renaissance

Covid-19 has accelerated existing trends, the clear direction of travel is towards a mixed use city centre and a more locally distinctive offer for all the people of Plymouth.

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### Spend 4 Plymouth

By focusing on the importance of spending our pounds in Plymouth and maximising the benefits, not only to the economy, but to the society and environment in Plymouth we can support local jobs and opportunities.

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### Recovery beacons

These are the transformational projects that will symbolise our recovery and set the direction for positive change in the local economy and life of the city.

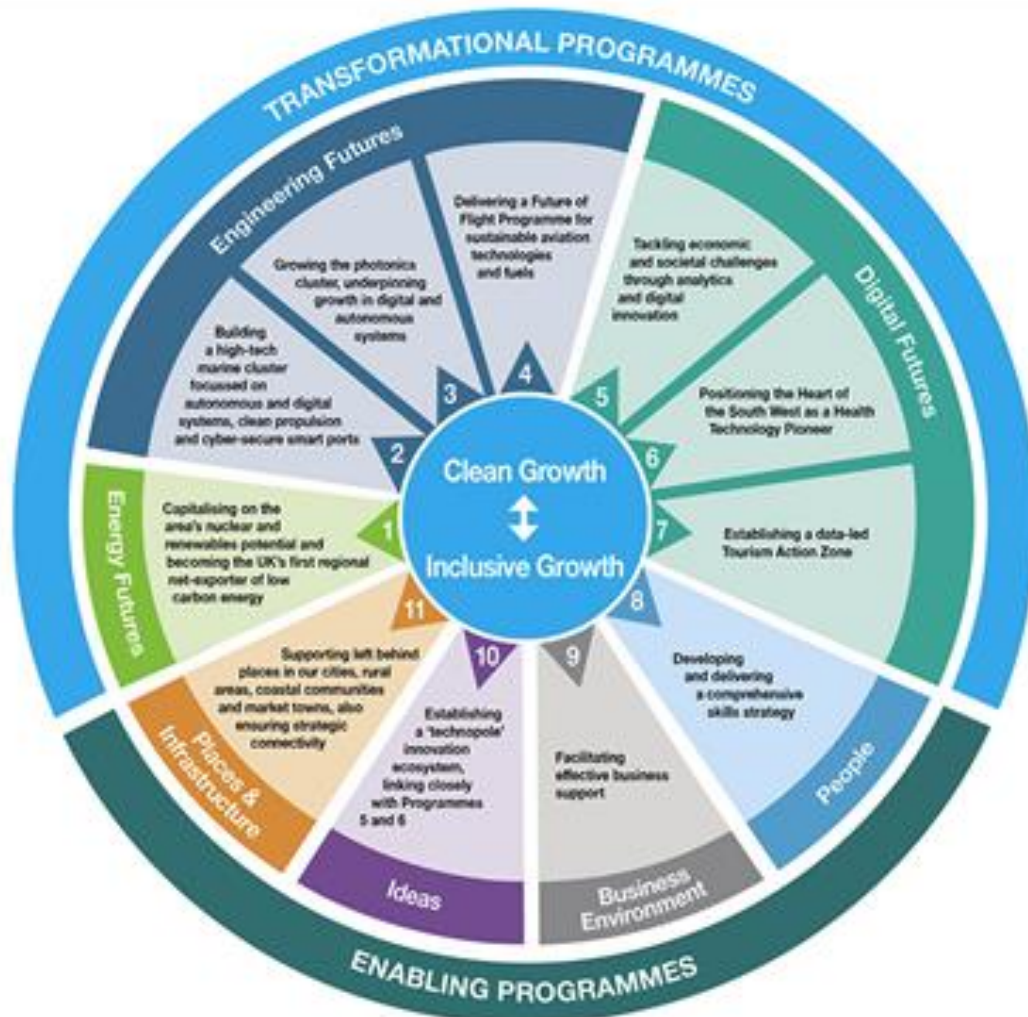
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### Skills 4 Plymouth

We need to help our people to gain the skills they need to meet the demand of our local employers and sectors as an aid to recovery and to address future skills demands.

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# Local Investment Priorities - Build Back Better Plan





# A Focus on Place



- A maximum of £3m is available per place – no guarantees
- Government has identified 100 priority places across GB. Plymouth is **not** a priority place
- Applications from non-priority places that demonstrate a strong alignment with strategic fit and good delivery/effectiveness may also receive funding, although there is a higher scoring threshold.
- Applications can cover more than one place

# A two-stage competitive process



## Stage 1: Local

- PCC application window opens for applications 1<sup>st</sup> April – 14<sup>th</sup> May
- PCC to appraise and prioritise projects 14<sup>th</sup> May – 18<sup>th</sup> June
- PCC to submit shortlist of projects to MHCLG up to £3m 18<sup>th</sup> June

## Stage 2: National

- UK Government assesses shortlisted bids 18<sup>th</sup> June – end July
- UK Government announces successful projects late July

# How will you be informed of the outcome?



## Of the Local Process

- PCC will inform applicants if their bid has been if their bid has been shortlisted after the 18th of June
- Decisions will be in the public domain

## Of the National Process

- The UK Government will announce the outcome of announce the outcome of the process from late July onwards

# How will successful projects be managed?



## Contracts

- PCC will establish a funding agreement with each local project deliverer
- More detail to follow

## Payments and Monitoring

- Payments are likely to be quarterly in arrears following submission of a claim form. In exceptional circumstances, we will consider other payment terms
- Project costs must be based on actual expenditure incurred and evidenced through invoices or other transactions

# Who can apply and benefit?



## Who can apply?

- Any legally constituted organisation (this may include Local Authorities, Public Sector organisations, higher and further education institutions, private sector companies and registered charities)
- Private sector organisations and registered charities can be project deliverers where they are providing a service to benefit other organisations or individuals BUT cannot receive support if the intention of the project is to further their own business/organisation e.g. through the purchase of equipment or offsetting additional staffing or other costs'
- Individuals cannot apply

## Who can benefit?

Main Indicator	Indicator Subset
People	Economically Inactive
	Unemployed
	Employed
Businesses	Small
	Medium
	Large
Organisations	Public
	Private
	Voluntary Sector

# How to apply



## Submission

- Bids must be submitted using the UK Community Renewal Fund Application Form, which is available at [www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-community-renewal-fund-prospectus](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-community-renewal-fund-prospectus)
- This website will be updated as and when further details are available
- Bids submitted in any other format will not be accepted
- Bids must be submitted to Plymouth City Council using this email address: [CommunityRenewalFund@plymouth.gov.uk](mailto:CommunityRenewalFund@plymouth.gov.uk)
- Bids must be submitted by **11.59pm on Friday 14th May 2021**
- The UK Community Renewal Fund is a competitive process

# Scoring and Shortlisting



- As a non-priority place, Plymouth projects will be categorised as a Band B and must score a minimum of 80% to be shortlisted.
- As Lead Authority, PCC can shortlist up to £3m of projects to be submitted to UK Gov
- As a non-priority place, we don't expect to be awarded the full amount

# How will PCC appraise projects?



Assessment criteria set out in Govt guidance.

**Gateway criteria (pass/fail)** – inc. factors such as eligibility, deliverability, compliance (UK Subsidy Control principles), policy fit etc.

## Strategic Fit (scored)

1. Fit against national CRF priorities
2. Contribution to local priorities
3. Contribution to net zero objectives
4. Ability to inform UK Shared Prosperity Fund
5. Demonstration of innovative approaches

## Deliverability, effectiveness, and efficiency (scored)

1. Deliverability by March 22 & realistic milestones
2. Adequate consideration of risk and mitigation
3. Efficient mode of delivery
4. Funding need – demonstration that CRF is required
5. Monitoring and evaluation



# Appraisal – other factors



Other factors which will be considered in appraisal:

- Clear rationale for the project
- Clear articulation of project costs
- Compliant with Public Procurement Legislation
- Clear description of activities and dependencies
- Clear description of who is responsible for the project
- Clear logic in estimates of project outputs/impact
- Consideration of sustainability after CRF funding completes
- Value for money
- Due diligence on lead organisation
- Compliance with UK Subsidy Control principles (State Aid replacement)
- Given timescales – deliverability will be a key consideration

# Where to find detailed Technical information



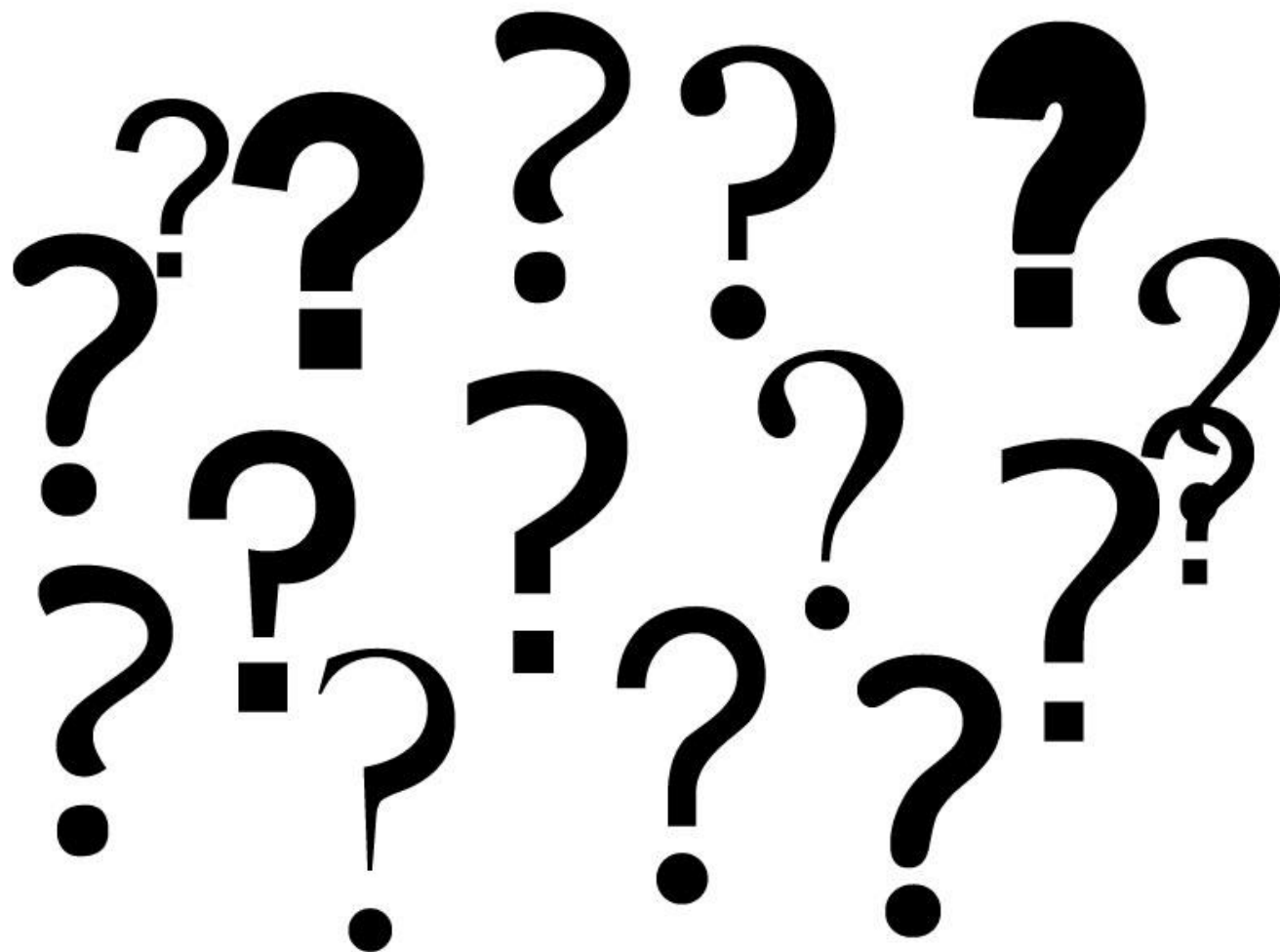
The Technical Note for Project Applicants and Deliverers provides more information on:

- Eligible expenditure
- Overheads
- Income generation
- Excluded costs & activities
- Eligibility criteria for participants
- Subsidy control and state aid
- Branding and publicity
- Monitoring and Evaluation
- Monitoring data and indicators

# Q&As



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# Next Steps



- Q&As will be published on [www.visitplymouth.co.uk/invest/business-support/uk-community-renewal-fund](http://www.visitplymouth.co.uk/invest/business-support/uk-community-renewal-fund)
- Keep checking this website and <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-community-renewal-fund-prospectus> for updates
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