



UKSPF Registration Guidance

General Information

Funded by Government, the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) and the Rural England Prosperity Fund (Rural Fund) replace external funding programmes previously provided by the European Union. The Rural Fund is a top up to the UKSPF allocation and both funds form part of the Government's Levelling Up agenda.

Delivered by Derbyshire Dales District Council, the aim of the fund is to support micro, small and medium sized businesses, including farms diversifying into non-agricultural activities (core farming is not eligible), social enterprises and community organisations based in the Derbyshire Dales.

Support to assist business development, diversification, growth, adaptation and long term resilience is to be made available as well as assistance for community and voluntary organisations, parish and town councils and social enterprises committed to strengthening their local community and fostering local pride through delivery of local community infrastructure schemes.

Specifically, eligible businesses may access the following support:

- business advice
- specialist consultancy advice
- business start-up support
- grant funding for business and community projects
- support to upskill the workforce and address skills shortages
- business workshops and events
- energy saving and carbon reduction support

If you are interested in applying for any of the above, the first stage is to [register your interest](#)

You will be invited to set up a 'My Account' if you have not already done so.

On receipt of the registration form, District Council officers will check all your details and confirm your eligibility for the support you have shown an interest in.

It is important to ensure that you complete your registration form with all the information that has been requested and that it is accurate.

Incomplete registrations will not be processed and may prevent you from receiving the support you require.

NOTE - you will be able to save and return to your registration at any point during it's completion but **once you have submitted it, you will not be able to make any further changes.**

Registration Requirements

In order to register successfully you will need to provide the following information:

- your name and date of birth
- the name of your business/organisation; if you have not started your business yet, you can enter 'tbc'
- your business/organisation postcode which must be in the Derbyshire Dales; if you have not started your business yet, your home address must be in the Derbyshire Dales
- business/organisation website address
- contact email
- contact phone number
- how long the business has been trading; you will need the date that you first registered with HMRC/Companies House
- business/organisation legal status; sole trader/partnership/LLP/Ltd Co/registered charity. **You will need to provide the relevant reference number.**
- if your business is registered for VAT you will need to provide the **VAT registration number.**
- number of employees
- the size of the business; micro, small or medium (definitions are provided from a drop down list)
- if the business occupies premises and is rated, you will need your **business rating reference number** beginning with a 7 and containing 8 digits.
- your business sector
- whether 50% or more of your turnover comes from business to business activity
- whether the business is your primary source of income
- the areas of support you are interested in

Public Aid

You will also be required to declare the amount of **public aid** that your business has received during the current and last 2 fiscal years; you need to provide the gross amount and the date it was received.

What Happens After Registration

Once you have completed your registration form and it has been checked and eligibility confirmed, you will receive an email from noreply@derbyshiredales.gov.uk stating the support that your business/organisation is eligible to apply for. You will receive a registration number which you will need to refer to in any communications.

Once each element of the UKSPF Programme goes live, we will publicise this via our newsletter, website and social media and you will be sent an email from noreply@derbyshiredales.gov.uk with further instructions.