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# Tees Valley UKSPF Forward Plan 2022 - 25

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THEME	Oct-Dec 22	Jan-Mar 23	Apr-Jun 23	Jul 23-March 25
<p><b>*Communities &amp; Place - Sector Growth &amp; Sustainability</b></p> <p>Support for the sustainable development of a cultural industries cluster in Tees Valley. This will: create jobs, support business growth, establish new networks, embed skills development pathways, foster innovation and enterprise, increase cultural export and grow the creative economy, unlocking wide-reaching benefits for local people.</p>	<p><b>Open Call</b> <b>Value: c. £1m for 2 calls</b></p> <p>Sector Growth &amp; Sustainability Grants up to £350k Multiyear, rolling programme quarterly decisions</p> <p>Round 1 in October (now closed) with December decision point (<u>Funding from Jan 23</u>)</p>	<p><b>Open Call</b> <b>Value: c. £1m for 2 calls</b></p> <p>Sector Growth &amp; Sustainability – (continuation from Q1. Value c.£750k for 2 calls) grants up to £350k Multiyear, rolling programme quarterly decisions</p> <p>Round 2 in January with March decision point (<u>Funding from April 23</u>)</p>	<p>Review point for whole programme – impact assessment of funds committed (Creative Place Advisory Group to confirm preferred approach for 2023-2024)</p>	<p>Funding following the initial open calls may have been committed to 31 March 2025 therefore possibility of no further calls</p>
<p><b>*Communities &amp; Place - Festivals &amp; Events</b></p> <p>To accelerate development of year-round festivals and events that: create jobs, support business growth, strengthen supply chains, develop skills, enhance regional vibrancy, raise the profile of the region, grow the visitor economy and create positive outcomes for local communities.</p>		<p><b>Open Call Challenge Funds</b> <b>Value: £800k</b></p> <p><b>Cultural Festivals Collectives: c.£400k</b> Support for festivals to work collaboratively to achieve greater reach and impact. This could be through shared approaches to: marketing, audience development, procurement, programming, partnerships, delivery methods, environmental solutions etc.</p> <p><b>The Great Outdoors: c.£400k</b> Support for festival businesses to develop / grow annual events or festivals which are inspired by our natural landscapes and build engagement with our natural environment.</p>		<p>Funding following the initial open calls may have been committed to 31 March 2025 therefore possibility of no further calls</p>

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		January launch with April decision point.		
<b>Communities &amp; Place – Digital Inclusion Feasibility Studies</b>		<b>Open Call/Challenge</b> <b>Value: £0.5m (TBC)</b>  Support for local community led feasibility studies to strengthen digital inclusion, this may include a pilot as part of the assessment of feasibility.	Funding may have been committed to 31 March 2025 therefore possibility of no further calls	Funding may have been committed to 31 March 2025 therefore possibility of no further calls
<b>Destination Product Development</b>  To ensure compelling, competitive and sustainable development of Tees Valley's destination products (attractions and experiences) in order to grow the visitor economy and create an enhanced recreational offer for local communities.  The following priority themes have been identified and will be pursued through UKSPF supported interventions: Water & the river Connecting heritage narratives Walking & Cycling Food	<b>Direct delivery</b> <b>Value: £1.9m</b>  It is anticipated that TVCA will lead interventions in this programme pillar aligned to existing destination management role, with the potential for some limited Open Call opportunities.			
<b>Profile Raising</b>  To build wider awareness of the creative and visitor proposition of the Tees Valley,	<b>Direct Delivery</b> <b>Value: £3m</b>  It is anticipated TVCA will lead interventions for this programme			

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connecting with new markets, advocating across sectors and driving visitor economy growth.	pillar aligned to existing destination management role			
<b>Supporting Local Business - Net Zero Supply Chain</b>			<b>Partnership development</b> <b>Value: £550k</b>  Sector networks – Net Zero Supply Chains (sector body support – NOF Energi Coast)	Funding may have been committed to 31 March 2025 therefore possibility of no further calls
<b>Supporting Local Business &amp; Communities – decarbonising</b>			<b>Open calls (challenge)</b> <b>Value: £1.2m (total)</b>  Series of calls seeking support to provide businesses and residents with the tools to transition to Net Zero and maximise natural capital solutions	
<b>Supporting Local Business</b>  Support for businesses to start, sustain and grow  Building a delivery partnership across public and private sector		<b>Open Call</b> <b>Value: £8.2m</b> (2 year programme – with a review point after year 1. Year 2 funding will be dependent on the outcome of review)  <b>Supporting Business</b>  Open call will be split by a series of Lots, that will operate through a partnership delivery approach led by Tees Valley Business – enabling co-ordinated engagement that is efficient and maximises impact for local business  <b>LOT 1: Entrepreneur Inspiration £0.2m</b>	<b>Procurement</b> <b>Value: £0.09m</b>  Research marketing, events	Funding may have been committed to 31 March 2025 therefore possibility of no further calls

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		<b>LOT 2:</b> Start up Practical Support £1.68m <b>LOT 3:</b> Digital £1.68m <b>LOT 4:</b> Securing Investment £0.88m <b>LOT 5:</b> People £0.72m <b>LOT 6:</b> Supply Chain £0.91m <b>LOT 7:</b> Net Zero £2.13m  <b>Direct Delivery £1.56m</b> Spend – 23/24 & 24/25		
<b>People &amp; Skills</b>		<b>Open Call/ Challenge</b> <b>Value: £4.8m</b>  Wraparound Employment Support for the economically inactive  Spend: £1.92m - 23/24 & £2.88m - 24/25	Funding may have been committed to 31 March 2025 therefore possibility of no further calls	Funding may have been committed to 31 March 2025 therefore possibility of no further calls
<b>Rural England Prosperity Fund</b>			<b>Open Call</b> <b>Value: TBC</b>  Awaiting approval of addendum.  Spend: £624,909 Redcar & Cleveland only – 23/24 & 24/25	Funding may have been committed to 31 March 2025 therefore possibility of no further calls

\* **Note:** £16.5m for the Growth Programme for the Creative & Visitor Economies was agreed by Tees Valley Cabinet in November 2020. This includes Communities and Place priorities identified in the Investment Plan that will be funded by UKSPF. Delivery routes for this Programme will be confirmed in accordance with wider programme delivery and governance for Creative Place.