

UK Shared Prosperity Fund: Supporting Local Business projects in London



Please note:

i) 'pan-London' geography refers to eligible businesses from across London being available to apply to a project; not that the UKSPF projects will be delivering activity in every London borough.

ii) where specific boroughs are listed, eligible businesses can apply. However, in some cases, the list is not exclusive to these boroughs, plus some projects have weighted their activity to certain boroughs. For more information, please contact the projects.

Organisation	Project	Contact	Contact Email	Delivery geography	Project theme(s)								Project Summary (in projects' own words)	UKSPF grant	
					Innovation	Supplier-readiness	Bridging the digital divide	Growing the social economy	Property Advice Service	Low Carbon	Support fast-growing diverse founders	Investment- readiness support for diverse founders			
Barts Health NHS Trust	Barts Life Sciences MedTech	Sarah Fothergill	medtech@bartslifesciences.org	Barking & Dagenham Hackney Havering Newham Redbridge Tower Hamlets Waltham Forest City of London	X									<p>Barts Life Sciences MedTech will support life sciences SMEs active in London through three programme strands:</p> <p>A: SME Support Service: Barts Life Sciences will deliver an SME support service, including training workshops and bespoke entrepreneurial support, aiming to help SMEs gain a better understanding of how to navigate the NHS.</p> <p>B: Internship Programme: 12 x 8 week paid internships partnering interns with life sciences SMEs</p> <p>C: Supporting the development of an adoption pipeline at Barts Health NHS Trust for innovators.</p>	£600,000.00
Better Bankside	Southwark Climate Collective	Sadie Hodgson	sh@betterbankside.co.uk	Southwark						X				<p>The Southwark Climate Collective will provide expert support to 160 SMEs across Southwark, providing them with decarbonisation pathways and setting targets to drive action, while also enabling them to procure 'green' low-carbon services, stimulating the local green economy.</p> <p>This project will build on the success of the Mayor of London's Business Climate Challenge, with an innovative and distinct focus on four low-carbon programme streams: energy, waste, freight and supply chains.</p> <p>This project actively provides opportunities to engage Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic-owned small businesses. This project estimates a reduction in carbon dioxide emissions of 1,204 tCO2e by March 2025.</p>	£653,775.22
Big Issue Invest Ltd	Power Up London	Gretel Dixon	gretel.dixon@bigissueinvest.com	pan-London				X						<p>Power Up is Big Issue Invest's accelerator programme for early-stage social enterprises. It provides four months of intensive non-financial assistance, including mentoring, business support, training workshops and networking opportunities, along with the possibility to access grant funding at its end.</p> <p>It will support London local social enterprises to create or retain jobs and to expand or grow their services. It will focus on organisations addressing environmental and social issues and providing services to underrepresented communities.</p>	£988,994.37

British Fashion Council	Circular Fashion	Emma Early	emma.early@britishfashioncouncil.com	Camden Southwark Tower Hamlets									X		The Circular Fashion project provides a phased, measurable journey of support to accelerate the transition to a circular fashion economy. The project focuses on London's designer fashion SMEs, enabling them to grow sustainably through addressing their environmental impact from design to supply chains.	£1,221,038.00
London Borough Camden (Camden Climate Alliance)	SME Net Zero Accelerator Challenge	Abigail Roberts	Abigail.roberts@camden.gov.uk	Camden Brent									X		A high-quality energy efficiency programme for SMEs addressing the cost-of-living, energy and climate crises. 125 businesses across Camden and Brent will deliver a minimum 10% reduction in energy consumption with realistic plans to further decarbonise and achieve net-zero. Working through existing business engagement networks, the project provides each business: •1:1 and peer-to-peer support to encourage voluntary behaviour change. •energy audit, recommendation report and energy management dashboard. •training initiatives to upskill workers and empower underrepresented businesses. The project will lead to a pipeline of retrofit projects accessing other capital funding to dramatically accelerate decarbonisation of London's buildings.	£640,789.00
Capital Enterprise One Tech	Amplify Venture	Kim Holland	kim@capitalenterprise.org	pan-London									X		This project supports 120 businesses run by black & minoritised ethnic communities, people from diverse socioeconomic backgrounds & women to scale, creating 50 jobs. It comprises: 1. An 'always on' central community through which businesses can access content, networks, customers, coaching, events, peer networks & post-programme support; 2. Cohort based activity: > 2 x series of 5 week Thematic Modules covering priority topics relevant to any high growth business > 1 x 16 week Accelerator targeting Consumer Goods businesses > 1 x 6 month Accelerator targeting businesses aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals. It will be delivered by female & black led organisations: OneTech, Foundervine & StartUp Discovery School.	£1,435,247.92
Catch 22 Charity Ltd	Social Tech Amplifier	David Hinton	David.hinton@catch-22.org.uk	pan-London	X										The GoodTech Accelerator will empower London's most innovative social impact entrepreneurs to bring new game-changing Digital and Tech solutions to market to achieve social impact. Working together to reveal radical new ways to amplify impact and accelerate commercialisation through tangible, outcome-driven models including impact optimisation and government adoption. The GoodTech Accelerator is a unique partnership to develop radical new approaches to meeting urgent challenges for Londoners, diffuse digital and tech innovations across London, and create and scale up 30 enterprises.	£590,539.60

Central Research Laboratory Hayes Ltd	Central Research Laboratory (CRL)	Binita Dhama	binitadhama@plusinnovation.com	pan-London	X											<p>A pan-London programme that stimulates innovation communities in Hayes, Tottenham and Croydon to prepare the global hardware companies of the future.</p> <p>Through a cohesive programme of entrepreneurial skills, sustainable product development masterclasses, access to investors and suppliers, CRL will enable 150 entrepreneurs and SMEs on the start of their innovation journey. Using a proven model of driving deep local economic regeneration we will turn these three communities into pillars of innovation excellence.</p>	£903,233.85
City of Westminster	Westminster Supplier Readiness	Siân Treen	Streen@westminster.gov.uk	Westminster	X											<p>This package of UKSPF support will comprise predominantly of additional officer resource to bolster internal capacity within Westminster City Council's Economy & Skills and Procurement & Commercial Directorates to specifically lead on and manage this supplier readiness programme.</p> <p>This cross-departmental team will develop and deliver tailored guidance, support, workshops and events for local target organisations and will provide of brokerage services with strategic suppliers, anchor institutions and larger businesses based in Westminster that can offer business support. They will use an accessible supplier directory commissioned by the council, which will be added to through a programme of active outreach to new market entrants within the borough and wider London. There will be a particular focus on smaller businesses owned and led by disabled people, women and people from global majority backgrounds, as well as social enterprises and other voluntary and community sector organisations.</p>	£683,211.27
London Borough of Ealing	Supply Ready (West London)	Naseem Kauser	KauserN@ealing.gov.uk	Ealing Harrow Hillingdon	X											<p>Ealing Council is leading a partnership project with Harrow and Hillingdon councils, under the GLA's UKSPF 'Supplier Readiness' programme, to deliver tailored business support from April 2023 to 31st March 2025 with 300 SMEs.</p> <p>The project will particularly support BAME and other SMEs hit hardest by the pandemic in: Wholesale, Retail & Motor Trade, Manufacturing, Health & Social Care, Creative sectors, Professional & Scientific, Information & Communications and Construction sectors; brokering introductions to Tier 1 suppliers, Public Sector Anchor Institutes and other buyers, enabling SMEs to be more visible and secure market opportunities.</p>	£500,869.92
Enterprise Enfield	London E-Business Support Programme	Despina Johnson	djohnson@enterpriseenfield.org	pan-London	X											<p>The London E-Business Support Programme, led by Enfield-Enterprise, provides a comprehensive digital skills programme for SMEs across London. It will enable the businesses to enhance their growth, resilience and sustainability (as well as address the adverse impact of the pandemic) by adopting and effectively utilising digital technology within their day-to-day business practice.</p> <p>The programme is delivered through Business for London, a long-established consortium of seven business support organisations operating across London. All the diagnostic, training, 1-2-1 support and networking measures are tailored to the needs of individual businesses and also to maximise the participation of female/BAME/disabled owned businesses.</p>	£2,858,421.00
Film London	Game Changer	Michael French	michael.french@games.london	pan-London	X											<p>Game Changer is a new programme to help diverse founders and SMEs in the video games sector become investment-ready. Game Changer will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Deliver approximately six months of workshops that increase participants' commercial acumen; Provide concurrent mentorship as they upgrade their business plan; Culminate in two dedicated events that provide direct access to investors. <p>The games sector is one of the fastest growing in the UK and games businesses use highly skilled workers while attracting significant levels of investment. However, diverse founders and SMEs are under-represented, and their access to financing and business support is in short supply.</p>	£638,927.92

Foundervine CIC	Ascend Investment Readiness Programme	Izzy Obeng	izzy@foundervine.com	pan-London								X	The Ascend Investment Readiness Programme supports early-stage, diverse-led startups in London to access finance and thrive in the competitive business environment. Through a 3-month investment readiness programme, SMEs will gain knowledge, resources, and networks needed to navigate the fundraising process and create strong business plans. The programme offers "always-on" funding and business development advice, mentorship, relationship brokerage, and peer/community support. After the programme, SMEs receive 6 months of post-programme support, including access to investor networks, pitching opportunities and co-working space. This programme aligns with the Mayor's goal to improve the customer journey for SMEs and the GLA's commitment to consider the needs of diverse-owned businesses at every stage of the project design, delivery and evaluation.	£748,074.48	
Greater London Authority	Better Futures	Nusrat Yousuf	nusrat.yousuf@london.gov.uk	pan-London	X							X	The Better Futures UKSPF project draws on a well-established partnership of leading organisations in London's public and private sectors and helps to address London's sustainability and pathway to Net Zero challenges by supporting innovation in and for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs). The project provides direct business support to help SMEs innovate and bring new ideas to market, delivering business growth and job creations, and promoting diversity in the low carbon sector. The project targets: Cleantech (also known as climate tech) SMEs from across London, who are seeking to innovate, grow and create jobs, bring new low carbon solutions to market, and reduce London's greenhouse gas emissions. And provides support to non-climate tech (everyday businesses) SMEs to innovate towards low carbon business models and adopt low carbon technologies to accelerate their emissions reductions. The Project offers three pathways and provides a unique approach to supporting innovation and decarbonisation – scaling support, built environment/technical support and decarbonisation support.	£2,258,796.00	
Guys & St Thomas's NHS Foundation Trust (as host of Health Innovation Network)	DigitalHealth.London Innovator Support	Anna King	Anna.king1@nhs.net	pan-London	X	X		X				X	DigitalHealth.London will deliver high-value jobs and economic growth by supporting high-potential businesses and founders to collaborate with the NHS and academia. Our track record, first-class network, flagship programmes and excellent reputation enables us to target the objectives through: 1) Aspire / Reach - Early-stage social entrepreneurs and companies with diverse founders (Programmes4,7&8) 2) Build / Accumulate - Developing companies looking to build evidence or launch their product or service (Programme1) 3) Scale / Accelerate High-potential companies looking to solve the challenges of the NHS and patients (Programme2) 4) Net Zero - A cross-cutting support for net zero and decarbonisation (Programme6).	£1,379,257.04	
Heart of the City of London Ltd	Minority Business Matters	Sophie Medd	sophie@theheartofthecity.com	pan-London									X	Our programme delivers solutions to challenges faced by London's ethnic minority SMEs and freelancers when accessing public and private sectors business opportunities. The programme combines the supply chain expertise of MSDUK, the leading ethnic minority supplier diversity body in the UK, with the responsible business expertise of Heart of the City, a charity with 20+ years' experience of supporting SMEs. The programme supports ethnic minority businesses in becoming supplier-ready; in embedding social value best practices into their business, products and services; in connecting to procurement opportunities and the development of a directory of ethnic minority creative and cultural freelancers.	£1,018,856.56

London Borough of Islington	Boosting Life Sciences Social Economy	Dionne Gay Rachel King	Dionne.Gay@islington.gov.uk Rachel.King@islington.gov.uk	Camden Hackney Hammersmith & Fulham Islington Lambeth Southwark Tower Hamlets												<p>The project will support emerging social businesses and potential entrepreneurs in public health and life sciences, thereby increasing opportunities for underserved communities to benefit from economic opportunities in these sectors.</p> <p>The seven London boroughs that host London's Innovation Districts, and MedCity, will grow a local social economy that is community-driven and actively addresses entrenched health and wealth inequalities.</p> <p>Targeted business support will include outreach, challenge-based events, incubation, mentoring, acceleration and grant giving.</p> <p>Networking and knowledge exchange will connect entrepreneurs with researchers, businesses and commissioners across the Innovation Districts and guarantee longer term impact of this nascent ecosystem.</p>	£1,465,707.97
London Business Partnership Ltd	Property Advice Service	Naima Omasta-Milsom	info@londonbp.co.uk	pan-London												<p>Leases, business rates and now energy costs are continuing to be some of the main issues that most significantly affect SME businesses.</p> <p>We are delivering a one stop shop 'Property Advice Services' project that helps London SMEs deal with all issues relating to business rate(s), leases, Lease(s) negotiation, legal right(s), budgeting, opening/closing premises and raising costs of energy.</p> <p>The service offers free support and training by delivering masterclasses, one to one/one to many sessions and online resources & guidance developed with experts in the field covering issues specific to various sectors, types of business and property.</p>	£750,000.00
London Legacy Development Corporation	SHIFT: Future Industries Demonstrator	Francesca Colloca	francescacolloca@londonlegacy.co.uk	pan-London, with a focus on: Hackney Newham Tower Hamlets Waltham Forest												<p>SHIFT: Future Industries Demonstrator is a mission-led scale-up solution focusing on the intersection between the real problems that citizens face locally and the market solutions that, with investment and tailored support, would accelerate our collective transition to Net Zero and fairer economies.</p> <p>It uses London's real-world testbed (SHIFT) to scale SME-led products and services, combining clarity of market demand and supply at a sub-regional level, with a delivery route map between them.</p> <p>The project draws on the diverse innovation ecosystem of over 400 organisations based on the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park and its environs, a robust partnership across private, public, academic and community sectors and the specialist inclusive innovation focus that is central to SHIFT's mission.</p>	£1,471,272.49
London South Bank University	BIG Growth Programme	Gulnara Otten	otteng@lsbu.ac.uk	Croydon Kingston upon Thames Lambeth Lewisham Merton Richmond upon Thames Southwark Sutton Wandsworth												<p>The BIG Growth Programme builds and expands an existing partnership of Higher Education institutions and local boroughs committed to building the innovation ecosystem of south London.</p> <p>The programme will address key sub regional weaknesses in productivity and innovation via a pathway of interventions designed to engage, encourage and develop local organisations and communities. Focusing upon priority growth sectors, activity will support local enterprises to utilise the assets of the South London knowledge base in developing innovative approaches which result in new products, services and processes.</p>	£1,506,682.24
Newable Trade Ltd	Inclusive Supply Chain	Ciara Fitzgerald	ciara.fitzgerald@newable.co.uk	pan-London												<p>Inclusive Supply Chain will promote social and economic cohesion in London by providing an intensive, tailored, supply-readiness programme to 300 London SMEs with a focus on underrepresented entrepreneurs (50% female, 40% ethnic-minority, 5% disabled).</p> <p>It will increase their awareness and successful participation in supply chains' commercial opportunities. Bespoke business support will be provided by our experienced Procurement Advisers through a programme of interactive workshops combined with buyer-side engagement.</p> <p>This will result in participants winning new contracts, promoting business growth that will instigate increased economic activity and job creation.</p>	£893,515.65

Newable Trade Ltd	Open London	Ciara Fitzgerald	ciara.fitzgerald@newable.co.uk	pan-London	X									<p>Open London brings together large corporates/contractors, local authorities/public organisations, London residents and London innovating SMEs to solve critical socio-economic, health and environmental challenges, thus increase living standards.</p> <p>90 London SMEs/Social enterprises will be supported to develop open innovation, collaboration skills and idea commercialisation to help solve London critical challenges. It will be delivered through a series of curated innovation challenges and a demand-led Accelerator including 1-2-1 Open Innovation Advisers' support. 30 SMEs will receive a grant to develop their ideas resulting in 30 SMEs/Social enterprises adopting new or improved products/services, and 15 new-to-market products/services, benefitting London citizens.</p>	£947,582.11
School for Social Entrepreneurs	Shifting London	Claire Dever	claire.dever@sse.org.uk	pan-London					X					<p>The School for Social Entrepreneurs will deliver an innovative mix of interventions including a vibrant Social Enterprise Festival designed to reach a diverse range of people from across Greater London.</p> <p>We will run 16 'drop in' workshops between September 2023 and December 2024 designed to support people to explore opportunities within the local, social economy.</p> <p>In addition, we will recruit 80 social entrepreneurs for an intensive twelve-month learning programme; and distribute £400,000 in grants (Match Trading and traditional) to participants on the intensive programmes. These interventions will build interest and help grow the social economy across London.</p>	£950,083.00
SME Wholesale Finance (London) trading as Funding London	Investment Ready Programme for Diverse Founders	Maggie Rodriguez-Piza	hello@fundinglondon.co.uk	pan-London									X	<p>Our project is an extension to the successful GLA-commissioned and funded "Investment Ready" pilot delivered during 2022. It will continue to enable London SMEs, led/managed by female, disabled or ethnic minority founders, who have investable propositions and are ready to embark on the fundraising journey, to raise equity or debt finance.</p> <p>We will do this by removing barriers to fundraising through specific support, comprising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > A bespoke programme of group workshops and one-to-one support to optimise participants' ability to raise external finance; > An environment of collaboration and peer-to-peer support where participants learn from each other; and > Connection with ecosystem stakeholders including investors, to enhance the support participants receive to increase their chances of successfully raising finance. 	£1,065,964.01
Startup Discovery School Ltd	Just Transition Project	Mandy Nyarko	mandy@startupdiscoveryschool.com	Camden Islington Lambeth									X	<p>The Just transition programme is a series of business support interventions that will ensure London's business ecosystem is moving towards an equitable and inclusive net zero economy.</p> <p>1) The programme will aim to incubate new business solutions led by diverse startups to tackle London's net zero targets and accelerate growth within the circular economy Low Carbon and Environmental Goods Sectors.</p> <p>2) The programme will also support diverse entrepreneurs to scale climate tech solutions tackling issues such as energy efficiency in homes through retrofitting, the cost of living crisis which disproportionately affects underserved communities and fuel poverty.</p>	£1,246,356.27

The London Waste and Recycling Board trading as ReLondon	ReLondon circular economy business transformation programme	Lamia Sbiti	lamia.sbiti@relondon.gov.uk	pan-London							X		<p>ReLondon's pan-London project of financial and non-financial support builds on a previous ERDF-funded programme and is designed to create jobs & GVA by supporting both everyday SMEs to transition to circular business models and circular economy (LCEGS) SMEs to accelerate their growth.</p> <p>Support, delivered collaboratively with boroughs to complement other business support, will equip SMEs with knowledge, skills, resources, and connections needed to reduce waste and consumption-based emissions while generating commercial and operational benefits.</p> <p>Emphasis is placed on business models tackling social issues and structural inequalities and priority given to SMEs in sectors disproportionately affected by the pandemic and/or minority-owned.</p>	£1,446,419.85
The Selby Trust	Selby Community Enterprise Project	Jack Skinner	b2bsupport@selbytrust.co.uk	Pan-London with a focus on: Enfield Hackney Haringey Waltham Forest		X	X	X					<p>Selby Centre is a community learning, business, and people enablement centre surrounded by high unemployment and few opportunities. We make community-led change through our local team and our community of 32 onsite diversity-led SME organisations. We were awarded £20m Levelling Up Funding to create the Selby Urban Village.</p> <p>The following activity programme will prepare our SMEs and the wider business connected community for the lifechanging opportunities ahead:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Service diversification and expansion 2) Supplier Readiness – tailored support to on-site 3) Cross organisational Project facilitation and fundraising 4) Business Incubation and start-up services 5) Digital inclusion – empowering SME community voice 	£631,110.00
Virgin Start up Ltd	Empower 100	Vanesa Pérez Sánchez	Vanesa.perezsanchez@virginstartup.org	pan-London							X	X	<p>Empower 100 supports diverse founders with growth potential to maximise their chances of scaling and financing their businesses successfully. The core of the 'accelerator' programme is a three-month programme with training modules, networking, mentoring, peer-to-peer learning, and experience from participating in a Demo Day event.</p> <p>The programme will work 100 diverse founders by supporting them along a development path where they build resilience, confidence, and capabilities to ensure financial sustainability in a challenging economic context.</p> <p>In doing so, it aims to help to address some of the systemic inequalities and biases that are holding back London's female, ethnic minority, and disabled entrepreneurs.</p> <p>More info at: https://www.virginstartup.org/empower100</p>	£558,178.84
TOTAL														£30,052,904.58