



The Marches Local Enterprise Partnership
Capital Funding Project Call 2023
Application Form

Introduction

The Marches Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) has identified a budget of £487k which it wishes to invest in capital projects within Herefordshire, Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin that support the following policy areas:

- The move to a net zero economy
- Business support and innovation projects
- Skills development and employability support.

It is, therefore, inviting organisations to apply for funding for the delivery of projects which demonstrate strategic alignment with local, regional and national policy/guidance including, but not limited to

- [Herefordshire 2050 Economic Plan](#)
- [Shropshire Economic Growth Strategy 2022 2027](#)
- [Telford Vision 2032](#)
- [HM Government Environmental Improvement Plan 2023](#)
- [Marches LEP Strategic Economic Plan and Evidence Base 2023](#)
- [Marches Energy Strategy](#)

Projects are expected to deliver measurable impact and achieve verifiable outputs by 31 March 2025. These may include:

- Additional installed capacity, number of new sites, or annual generation (kWp)
- Estimated greenhouse gas savings (tCO₂e)
- Total energy (kWh) savings
- Number of households brought out of fuel poverty
- Total freed-up capacity (kWp)
- Number of enterprises receiving support
- New jobs created (FTE)
- Jobs safeguarded (FTE)

- Innovative new products created
- Additional employment land (ha)
- Commercial floor space (sqm)
- New learners assisted (students enrolled)

Timescale

To be considered, projects must be able to successfully complete delivery of project inputs and claim all funding based on defrayed expenditure by 29 March 2024. Projects are expected to deliver measurable impact and achieve verifiable outputs by 31 March 2025.

Project Name:	
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Section A1: Applicant Contact Information

Name of Lead Applicant Organisation	Insert the legal name of the organisation that is responsible for the application and all assets that this project will attract.		
Lead Applicant Address			
Contact Name and Job Title			
Contact Telephone			
Contact Email			
Organisational Legal Status			
Partner Organisations	For projects submitted by a lead organisation on behalf of a number of associated partner organisations		
Local Authority Area (please highlight, can be more than one)	Telford & Wrekin	Herefordshire	Shropshire
Have you, or any associated organisations, previously delivered projects using public sector funding?			Yes/No
If yes, please provide details including amounts and dates funding awarded			

Section A2: Project Details

Total Project Cost	£[]												
Funding Requested	£[] Percentage [] of total project costs												
Project Description	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>Maximum 500 words</i></p>												
Key Milestones <i>Including expected Start and Finish Dates</i>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 50%;">Milestone</th> <th style="width: 25%;">Start</th> <th style="width: 25%;">Finish</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Milestone	Start	Finish									
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Details of Partner Organisations involved and their role in relation to the project, if applicable	<p>Delivery Partner 1 Name: Role in project: Previous Track record:</p>												
Please explain this project’s strategic fit with relevant local, regional and national policies/guidance (referencing specific elements, where possible)	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>Maximum 500 words</i></p>												
Is the project linked to or dependant on any other project currently in receipt of or being put forward for public funding?	<p>If yes, please provide details</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Maximum of 100 words</i></p>												

<p>Please provide evidence of stakeholder support</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>Maximum 200 words</i></p>
<p>Please outline how the project will be managed/monitored and resourced</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>Maximum 200 words</i></p>
<p>Please provide examples of innovative solutions</p>	<p>How could proven and emerging technologies and innovation address some of the issues being addressed?</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Maximum 200 words</i></p>
<p>Social Value</p>	<p>Please describe how this project will provide Social Value and build on local knowledge and understanding within the local area. Please refer to Guidance paragraph 3.3.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Maximum 100 words</i></p>

<p>Section A3: Location of Project</p>	
<p>Location of Project</p>	<p>Provide the address of the proposed project (including post code). If Marches-wide please specify proposed locations.</p>
<p>Any Other Comments</p>	

<p>Section A4: Project Expenditure</p>			
<p>What will the Funding be used for?</p>			
<p>Description of project cost</p>	<p>Match Funding (Costs to be funded by the applicant) £</p>	<p>Marches LEP Capital Funding £</p>	<p>Total Cost including VAT if applicable £</p>

Total Project Costs	£
Total Match Funding	£
Total Funding	£

Please outline your intended expenditure	
Please explain why Funding is needed	
Please detail the implications of not receiving this Funding	<i>Maximum 200 words</i>

Section A5: Match Funding				
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Please outline the value, type and status of any Match Funding identified	Funder	Amount requested £	Secured Y/n	Details of any conditions attached to the grant

Section A6: Impact	
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Please describe the likely impact the project will have	Please refer to Guidance paragraph 2.6 and provide examples of how these will be evidenced.
	<i>Maximum 200 words</i>

Section A7: Options Appraisal	
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Please outline what options have been considered for this scheme (including the option of securing funding)?	<p>Do Nothing</p> <p>Proposed (securing funding)</p> <p>Alternative</p>
	<i>Maximum 200 words</i>

Section A8: Subsidy Control Assessment

Please indicate how your project complies with Subsidy Control regulations without contravening the Subsidy Control legislation

All Applicants are required to undertake an assessment to ensure that the provision of the funding requested complies with Subsidy Control rules. Applicants should refer to the corresponding Guidance notes in section 7.0.

Does any aspect of the project, including the funding, involve the provision of Subsidy Control to the applicant organisation?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>

If yes, briefly explain the basis on which the applicant is eligible to receive funding (and any other public funding) within Subsidy Control law.

If no, briefly explain how you have established that there is no Subsidy Control resulting from the award of the funding or as result of the project activities.

Section A9: Declaration

Declaration

I certify that the information provided in this application is complete and correct.

Signature (Chief Accounting Officer for the Lead Applicant):

Print Name:

Date: