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Organisations with projects to help Blackpool thrive, are being urged to submit their qualifying proposals as part of a new fund which will open for applications on 26 March 2021, with applications to be submitted by no later than 12 noon on Friday April 23 2021.

The UK Government has launched the Community Renewal Fund in preparation for the Shared Prosperity Fund (the replacement to European Structural Funds which will be announced later this year).

Blackpool Council, which has been chosen by government as the lead authority, are now inviting organisations to submit applications that deliver innovation in support for local businesses, helping people into employment and investment in communities.

These applications will be appraised against set criteria and successful bids will be collated into one final bid to be submitted by Blackpool Council by June 18.

Before submitting a bid

Interested organisations are advised to read the following documents to gain further detail and prepare themselves for this opportunity.

- Blackpool Council's [Invitation to submit \[PDF 377KB\]](#) document

The [government website](#) provides further detail on this funding, including the provision of the:

- UK Community Renewal Fund prospectus
- UK Community Fund technical note for project applicants and deliverers
- UK Community Renewal Fund application form

Submitting a bid

Bids must be submitted using the [UK Community Renewal Fund Application Form](#). Bids submitted in any other format will not be accepted.

Bids must be submitted to Blackpool Council using this email address: Regeneration@blackpool.gov.uk . Bids must be submitted by **12 noon on 23 April 2021**.

Any queries should also be sent to the following email address which we will endeavour to respond to within 48 hours (excluding weekends and bank holidays) Regeneration@blackpool.gov.uk

Successful UK Community Renewal Fund bids will be for 2021/22 only and activity must end in March 2022.

[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.

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