

Appendix B: Proposed indicative allocation of West Suffolk Rural England Prosperity Fund allocation

	Year 1 amount	Year 2 amount	Proposal and REPF Interventions covered	Rationale / process
1. Council-led initiatives			Improvements to:	While the priority for councils is to get allocated to individual businesses and community groups through a competitive process, some elements of capacity building and fostering growth cannot be carried out by individual organisations. Some require the council to act as a steward of resources on behalf of businesses and communities, using as a lever to attract match funding and local support. It is therefore proposed to allocate a significant share of the funding to council-led initiatives, while leaving substantial sums available for direct grant support (see below)
	50,000		car parking in market town (E17) (Clare town centre)	
	60,000	140,000	green space infrastructure (E3) (in Newmarket, Haverhill, Mildenhall and Brandon)	
		45,000	waste and streetscene improvements (E26) (variety of locations - including Haverhill, Newmarket and villages)	
2. Business grants pot	39,000	190,000	Funding (capital grants) for small scale investment in micro and small enterprises in rural areas. Including capital funding for net zero infrastructure for rural businesses, and diversification of farm businesses outside of agriculture to encourage start up, expansion or scale up of these businesses where this involves converting farm buildings into other commercial or business uses. (New Intervention)	Proposal to run two annual rounds, aligning as closely as possible with West Suffolk Community Chest
3. Community grants pot	39,000	190,000	Funding (capital grants) for local arts, cultural, heritage and creative activities. (E6)	Aligning as closely as possible with West Suffolk Community Chest
			Funding (capital grants) for impactful volunteering and social action projects to develop social and human capital in local places. (E9)	
			Funding (capital grants) for investment in capacity building and infrastructure support for local civil society and community groups. (E11)	
	188,000	565,000		