

Funding opportunities to help deliver the Culture Strategy

The Culture Strategy has identified through its Action Plan a number of new activities with resourcing implications and as a consequence we will need to explore the following funding avenues as well as discussions with Arts Council England:

1. UK Shared Prosperity Fund

EDDC has £1.8 million over 3 yrs; following investment priority:

- o **Communities and place :**
- Strengthening our social fabric and fostering a sense of local pride and belonging, through investment in activities that enhance physical, cultural and social ties and access to amenities, such as community infrastructure and local green space, and community-led projects.
- The communities and place investment priority covers a wide range of local interventions, including public realm projects, community-led initiatives, and cultural and heritage projects
- Project concept proposals have been submitted to help deliver the Culture Strategy's Theme 1: Strengthen & support the 'people that do' and Theme 5: New Places for Culture as well as exploring if the Cultural Producer role is eligible for funding support.

2. Cultural Development Fund

- o The third round of the fund is set to open next month. It will support places to achieve the following outcomes:
- Unlock local economic growth and productivity (all applications must respond to this outcome)
- Become more attractive places in which to live, work, visit and invest
- Strengthen local leadership, partnerships and capability.
- It is expected that applications will be from a partnership for the area, led by a local authority, Local Enterprise Partnership, or other appropriate body that would lead a consortium of partners from both the public and private sector, and the voluntary sector where appropriate.
- There is a budget of £30.2 million for 2022/23. Grants of a minimum of £2 million and a maximum of £5 million are available.
- Applicants can apply for a maximum of £700,000 for supporting resource activity within their total budget.

3. EDDC budgets

- o The Culture Strategy and its resource implications will form part of the Cabinet discussion when it is presented at its 13th July meeting.