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## 2015 – Where it all began

- To allocate grant funding to enable growth and jobs in the rural economy.
- Funding allocation: £1,485,020
- Jobs to be created: 67

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## October 2018

- ✓ Funding allocation £1,627,069
- ✓ 15 grants agreed
- ✓ Total grants: £981,892.38
- ✓ Average grant: £65,500
- ✓ Projected number of jobs provided: 58



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## October 2018

- ✓ Four 'live' applications on desk
- ✓ Four applications expected
- ✓ 13 further applications in pipeline



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## The wider picture in Essex

- ✓ £2,000,000 granted to businesses in Essex
- ✓ 100 jobs in rural Essex



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## Deadlines

- ✓ Expressions of Interest: Closed(ish)
- ✓ Full Applications: 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018
- ✓ Final Grant Panel Sits: 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019



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What does the future look like?

**UK Shared Prosperity Fund**



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