

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR BUSINESSES

Sources of relevant financial support for businesses and other organisations can be found through the following means:

a) Using funding search engines and funding information platforms, such as:

- The European Union 'Access to Finance' portal: <http://europa.eu/youreurope/business/funding-grants/access-to-finance/>
- The UK Government business finance and support finder: www.gov.uk/business-finance-support-finder
- Funding Central: <http://www.fundingcentral.org.uk/>
- Green Wise Business – for green grants & funding: www.greenwisebusiness.co.uk/resources/green-grants-and-funding-16.aspx

b) Checking for opportunities offered by sector-specific and/or larger funding bodies, such as:

- Innovate UK (previously the Technology Strategy Board or TSB): www.innovateuk.org/
- UK Trade & Investment (UKTI): www.ukti.gov.uk/investintheuk/whytheuk/financeincentives.html
- The Big Lottery Fund: www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/funding

c) Contacting your local authority and enquiring about their funding and support opportunities:

→ Find your local authority through this website: www.gov.uk/find-your-local-council

d) Contacting your local chamber of commerce and enquiring about their funding and support opportunities:

→ Find your local chamber through this website: www.britishchambers.org.uk/find-your-chamber

e) Contacting your local Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) and enquiring about their funding and support opportunities:

→ Find your local LEP through this website: <http://www.lepnetwork.net/about-leps/find-your-nearest/>

Some of the main funding opportunities and initiatives currently available both nationally and locally are summarised as follows:

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Europe	Horizon 2020 SME Instrument	European Commission via Horizon 2020 Programme.	SMEs operating throughout Europe within 13 themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - High risk ICT - Nanotech - Space R&D - Clinical research re: diagnostics devices and biomarkers - Blue growth - Sustainable food production & processing - Low carbon energy systems - Greener, more integrated transport - Eco-innovation and sustainable raw material supply - Urban critical infrastructure - Bio-tech industrial processes - Mobile e-Government applications (in 2015 only) - SME business model innovations (in 2015 only) 	High growth- highly innovative SMEs with global ambitions. Not at start-up stage i.e. established businesses. A good sign will be if the company is based in an innovation hub, has received grants or venture capital funding, received innovation-related tax benefits, or won an innovation prize in the past 2 years.	Grant from the European Union under agreement. See FAQs for specifics.	3-phases of funding, of which SMEs are recommended to apply for Phase 1, but may also apply for subsequent phases: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Phase 1 (Idea to concept - 6 months): Concept and feasibility Assessment: 50,000 euro funding to conduct a feasibility study to verify the viability of proposed innovation or concept. - Phase 2 (Concept to market-maturity - 1-2 years): Demonstration, market replication, R&D: Between 0.5 and 2.5m euro for the further development of proposal through innovation activities, production of draft development business plan. - Phase 3 (Prepare for market launch): Commercialisation: Support, training, mentorship, and facilitated access to risk finance as the project is polished into a marketable product. No additional direct funding for this phase, but additional support and networking opportunities provided by Enterprise Europe Network 	Active.	Horizon 2020 SME Instrument: http://ec.europa.eu/easme/sme_en.htm / eamse-sme-helpdesk@ec.europa.eu

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UK-wide	Feed-in-Tariffs (FITs)	National policy is set by Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC); scheme is administered jointly by Ofgem and by licensed electricity suppliers.	Any person or organisation (including domestic, public, private, third and social sectors) with a FITs generator i.e. an eligible installation.	Eligible technologies (i.e. under 5MW) are solar PV, wind, hydro, anaerobic digestion (AD), and micro-CHP. Installations must be MCS-accredited for both the system and the workmanship (if under 50kW), be located nationally, and have an approved meter in place.	Revenue income is paid directly to the applicant for every unit of electricity generated through eligible technologies (generation tariff), by a licensed supplier for a secured, contracted period of 20 years. Units sold back to the grid can also receive an export tariff.	A set amount (i.e. the Feed-in Tariff) is paid for every kWh generated. The tariff levels vary depending on the type of technology, on system size, on multiple installations, and for building-integrated systems, on the site's Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) rating.	Active. Reviewed quarterly. Degression applies to some FITs e.g. tariffs for new applicants may suffer a periodic reduction subject to deployment.	Ofgem's official website on the FITs: https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/environmental-programmes/feed-tariff-fit-scheme / 0207 901 7310
UK-wide	Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI)	National policy is set by DECC; scheme is administered by Ofgem.	Any person or organisation (i.e. both domestic and non-domestic schemes are available) which generates and then uses heat from renewable energy sources.	Eligible technologies include biomass, heat pumps, solar thermal and production of biomethane. Installations must be MCS-accredited (if under 45kW _{th}), been commissioned after 15/07/09, not have been grant-funded, have an approved meter in place, and use the heat for space, water or process heating.	Revenue income is paid directly to participants for every unit of renewable heat generated through any such eligible technology over which they have ownership.	A set amount (i.e. the Tariff) is paid for every kWh _{th} generated based on the meter readings submitted by the applicant . The tariff level varies depending on the type of technology and on the system size.	Active. Reviewed quarterly. RHI payments are subject to degression i.e. tariffs may be reduced subject to deployment.	Ofgem's official website on the RHI: https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/environmental-programmes/non-domestic-renewable-heat-incentive-rhi / 0845 200 2122
UK-wide	Climate Change Agreements (CCAs)	DECC.	UK businesses (operators) from a wide range of energy-intensive industries, including cement, ceramics, paper, steel, foundries, food & drink, chemicals, and non-ferrous metals, amongst others.	Eligibility depends on the operator carrying out an 'eligible process', defined by the EPR 2010 (see Part A(1) or Part A(2) activities listed in Part 2 of Schedule 1), and the CCA (Eligible Facilities) Regulations 2012 (see activities listed in the Schedule). For exemptions see the EA website .	Operators which hold CCAs are eligible to claim a discount off the Climate Change Levy (CCL) charged on their energy bills, as long as they meet the targets set within their agreement. The CCL discount levels once an agreement is in place are 90% on electricity and 65% for other fuels.	These voluntary agreements usually contain targets for eligible industry sectors to increase energy efficiency or reduce CO2 emissions (umbrella agreements), but individual targets can also be set for particular facilities between an operator and the EA (underlying agreements).	Active.	CCAs: www.gov.uk/government/policies/reducing-demand-for-energy-from-industry-businesses-and-the-public-sector--2/supporting-pages/climate-change-agreements-ccas#1 / 0300 068 6810 / 6873

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UK-wide	Energy Entrepreneurs Fund	DECC.	Aimed at SMEs (including start-ups) as well as individual entrepreneurs. Any company can apply if they meet the competition criteria.	Aimed to support projects for experimental development at technology readiness levels 6-8. Funding should be used to leverage additional funds from private sector investors. Evidence of technical viability of the innovation, value for money, size & nature of the business opportunity, coherent development plan for commercialisation, and potential impact on 2020 and/or 2050 low carbon targets and security of energy supply will be sought in application process.	Competitive funding scheme , where £35m will be used to support the development and demonstration of novel, innovative technologies in energy efficiency, power generation and energy storage sectors. Organisations can bid for up to £2m .	Develop and demonstrate innovative technologies and processes, get advice from experts on how to bring products to market. Additional funding may be received for business incubation support.	Active. Phases I and II have already been delivered. Phase III now open for projects until 31 March 2016.	DECC's Energy Entrepreneurs Fund: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/energy-entrepreneurs-fund-phase-3-documents
UK-wide	Business Premises Renovation Allowance (BPRA)	Central Government and Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC).		Qualifying expenditure is capital expenditure incurred when: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Converting a qualifying building into qualifying business premises • Renovating a qualifying building that is, or will be, a qualifying business premises • Repairing qualifying business premises. 	State aid allowing business investors to claim 100% tax allowance of the amount invested as qualifying expenditure when converting or renovating empty business premises in a disadvantaged area.	Incentivise bringing back into business use derelict or business properties that have been unused for at least 1 year, by providing relief for qualifying expenditure e.g.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building works • Architectural and design services • Surveying or engineering services • Planning applications • Statutory fees and statutory permissions. 	Active. Ends on 31 st March 2017 for Corporation Tax and 5 th April 2017 for Income Tax.	BPRA: https://www.gov.uk/business-premises-renovation-allowance-bpra

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UK-wide	Enhanced Capital Allowance (ECA)	HMRC	Any business, any sector, any size, which pays UK tax.	Equipment must be listed under the Energy Technology Product List (ETL). If ECA is claimed for renewable energy technologies, FITs or RHI eligibility is lost.	100% of the first-year tax relief i.e. deduction of total cost of eligible equipment against the taxable profits in the year of purchase.	Large range of eligible energy technologies including: lighting, insulation, heat pumps, motors, HVAC, and renewable energy generation. Also available for water technologies .	Active.	ECA ETL: https://etl.decc.gov.uk/etl/site.html HMRC ECA scheme: www.hmrc.gov.uk/capital-allowances/fya/energy.htm / 0207 147 2541
UK-wide	Enterprise Investment Scheme (EIS)	HMRC.	Individual investors / shareholders in an eligible company.	Relates to company shares issued on or after 6 th April 2012. All shares must be paid in full, in cash, when they are issued. Further eligibility criteria online .	Tax relief.	Scheme designed to help smaller higher-risk trading companies to raise finance by offering a range of tax reliefs to investors who purchase new shares in those companies.	Active.	HMRC EIS: www.hmrc.gov.uk/eis / 03000 588 907
UK-wide	Seed Enterprise Investment Scheme (SEIS)	HMRC.	Individual investors / shareholders in an eligible company.	Relates to company shares issued on or after 6 th April 2012.	Tax relief in the shape of income tax relief, capital gains re-investment relief, and capital gains disposal relief.	Scheme designed to help small, early-stage companies to raise equity finance by offering a range of tax reliefs to individual investors who purchase new shares in those companies. Complements EIS.	Active.	HMRC SEIS: www.hmrc.gov.uk/seedeis/
UK-wide	SITR	HMRC.	Individual investors in a social enterprise, defined as a commercial business that helps people or communities.	Relates to company shares issued on or after 6 th April 2012. Relief can be given to an investor if and only certain conditions are met.	Tax relief.	Helps social enterprises raise finance by offering tax relief to individual investors.	Active.	HMCR SITR: https://www.gov.uk/business-tax/investment-schemes
UK-wide	Energy Efficiency Fund	British Gas.	Microbusinesses / micro-SMEs.	Microbusinesses i.e. companies with an annual electricity consumption under 100,000 kWh (~£10k p.a.), or an annual gas consumption under 293,000 kWh (~£9k p.a.), or fewer	Fund to help business manage their energy costs in the long-term. Free advice and 100% funded energy saving measures.	Provision of expert advice via a free on-site energy survey conducted by British Gas trained professionals, and a fully-funded installation of energy-saving measures valued up to	Active.	British Gas Energy Efficiency Fund: https://www.britishgas.co.uk/business/energyefficiencyfund?cid=aff5340&_sja=tsid:64843 cgn:103381 kw:Give%20as%20you%20Live / 0800 316 4318

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				than 10 employees (or full time equivalent) and an annual turnover/balance sheet under 2m €.		£6,000 e.g. LED lighting, boiler replacement, new insulation, energy controls.		
UK-wide	Energy Efficiency Financing (EEF)	Siemens Financial Services and the Carbon Trust.	Any kind of business or organisation trading for over 36 months.	Projects have to pass the Carbon Trust Implementation Services' energy saving assessment to qualify for the scheme's financial services. Applicants must ensure that savings will exceed the EEF payments. Funding options include lease and/or purchase agreements.	Flexible financing solutions to invest in energy efficient technologies. Available from £1,000 upwards with no upper limit , and subject to customer credit assessment. Repayments are calculated so as to be offset by the anticipated energy savings.	A wide variety of projects may qualify, either as single elements or as a combination of projects, including lighting, insulation, air conditioning, specialist production equipment, compressed air, and refrigeration, among others.	Active.	Siemens Financial Services: http://finance.siemens.com/financialservices/uk/products_solutions/equipment-finance-leasing/energy-efficiency-financing/pages/index.aspx / 01753 434 476 Carbon Trust: www.carbontrust.com/client-services/technology/implementation / 0800 988 3718
UK-wide	Network Innovation Allowance (NIA) and Network Innovation Competitions (NIC) (previously Innovation Funding Incentive or 'IFI')	Energy Innovation Centre, introduced by Ofgem.	SMEs working on innovative solutions for the energy industry.	Funding will be provided for the best innovation projects which help all network operators understand what they need to do to provide environmental benefits and security of supply at value for money as the UK moves to a low carbon economy.	National schemes using Government funds available to promote projects, technologies and talent at the forefront of innovation within the energy sector. Structured as a First Tier allowance (NIEA) and Second Tier annual competition (NIC) for funding.	NIA: Allowance that each of the network operators will receive to fund small-scale innovation projects. NIC: Series of annual competitions for electricity and gas, where network companies compete for funding for research, development and trialling for new technology, operating and commercial arrangements. There will be two NICs; the gas NIC will be for projects related to gas transmission and distribution, whereas the electricity NIC will only be for projects	Active.	Energy Innovation Centre: http://www.energyinnovationcentre.com/funding/network-innovation-stimulus / 0151 348 8040

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						related to electricity transmission. At the end of 2015 the Low Carbon Network Fund will be folded into the electricity NIC and it will fund projects for electricity transmission and distribution.		
UK-wide	R&D Tax Credits	HMRC.	Any Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) liable for Corporation Tax.	Tax relief available for SMEs spending at least £10,000 p.a. on qualifying Research & Development (R&D) costs in a single accounting period.	Tax credit as a means of tax relief on allowable R&D costs, at rates between 200% and 225%.	Tax relief in the Company Tax Return or amended return.	Active.	HMRC R&D relief for SMEs: www.hmrc.gov.uk/ct/forms-rates/claims/randd.htm / 0116 253 5402
UK-wide	Connection Vouchers	Department of Culture, Media and Sport, through their Super Connected Cities Programme.	Eligible businesses operating in one of the 22 UK participant cities.	SME, registered charities, social enterprises, and sole traders are eligible. New business broadband connection will cost over £100. Willingness to sign up to a minimum 6-month contract with broadband supplier.	Voucher for up to £3,000 towards the costs of new broadband connections for business purposes.	New broadband connection either for business premises, or at home if this is the main work base.	Active.	Connection Vouchers: https://www.connectionvouchers.co.uk/
UK-wide	Apprenticeship Grants	National Apprenticeships Service (NAS).	Eligible employers nationwide.	Employers with up to 1,000 employees may apply. Must have not employed an apprentice before or not recruited one in the last 12 months. Up to 10 grants could be made per employer (subject to budget availability).	Grants of £1,500 to take on an apprentice between 16 and 24 years old (y.o.). Additionally, training costs via the Apprenticeship framework will be met in full for anyone aged 16-19 and 50% for anyone 19-24.	Grants to support businesses to grow by employing young people through the Apprenticeship programme.	Active.	Apprenticeships: www.apprenticeships.org.uk/Employers/Steps-to-make-it-happen/Incentive.aspx / 0800 150 600
UK-wide	Enterprise Finance Guarantee (EFG)	Run by the British Business Bank, on behalf of the Department for	Small and Medium sized Businesses (SMEs)	Applicants must operate in the UK and have a turnover under £41m. Most sectors are	Guarantee scheme to facilitate lending to viable businesses turned down. Between £1,000 and	Finance facilities available could be used: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For working capital inc. R&D 	Active.	Enterprise Finance Guarantee: http://british-business-bank.co.uk/become-a-partner/enterprise-finance-

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		Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS).		eligible, although some sectors are excluded due to EU restrictions . Repayments must be made between 3 months and 3 years (for overdrafts, etc) and 10 years (for term lending).	£1.2m available as loans, revolving facilities (e.g. overdrafts) and/or invoice finance to viable businesses usually unable to obtain a commercial loan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For investment. Conversion of an existing overdraft onto a term loan. Invoice finance guarantee. Overdraft guarantee. 		guarantee/ / 0114 206 2131
UK-wide	Enterprise Capital Funds	Run by the British Business Bank, on behalf of the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS).	UK early stage companies or 'start-ups'.	Specific criteria and other information available on the Guidance document .	£37.5m government-backed, commercially-focused funds to bring private and public money together to make equity investments in high-growth businesses. Venture capitalist fund (1/3 private, 2/3 public) will invest between £250k and £2m into 20-30 businesses.	Investment into the new business and actively work with the selected companies to help them succeed.	Active. Competitive rolling investment programme, expected to invest in 2-3 new funds per year.	Enterprise Capital Funds: http://british-business-bank.co.uk/market-failures-and-how-we-address-them/enterprise-capital-funds/ / 0114 206 2131
UK-wide	Loans	Funding Circle	UK businesses.	Applicant businesses must pay a one-off fee of 2-5% of the loan amount upon accepting it. Applicants must be credit-worthy.	Peer-to-peer lending via online platform or 'marketplace', for flexible loans between £5k and £1m .	A mixture of needs e.g. working capital, expansion capital, asset finance, one-off business expenses, amongst others. Opportunity for businesses (i.e. applicants) and investors (i.e. funders).	Active.	Funding Circle: www.fundingcircle.com/businesses / 0800 048 8747
UK-wide	Export Marketing Research Scheme (EMRS)	UK Trade and Investment (UKTI).	SMEs in the UK.	Businesses must have between 5-250 employees, with products and services which have a track record, and wish to research a specific market for these products/services.	Free independent advice provision on carrying out market research. Eligible businesses may access a grant for 50% of the cost of conducting such market research.	Conduct market research either in-house studies, via a professional agency, or through purchased published reports. Advice from UKTI professional advisors available throughout.	Active.	UKTI EMRS: http://www.ukti.gov.uk/pt_pt/export/howwehelp/exportmarketingresearchscheme.html / 0845 034 2111
UK-wide	Passport to Export	UKTI.	SMEs in the UK.	Businesses must either be new to	Assessment & skills-based free	Flexible support, face-to-face training, in-	Active.	UKTI Passport to Export: www.ukti.gov.uk/pt_pt/expo

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				export (exports with no more than 25% of turnover) or which meet the definition of "R&D intensive" (between one and five years old).	programme providing new and inexperienced exporters with training, planning and ongoing support to succeed overseas.	depth capability assessment, market selection and research, support for visits to potential markets, and access to UKTI international network.		rt/howwehelp/passporttoexport.html / 0845 074 3515
UK-wide	Direct Lending Scheme	UK Export Finance.	Overseas commercial buyers or borrowers.	Overseas buyer/borrower must purchase capital goods and/or services from an exporter unsuccessful in obtaining bank loans.	Export credit loans provided directly against the manufacture and supply of exported goods & services.	Finance the purchase of capital and semi-capital goods and services from UK exporters.	Active.	Direct Lending Scheme: www.gov.uk/government/news/direct-lending-scheme-launched-to-support-uk-exporters / 0207 271 9010
UK-wide	ReEnergise (inc. SmartEnergy Finance)	ReEnergise Finance. Supported by the UK Green Investment Bank, owned by the UK Government.	Businesses and organisations including schools, local authorities, charities and communities. SME-specific finance packages recently launched.	Applicants must show a healthy financial and trading history. The proposed technology supplier(s) must also show similar characteristics. Commercial energy projects £25k-£250k.	Choice of loans, leases or hire purchase facilities to meet client financial requirements, support the energy efficiency & renewable energy market.	Comprehensive range of technologies supported: biomass, solar thermal, heat pumps, wind turbines, solar PV, and hydro. Energy efficiency works can also be 'wrapped' into finance package.	Active.	ReEnergise Finance: http://www.reenergisegroup.com/finance / 01428 608 462
UK-wide	Renewables and Carbon Reduction Finance	The Co-operative Bank.	UK businesses.	Projects within the renewable energy and carbon reduction sectors.	Structured lending packages from £1m to £25m and between 1 and 15 year terms, bespoke to the sustainability sector. Additional access to expertise and specialist knowledge.	Funding for onshore wind, CHP, district heating, hydro, biomass, waste-to-energy, landfill gas, geothermal, solar, smart metering and Building Management Systems (BMS).	Active.	The Co-operative Bank Renewables and Carbon Reduction Finance: www.co-operativebank.co.uk/servlet/Satellite/1197273362930_CFSweb/Page/Corporate-SocialBanking / 0161 201 4068
UK-wide	Triodos EIS Funds	Triodos Bank.	Businesses and other commercial organisations.	Companies in the sustainability sector. Businesses offering shareholders a 3-5 year exit. Businesses qualifying under UK Enterprise Investment Scheme (EIS) .	Between £500,000-£3m bank investment funding available, often alongside that of institutional investors. Additional access to expertise and specialist knowledge.	Funding for growth capital to scale-up a business plans in renewable energy generation, energy efficiency, low carbon products, waste recycling and reduction.	Active.	Triodos EIS Funds: www.triodos.co.uk/en/business/equity-funds-home/238091/23815/ / 0800 328 2181
UK-wide	SME Energy Efficiency Loans	Royal Bank of Scotland	Any SME business in the	SMEs	Loans ranging between £25,001 and	Businesses can apply for loan support to help	Active.	RBS Mentor Energy Audit Service:

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		(RBS).	UK, regardless of whom they bank with i.e. RBS or other.		£500,000. Additional support in the form of a Mentor Energy Audit (Mentor being a subsidiary of RBS) to cover energy efficiency, tariff management, and/or renewable energy.	them put in place energy efficiency measures e.g. lighting, heating, cooling, refrigeration, building fabric, plant, equipment, and also identifying renewable generation opportunities on-site.		https://www.rbsmentor.co.uk/Energy_Audit / 0800 634 7004
UK-wide	Small Business Fund	RBS and Natwest.	New and existing business clients to either bank.	Customers looking to grow or diversify their business.	Loans between £1,000 and £250,000 at fixed rates with no arrangement fee. Both banks also offer a wider range of other funding and schemes for businesses; see Natwest's and RBS's .	In-house growth.	Active.	Small Business Fund: www.rbs.com/news/2014/10/rbs-and-natwest-launch-p1bn-small-business-fund.html / 0345 600 2230 (RBS) also: 0345 711 4477 (Natwest).
UK-wide	Plug-in Car Grant	DECC.	Private consumers and businesses.	Purchased vehicles must be registered for the first time in the UK. R&D is not eligible.	Grant of 25% off the purchase of new, ultra-low emissions vehicles.	Purchase of eligible vehicles, such as electric, plug-in, hybrid and hydrogen-fuelled.	Active.	Plug-in Car Grant: www.gov.uk/government/publications/plug-in-car-grant
UK-wide	The Big Energy Idea	Ignite Social Enterprise, supported by Centrica.	Businesses in the energy or energy-related sector, run by an adult living in the UK.	Ideas or businesses must have the potential to make a real social impact in the UK, have clear outputs & goals, fulfil clear social need & demand, and be seeking £50kmin.	Entrepreneurial investment fund to provide investments of between £50,000-£2m to support entrepreneurs in the energy sector. Also provision of support on project management.	Ideas or businesses that would like to scale-up, raise capital, and/or grow their social venture.	Active.	www.miningtheseem.org.uk/ and http://ignitesocialenterprise.com/ / 07769 540 537
UK-wide	Agri-Tech Catalyst – Industrial Research Awards (Round 5)	Innovate UK.	Any UK business or research base partner undertaking R&D.	Applications must be business-led, and all projects must be collaborative, except for late-stage awards which can support individual companies or business partners working together through collaboration. Developing country	Awards of up to £3m for successful proposals from eligible innovative businesses and researchers, relating to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary crop and livestock production • Non-food uses of crops 	Support the development of innovative solutions to challenges in the agri-tech sector. Help to evaluate the technical feasibility of an idea and establish proof-of-concept and potential routes to exploitation.	Active. Registration closes on 7th October 2015 at midday. Application deadline is 14th October 2015 at midday.	Agri-Tech Catalyst: https://interact.innovateuk.org/competition-display-page/-/asset_publisher/RqEt2AKmEBhi/content/agri-tech-catalyst-industrial-research-awards-round--1 / 0300 321 4357 / support@innovateuk.gov.uk

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				partners must be involved for applicants targeting international development. Projects funded for up to 3 years maximum.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food security and nutrition challenges in international development Challenges in downstream food processing 	Awards for early stage (i.e. pre-industrial research feasibility studies) and late stage (i.e. experimental development projects) funding also available.		
UK-wide	Innovation Vouchers (Round 13)	Innovate UK.	Start-up and existing UK SMEs including micro-businesses.	Eligible SMEs that have not worked with this expert before, that have not received an Innovation Voucher before, and that need help with a real challenge to their business i.e. not just a small improvement or change. Excludes staff training, equipment, off-the-shelf software, marketing/branding items, and standard business advice.	Vouchers worth up to £5,000 to pay for an external expert to help businesses to grow. Experts can be found and selected from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Universities and FE colleges Research and technology organisations Technical consultancies Catapult centres Design advisers Intellectual Property (IP) advisers 	Cost of working with an external expert to gain the necessary knowledge to innovate and grow.	Active. Ongoing, vouchers are awarded once every 3 months (in January, April, July, and October). Next deadline to be entered into the next competition draw: 20th October 2015, 12:00.	Innovation Vouchers: https://interact.innovateuk.org/-/innovation-vouchers-round-12 / 0300 321 4357 / support@innovateuk.gov.uk
UK-wide	Start Up Loans	Administered by the British Business Bank, funded by BIS.	Anyone over 18 y.o. living in the UK who wants to set up a business in the UK.	Acceptable business ideas will be considered. If an existing business, it must have been trading for less than 12 months. Applicants must have the right to remain in the UK and to be self-employed. Loans must be repaid within 1-5 years, to be agreed with the delivery partner as part of the application process.	£152m government scheme to help people start their own business. Offers personal loans for business purposes , with an average loan size of £6,000 . Loans will incur a 6% annual interest. The exact size of the loan will be determined by the applicant's business plan.	Combination of a low-cost loan with free, first-class mentoring and support, both pre-start-up and once the business is up and running.	Active.	Start Up Loans: http://british-business-bank.co.uk/market-failures-and-how-we-address-them/startup-loans-2/
UK-wide	Smart 2015/16 (Round 3 – 15)	Innovate UK.	UK SMEs undertaking	SMEs based in the UK, including pre	Grants for SMEs to engage in R&D projects	Three types of grants are covered by the	Active. Applications	Smart: https://interact.innovateuk.org/

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			research and development.	start-ups and start-ups. Individual criteria will depend on the type of grant; see website for further details on the specific criteria for each type.	in the strategically important areas of science, engineering and technology, looking to stimulate UK economic growth.	funding, for: a) proof of concept, b) proof of market, or c) development of prototype.	accepted on a rolling basis. Next batch assessment deadline: 24th September 2015.	org/competition-display-page/-/asset_publisher/RqEt2AKmEBhi/content/smart-2015-16 / 0300 321 4357
UK-wide	UK Grants	Comic Relief	Organisations based in England, Scotland, Wales, N.I., the Channel Islands, and the Island of Man. Especially keen to fund areas of UK with high levels of deprivation.	Proposals from registered charities and eligible not-for-profit organisations are welcome. New and emerging small not-for-profit groups that are not registered are eligible to apply as long as they have a constitution. Funding only for legally charitable work. Grants made for a maximum of 3 years. Match/additional funding sources encouraged to be sought, although 100% funding of proposal costs is possible.	A range of grants available across a number of themes (i.e. priority areas), including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better Futures • Healthier Finances • Safer Lives • Stronger Communities • Fairer Society Minimum grant size is £10,000 , with no upper limit . Smaller grants (i.e. <£10,000) are funded via UK Community Foundations grants .	Revenue costs e.g. salaries are eligible, and small capital items may also be funded e.g. office furniture, computers.	Active. Applications must be in by 1st October 2015.	Comic Relief grants: http://www.comicrelief.com/our-grants/uk / 020 7820 2000 / info@comicrelief.com
UK-wide	Ideas and Pioneers Fund	Paul Hamlyn Foundation	Individuals or teams based anywhere in the UK.	Applicants must be 18 y.o. or over. Applications are welcome from individual pioneers, partnerships or small teams of pioneers, or people working in small organisations with a constitution. The work must be of a charitable nature that has a 'public benefit'.	Grants of up to £30,000 over up to 18 months.	Support people who have an idea with unusual promise to improve the life changes and opportunities of individuals and communities in the UK.	Active. Several rounds of funding taking place throughout 2015 and 2016.	Ideas and Pioneers Fund: http://www.phf.org.uk/funds/ideas-and-pioneers-fund/ / 0207 812 3300 / information@phf.org.uk

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				For further details, see the full criteria .				
UK-wide	Persimmon Homes Community Champions	Persimmon Homes plc.	UK groups and charities which have already raised vital funds themselves (i.e. have their own match funding).	National groups and charities deemed to be fundraising for a good cause.	£750,000 charitable match programme to give donations of up to £1,000 to fund local community initiatives.	Local community initiatives. Examples of winners to date can be viewed online.	Active. Groups and charities can apply every month for a donation i.e. rolling online applications programme.	Persimmon Community Champions: http://www.persimmonhomes.com/charity
UK-wide	Green Alley Award	Partnership between Green Alley, Seedmatch, ERP UK, and Bethnal Green Ventures.	Young entrepreneurs across Europe, currently focused on Germany and the UK.	Aimed at green start-ups and/or eco-entrepreneurs across Europe. A pitch deck introducing the business idea must be submitted, following the application guidelines.	Competition to support start-ups in the circular economy, by providing the winner with strategic support, networking opportunities, and financing to boost their business across Europe.	Great ideas, new services, products, and technologies that can turn waste into a resource,	Active. All applications must be submitted by 15th September 2015 .	Green Alley Award: http://green-alley-award.com/ and http://green-alley-award.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/Application-Guidelines_Green-Alley-Award-2015.pdf / +49 (0)30 200 0620
England and Wales	The Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation	The Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation.	Charities in England and Wales.	Eligible organisations must be charities registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales. Charities must apply specifically for assistance towards a capital project. Overseas projects are excluded.	Grants for to fund projects across four areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community • Education • Health • Social welfare 3 levels of grant available: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small (up to £5k) • Medium (£5-25k) • Large (over £25k) 	Grants could cover capital projects in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New build • Refurbishment • Equipment • Transport 	Active.	http://www.bernardsunley.org/ / 0207 408 2198
England	Business Growth Service	Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS).	Any SME in England.	Eligible businesses must be independent SMEs, be based in England, and be registered in the UK. Eligible businesses must also be able to demonstrate the capacity, capability	Wide range of support mechanisms and broad range of expertise to help businesses with the right level of ambition, capability, and capacity, to improve and grow.	Support to access finance, develop new ideas, leadership & management skills, manufacturing, exporting, and building networks.	Active.	Business Growth Service: www.greatbusiness.gov.uk / 0300 303 0034 or 0300 456 3565

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				and ambition to grow.				
England	The Growth Fund	Access – The Foundation for Social Investment.	Charities and social enterprises.	The funding is aimed at organisations which will probably not have taken on social investment before. The Fund will seek to achieve a geographical spread of users and end beneficiaries, and to support a range of social issues.	Up to £150,000 via flexible finance combining grants and loans for eligible organisations delivered through a range of intermediaries. Managed in wholesale capacity, working through social lenders or Social Investment Finance Intermediaries (SIFIs), to will disburse Growth Fund to successful applicants.	Funding to provide the finance that charities and social enterprises need when they are at early stages of growth or diversifying their business models.	Active.	The Growth Fund: http://access-socialinvestment.org.uk/growth-fund/what-is-the-growth-fund/
England	Growth Vouchers	BIS.	SMEs registered in England.	SMEs must be actively selling goods or services. The allocation of vouchers will take place via random selection. A number of proofs and evidence documentation are required to be submitted with the application.	Vouchers for up to £2,000 to help finance strategic business advice to small businesses. Further information is available in the participants T&Cs document.	This government programme aims to help small businesses get strategic business advice on: - Finance and cash flow - Staff recruitment & development - Improving leadership and management skills - Marketing, attracting & keeping customers - Making the most of digital technology	Active.	Growth Vouchers: www.gov.uk/apply-growth-vouchers#before-you-start / 0207 215 5000
England	Manufacturing Advisory Service (MAS) Grants	Manufacturing Advisory Service (MAS).	Any business engaged in manufacturing based in England.	Projects which fall under any of the following scopes . There must be a client match (the % match amounts vary).	Grants of between £300 and £3,000 towards business improvement projects.	Areas including consultancy (e.g. EMS implementation), training on-site, and tooling (where product is new to the company).	Active.	MAS grants: http://www.mas.businessgrowthservice.greatbusiness.gov.uk/how-we-can-help/ / 0300 303 0034
England	MAS	MAS.	Any business engaged in manufacturing based in England.	Eligible businesses must be determined to grow.	Funded support for manufacturers, in the form of a free review and diagnostic service of the business. It could lead to identifying specialist projects to address the actions identified in the	The support could be used to develop an action plan tailored to the company's needs. Areas it could cover include business strategy, operational efficiency, development of new ideas,	Active.	MAS Business Growth Service: http://www.mas.businessgrowthservice.greatbusiness.gov.uk/manufacturing-support/ / 0300 303 0034

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					review, and eligible SMEs could receive match-funded support from MAS for some projects (see MAS Grants).	strengthening supply chains, and joining the MAS GrowthCommunity network.		
England	Funding	Carbon Footprint Ltd.	SME manufacturers which are England-based, and/or SMEs in their supply chain.		Part-funded support towards developing sustainability programmes.	Qualifying projects include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carbon footprint assessments • Life Cycle Analysis • ISO14001 / 9001 • Sustainability reporting • Training programmes • Energy surveys • Carbon and sustainability data management systems 	Active.	Carbon Footprint funded support: http://www.carbonfootprint.com/funding.html / 01256 345 645
England	Rural Development Programme for England: LEADER funding	Funded by Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA).	A range of rural businesses, depending on the exact grant / scheme.	Dependent on each grant scheme. Each individual Local Action Group (LAG) priorities will decide which projects they will fund. All projects must however support one or more of the 6 LEADER priorities .	Different grant schemes available, administered by each individual LAGs, that decide which projects they will fund in their own area.	The programme aims to fund projects that create jobs, help businesses to grow, and benefit the rural economy.	Applications to Local Action Groups (LAGs) for LEADER funding will open in summer 2015.	LEADER funding: https://www.gov.uk/rural-development-programme-for-england-leader-funding
England	Countryside Stewardship	Run by Natural England and the Forestry Commission, on behalf of Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA). Funded by European	Eligible farmers, woodland owners, foresters, and other land managers. Full details on eligibility and terms & conditions will be provided in the scheme manual when it is published later in	Vary depending on each particular grant and/or payment. All applicants must register on the Rural Payments service before applying for Countryside Stewardship.	Umbrella scheme encompassing 3 main elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mid Tier: multi-year agreements for environmental improvements in the wider countryside. • Higher Tier: multi-year agreements for 	The scheme provides incentives for land managers to look after their environment, aiming to protect and enhance the natural environment, particularly biodiversity, with water quality also an important priority. It does so by offering a range of management	Competitive fund, with certain grants such as the Woodland Capital Grants , the Water Capital Grants , or the Countryside Productivity Scheme	Countryside Stewardship: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/countryside-stewardship/how-it-works

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		funding (EAFRD).	the year.		<p>environmentally-significant sites, commons, and woodlands where more complex management required delivery body support.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital Grants: a range of 1-2 year grants for hedgerows and boundaries, improving water quality, developing plans, woodland creation (establishment), and tree health. 	<p>options and one-off payments towards the costs of certain capital items or activities, which can be applied for in different combinations to create an agreement. Applicants can find specific information on all rural grants and payments available online. In addition, those from the farming, forestry, and other land management sectors or service providers with environmental land management experience and suitable facilitation skills can apply for Facilitation Funding.</p>	already open for applications, and other elements to become available later in 2015.	
England	Urban Community Energy Fund (UCEF)	DECC.	Registered companies (inc. CICs), Charitable Incorporated Organisations, Registered Societies (formerly IPS), Paris and Town Councils in England.	Community groups must need to be incorporated.	<p>Grants of up to £20,000 available for the more speculative, early stages of project's development e.g. viability studies.</p> <p>Loans of up to £130,000 to develop planning applications and robust business cases will be also provided. Revolving fund, money provided via loans will be recycled back into the fund upon repayment.</p>	<p>£10m fund to kick-start renewable energy generation projects in urban communities across England. Successful community groups will be able to access grants and loans to support renewable energy developments. Aimed to help get projects to be 'investment-ready'. The counterpart in urban communities to the Rural Community Energy Fund.</p>	Active. From 29 th May, application deadlines will be on the last Friday of the month .	Urban Community Energy Fund (UCEF): https://www.gov.uk/urban-community-energy-fund / 0800 038 6345
England	Rural Community Energy Fund (RCEF)	Funded by DECC, administered by WRAP.	Rural communities in England.	Rural communities of under 10,000 residents (unless in an officially deemed	£15m Government fund to develop renewable energy projects in rural communities. Provision	Financing the stages required to develop a robust business case to develop community	Active.	Rural Community Energy Fund (RCEF): www.wrap.org.uk/content/rural-community-energy-

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				local authority area which is a 'predominantly rural' area), with demonstrable wider community support, in a legal entity form, and planning a project which will create a legacy for the future, using proven renewable technology.	of ~£150k to cover 2-stage support in grants (stage 1, up to £20k) for feasibility studies and loans (stage 2, up to £130k) for pre-planning development work to help projects become investment-ready.	renewable energy projects in rural communities. Typically suitable for projects which require planning permission, significant capital outlay to build, and generating power for multiple buildings or grid export.		fund / 0808 100 2040
England	Mixed Plastics Loan Fund	WRAP.	Businesses.	Projects must develop mixed plastics processing capacity under 15,000 tonnes p.a. and divert at least 10,000 tonnes p.a. from landfill. Plastics-to-fuel processes are not currently being considered. Maximum loan term: 5 years.	£5m fund available to provide asset loans of between £50,000 and £1m for plant.	Purchase of machinery and/or ground works for projects building additional capacity for processing mixed plastics from the household waste stream.	Active.	WRAP Mixed Plastics Loan Fund: www.wrap.org.uk/content/mixed-plastics-loan-fund / 01295 819 919
England	On-Farm Anaerobic Digestion (AD) Fund	WRAP.	Farms.	Farms in England that have access to slurries and manures and wish to build AD plants producing up to 250kW of power.	The scheme is split into two parts: Stage 1: Grant of up to £10,000 to investigate environmental and economic potential of building an AD plant on the farm. Stage 2: Capital loan of up to £400,000 (or maximum 50% of the total project costs).	Help farms access finance, provide case studies and demonstration information and get support for those wanting to use AD on their farm.	Active.	WRAP On-Farm AD Fund: www.wrap.org.uk/node/16778 / onfarm@wrap.org.uk
England	RHI Training Support Scheme (Short courses for existing heating installers)	DECC, administered on their behalf by GTEC Training Ltd.	SMEs located in England.	2 out of 3 criteria to be met: - Applicant is a permanent England resident - Applicant works predominantly in	Voucher to cover 75% of the cost of training and assessment, up to a maximum of £500 per voucher (inc. VAT).	Vouchers available for solar thermal, heat pumps (both ASHP and GSHP), and biomass technologies.	Active.	RHI Training: www.rhitraining.co.uk / 0844 870 9459

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				England - Applicant's employer's principle office is in England				
England	RHI Training Support Scheme (Apprenticeship support)				Voucher worth up to £2,500 (inc. VAT), with a maximum of five vouchers per company.	Training those nearing the end of a plumbing/heating apprenticeship to become skilled in one or more: environmental technology systems, solar thermal, heat pumps, and biomass.	Active.	RHI Training: www.rhitraining.co.uk / 0844 870 9459
England	Salix Energy Efficiency Loans Scheme (SSEELS)	Salix Finance.	Public sector bodies.	Projects need to be completed within a 9-month timeframe from commitment date. Projects will need to pay for itself from energy savings within a maximum 5-year period. The cost of CO ₂ must be under £100 per tonne over the lifetime of the project. Loans will be paid by Salix by direct debit on a 6-monthly basis over 4 years, Projects must be 'additional'.	Interest-free loans to finance up to 100% of the costs of energy-saving projects meeting the funding criteria.	Projects funded will have to be covered by the Salix Technology List , which includes boilers, building management systems (BMS), combined heat & power (CHP) plant, compressors, computers & IT solutions, cooling, hand driers, energy from waste, heating systems, hot water, kitchen equipment, building fabric improvements inc. insulation, lighting, controls, motors, other.	Active.	SEELS: http://salixfinance.co.uk/ 0207 406 7620
England	Community Fund (Round 2)	WREN.	Projects located within WREN operating areas , including: Village halls, community centres, public parks, country parks, cycleways, playgrounds (not in schools), public footpaths/	Projects should be in a position to start within 6 months of WREN's funding decision. Projects must be available to the general public.	Grants of between £2,000 and £50,000 . Has replaced the Main Grant Scheme and the Small Grant Scheme.	Provision, maintenance or improvement of a public park or other public amenity in the vicinity of a landfill site.	Active.	WREN Community Fund: http://www.wren.org.uk/news/community-fund / 01953 717 165

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			towpaths, museums, recreation grounds, village greens, nature reserves, multi-purpose sports clubs, skate parks.					
East Midlands (eligible wards)	Coalfields Community Grants	The Coalfields Regeneration Trust.	Organisations in the eligible wards that can deliver activities that address at least one of the key themes.	Eligible wards in the East Midlands, a list of which is available online . Key themes: - Helping people into work - Developing skills and qualifications - Improving health and wellbeing	Grants from £500 to £10,000 to help eligible organisations to make a positive difference in their community.	Funding to help tackle issues such as employment, skills, health, and above-average levels of deprivation, on which research has found that coalfield communities fall behind national averages .	Active. Ongoing, the next submission deadline is 11th September 2015 .	Coalfield Community Grants: http://www.coalfields-regen.org.uk/what-we-do/social-investment/coalfields-community-grants/ / 01226 272 811
East Midlands	Innovation Voucher Scheme	University of Nottingham, financed by ERDF.	SMEs from any sector in the East Midlands.	Business interactions in projects that align with the University's areas of academic expertise and lead to collaboration.	Vouchers typically for a maximum of £5k , to cover the full cost of the project to the business.	Typical uses include testing, computer modelling, problem solving and access to University equipment.	Active.	Innovation Voucher Scheme: david.southall@nottingham.ac.uk / 0115 846 7246
East Midlands	Invest to Grow	University of Derby, financed by ERDF.	Established private sector businesses.	Eligible businesses looking to innovate, grow, and create jobs.	£16m of RGF available to provide grants or loans for businesses. ~30% of cost of investment to be covered. Minimum project cost £50,000 (i.e. minimum award £15,000), maximum award £1m.	Help create long-term sustainable job growth in the targeted sectors: - Transport equipment manufacturing - Medicine/Bio-science - Construction - Food & drink manufacturing - Logistics - Low Carbon	Active.	Invest to Grow: http://www.derby.ac.uk/business-services/access-to-funding / 01332 597 907
East Midlands	Business Start-Up Loan	Virgin Start-Up, managed by NBV Enterprise Solutions.	All individuals based in the East Midlands.	Start-up businesses in the East Midlands. Business plan required.	Loan between £500 and £25,000 , plus access to regular support from a personal business mentor for a	Business start-up costs.	Active.	Business Start-Up Loan: www.nbv.co.uk/#/start-up-loans/4574478218 / 0844 887 2568

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					full year.			
East Midlands	Small Loans	First Enterprise, pre-financed by European Regional Development Fund (ERDF).	East Midlands businesses.	Businesses must contribute 30% of the loan value where loan is being used to meet shortfall in funding requirements. Must demonstrate job creation / safeguard.	Loans between £3,000 and £50,000. Typical Annual Percentage Rate (APR) between 11.5% – 14.5%.	Secure services, purchase equipment, meet a shortfall in funding for specific new projects i.e. not existing running costs.	Active.	First Enterprise Small Loans: www.first-enterprise.co.uk/small-loans/ / 0115 942 3772
Chesterfield	Chesterfield Innovation Support Project	Chesterfield Borough Council, financed by ERDF.	Eligible Derbyshire businesses.	Businesses must be based in the Dunston or Tapton Innovation Centres to access the support, and be willing to grow and innovate.	Business support including business reviews, access to workshops on business issues and networking events, specialist advice on access to finance, bringing product to market, team development and growth, amongst other.	3x areas of support: - Direct business support - Events/seminars - Specialist advisors	Active	Chesterfield Innovation Support Project: www.innovationchesterfield.co.uk/rsm/22/article?id=4 / 01246 267 700
Derbs and Notts (D2N2 area)	Unlocking Investment for Growth (UIfG)	Managed by EMB Ltd on behalf of D2N2, with Regional Growth Fund.	Businesses, especially SMEs, in the D2N2 area. Priority will be given to applicants from the six priority sectors .	Businesses must demonstrate that they have exhausted all other private sector funding sources and that the grant would enable one or more of the incentive effects to be achieved.	£5m fund to provide up to 25% grant funding in support of capital investment projects, starting at £50k and reaching £500k maximum.	Achieve economic growth and create new sustainable jobs. Assessment criteria will include job creation, gross value added growth, leverage of private funding, and deliverability and risk.	The programme will be closing to new applications shortly, but any expressions of interest received will be held in a pending file and referred onto subsequent funding programmes if appropriate.	UI4G: http://www.d2n2lep.org/UI4G / 01332 826 366
Derbyshire	Global Derbyshire Fund	Derbyshire Economic Partnership, with Regional Growth Fund (RGF).	Derbyshire-based SMEs.	SMEs that are unable to meet the RGF minimum investment of £1m. Grants will be subject to businesses	Grants of between £4,000 and £75,000 for eligible businesses seeking to grow, collaborate, innovate, and export.	Investment will be made in 4 strands of activity: • Start-up support • Business innovation and	Active.	Global Derbyshire Fund: http://www.derbyshireeconomicpartnership.org.uk/global-derbyshire-fund/ / Mark Tomblin on telephone 01629 538244 /

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				creating sustainable employment that lasts a minimum of 3 years.	Maximum size of grant awarded to a project will not exceed £15,00 per job created.	development (including supply chain collaboration) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delivering digital Derbyshire Export promotion 		DEPenquiries@derbyshire.gov.uk
Derby city	Business Energy Support Promoting Opportunities and Knowledge for Energy Efficiency (BESPOKE)	Derby City Council, financed by ERDF (2007-13).	Derby-based manufacturers or SMEs providing a business-to-business (B2B) service.	Minimum contribution of 10% of the project costs is required from the business. Certain sectors excluded due to EU eligibility criteria.	Grants between £1,000 and £5,000 available. Also up to two days of free energy efficiency advice.	Measures that cut costs, save energy, and reduce CO ₂ emissions e.g. lighting, controls upgrade, insulation, biomass boilers.	Active.	BESPOKE: www.derby.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/climate-change-and-energy-management/bespoke/ / 01332 642015 or 640810
Derby city	Derby Enterprise Growth Fund (DEGF)	Derby City Council, with Regional Growth Fund.	Businesses inc. social enterprises located in Derby city.	Derby-based businesses located within Derby and the Travel-to-Work Area (TTWA) ., for projects which demonstrate growth and job creation.	£20m fund available to support business growth and job creation, through several programmes. Up to 30% funding of total project costs through loans or grants .	Assist development, application and adoption of innovation in supply chains in aerospace, rail and automotive sectors. Develop products, processes and systems for supply chain efficiency, resilience, growth and profitability. Funding for capital equipment, site and building infrastructure.	Active.	Derby Enterprise Growth Fund: www.derby.gov.uk/business-support-advice/degf/ / 01332 641 628
Gainsborough	Shop Front Grant	Gainsborough Town Partnership (GTP).	Traders, both new and existing, operating in the Gainsborough town centre.	Local businesses operating within the Gainsborough town centre. The grant must be 50% match-funded by the applicant.	Grants of between £1,000 (for existing traders) and £2,000 (for new businesses) to improve the appearance of shop fronts.	The grant could be used to fund external improvements such as repairs to the shop front, new windows, new doors, and signage.	Active.	Shop Front Grant: http://www.lincs-chamber.co.uk/shop-front-grants / Call Samantha Dodd on 07525985114
Gedling	Community Grants	Gedling Borough Council; administered by its councillors.	Local community groups and projects; Organisations working across Gedling.	Be an eligible organisation. A group of senior councillors from all parties represented on the Council take the decisions on which activities will be	Small grants up to £1,500 to support local community groups and activities. Other small grants also available to support organisations working across the	Discretionary.	Active.	Gedling Community Grants: http://www.gedling.gov.uk/councillorsmeetings/communitygrants/ / 0115 901 3627

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				funded.	Borough or in several wards.			
Heanor	Heanor Shop Front Improvement Grant	Amber Valley Borough Council.	Owners or occupiers of a commercial property with a shop frontage in Heanor.	To promote value-for-money, successful applicants must provide comparable quotes for the work: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If works are under £250: 1 quote will suffice • If under £2,500: 2 quotes will suffice • If over £2,500: 3 quotes will suffice. 	Grants of up to 50% towards the cost of improvements to the shop front. Further details available online.	Make ground floor improvements, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New signage • Paintwork • Windows • Doors • Brickwork • Shop surrounds 	Active.	Heanor Shop Front Improvement Grant: http://www.ambervalley.gov.uk/business/regeneration/regeneration-projects/heanor-shop-front-improvement-grant.aspx / 01773 841 496
Ilkeston, Sandiacre and Long Eaton	Golden Hello Grant	Erewash Partnership.	Businesses starting, expanding, or re-locating in Ilkeston, Sandiacre or Long Eaton.	Be an eligible business. Current business plan, a copy of the lease, and sales and costings figures must be submitted alongside the completed application form (includes further details about the Scheme).	Grants of up to £1,000. Payment of the grant will be issued as via a two-stage process: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cheque for £500 provided on approval of application by a committee 2. Cheque for £500 provided following business advice session 10 weeks after receiving the initial payment. 	This Scheme aims to support and encourage the occupation of vacant retail premises in these town centres, regenerating their retail status. Successful applicants will also benefit from access to experienced business advisors that provide free, impartial, and confidential advice, together with signposting to other relevant organisations and businesses.	Active.	Golden Hello Grant: http://ilkeston.biz/index.php/business-grants-support / 0115 946 8839
Ilkeston	Shop Front Improvement Scheme	Erewash Partnership	Owners or tenants (with their landlord's written permission) of any retail or commercial premises, located in Ilkeston town centre.	Be an eligible business. Eligible businesses will be expected to contribute towards 20% of the total costs via match funding (see 'Type of Funding'). Approval of grant does not give the applicant permission	Grants to support ground floor external repair and renovation up to a maximum value of £1,250. Erewash Borough Council contribute 80% of this amount (i.e. up to £1,000), with the remaining 20% being funded by the property's owner or	This Scheme aims to contribute to the wider regeneration and improvement of Ilkeston town centre by supporting measures such as glazing, new signage, and general painting and decorating in retail and commercial premises. Successful applicants	Active.	Shop Front Improvement Scheme: http://ilkeston.biz/index.php/business-grants-support / 0115 946 8839

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				to change the premises' structure without planning approval. Proof of expenditure will need to be provided prior to receiving the grant. Further details provided in the application form.	operating tenant. Grant to be allocated as a reimbursement of costs to the successful applicants, once proof of expenditure has been provided.	will also benefit from access to experienced business advisors that provide free, impartial, and confidential advice, together with signposting to other relevant organisations and businesses.		
Langley Mill	Langley Mill Shop Front Improvement	Amber Valley Borough Council.	Retail businesses in Langley Mill.	To promote value-for-money, successful applicants must provide comparable quotes for the work: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If works are under £250: 1 quote will suffice • If under £2,500: 2 quotes will suffice • If over £2,500: 3 quotes will suffice Further details available online.	Grants towards 50% of the cost of shop front improvement.	Examples include painting, re-pointing, windows, shop surroundings.	Active.	Langley Mill Shop Front Improvement: www.ambervalley.gov.uk/business/business-support-and-advice/business-support-projects/langley-mill-shop-front-improvement.aspx# / 01773 841 496
Leics county and Rutland	Loans	The Harry James Riddleston Charity of Leicester	Residents over 21 and under 35 y.o of Leicestershire or Rutland, conducting their business there.	Candidates must be able to demonstrate that the business has the potential to succeed. Candidates must also have a real need for the loan.	Interest-free loans up to £10,000 for between 5 and 10 years. 2 guarantors required for a loan up to £6,000, and 3 guarantors for loans between £6,001 and £10,000.	Enabling young entrepreneurs to start or expand their own business, or support vocational or educational advancement.	Active.	Harry James Riddleston loans: http://www.harryriddleston.org.uk/apply/ / 0185 846 3322
Leics county	Leicestershire Local Enterprise Fund	Leicestershire County Council, in partnership with Funding Circle (Government-backed scheme).	Established Leicestershire businesses.	Eligible businesses must have a minimum turnover of £100,000 and have been trading for at least 2 years.	Loan fund offering loans of between £5,000 and £1m to borrowers, and high returns for investors. Terms of up to 5 years, with no early repayment fee.	Fund aims overall to support British businesses to expand and grow. Borrowers can receive financial help for almost any purpose. Investors can receive an average net return of 5.8% on investment.	Active.	Leicestershire Local Enterprise Fund: http://www.llep.org.uk/enterprisefund

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Leics county	SHIRE Community Climate Change Grants	Leicestershire County Council.	Parish Councils/Meetings and Town Councils, community groups, faith groups, charities and village/community management committees.	Projects in Leicestershire (not Rutland of Leicester city) which improve energy efficiency and reduce the potential impacts of climate change.	Grants within three categories: Energy audit – 75% up to £1,000 and 50% of the cost over £1,000 ; Events/training courses for communities – 50% of the cost up to a maximum of £2,500 ; Practical Installation Projects – either 20% or 50%.	Energy audits of community buildings, installation of energy efficiency measures such as new heating systems, roof or cavity wall insulation, water conservation systems, solar PV, wind turbines, and community events on energy efficiency or climate change.	Active.	SHIRE Community Climate Change Grant: http://www.leics.gov.uk/climatechange_grants / 0116 305 7082
Leicester city	Business Security Grant Scheme	Leicester City Council, Leics Police, Leics Chamber of Commerce.	SMEs located in the city of Leicester.	SMEs located in Leicester with fewer than 30 staff across 3 or fewer outlets, and have permission for the works on-site.	Grant of 50% (up to a maximum of £1,500 per applicant) towards the costs of purchasing security measures.	A range of security measures e.g. intruder alarms, grills, locks, shutters, CCTV, lighting, etc.	Active.	Business Security Grant Scheme: www.dncc.co.uk/support-services/5044/business-security-grant-scheme / 0845 108 5409
Greater Lincs	Grown on Growth Fund	Managed by the University of Lincoln, financed by the Regional Growth Fund.	SMEs located in business incubation environments within one of the selected LEP areas (inc. Greater Lincolnshire).	Applicants must have growth plans in place to exit incubation and secure the next stage of their business development and growth. Applicants will need to provide 60% match funding in respect of total costs.	Grants of up to 40% of total project costs. The Fund aims to enable early stage businesses located in business incubation environments to 'fly the next' and create secure, sustainable, high-quality jobs.	Grants can be used for business expansion projects including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital purchase/build projects • Premises fit-out • Machinery/equipment purchase • Training • R&D • IT purchases • Commercial rents • Staff recruitment and training costs 	Active.	Grow on Growth Fund: http://growongrowth.co.uk/
Lincs County	Rural Gain Grant	Lincolnshire County Council.	Rural retailing businesses and community groups based in a village or small town in Lincolnshire.	Eligible applicants must be based in a village or town with a population under 5,000. Projects must improve access to local services.	Grants of between £250 and £10,000 up to a maximum of 50% of the total project costs (de minimis rules apply).	The grant may support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital expenditure improvements to sales/service delivery area e.g. new lighting, refrigeration, layout, and 	Active.	Rural Gain Grant: http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/residents/environment-and-planning/environment/accessible/rural-gain-grant/85371.article / 01522 782 070

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						shelving <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovation to sales area e.g. café, internet, tea rooms, local produce counters • Introduction of new services e.g. paypoint, dry cleaning, home delivery, diversification • Improvements to security e.g. update alarm systems, CCTV, mirrors and layout • Business efficiency e.g. improved energy use, stock control, energy-saving devices 		
Lincs County	Greater Lincolnshire Business Capital Growth Fund	Managed by Lincolnshire Chamber of Commerce, financed by the Regional Growth Fund.	Any Lincolnshire business.	Applicant's plans must include job creation. Renewal investment in the business, maintenance of machinery, and wage costs are all ineligible.	£2m fund to provide capital grants between £10,000 and £250,000 to successful applicants.	Could cover: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Premises expansion - New property purchase - Plant and machinery - Infrastructure - New technologies - Business development - Software - Training 	Active. Runs until December 2016.	Greater Lincs Business Capital Growth Fund: www.businesslincolnshire.com/advice-grant-scheme-finder/131/greater-lincolnshire-business-capital-growth-fund/ / 01522 523 333
Lincs County	Grants4Growth	Part of the Local Enterprise Growth & Efficiency Programme, mainly funded through ERDF.	SMEs within the East of England (i.e. Lincolnshire, Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire).	SME as per the EU definition. Most sectors are eligible, although some sectors are excluded due to EU restrictions e.g. healthcare, education, fisheries.	Provision of capital grants support up to a maximum of 28% of total eligible expenditure to help SMEs capitalise growth and efficiency.	Could fund: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Investment in technologies/processes that lead to quantifiable growth, improve resilience or create/safeguard jobs; - Efficiency initiatives in waste, water, energy efficiency, recovery or reduction; 	Active, ongoing.	Grants4Growth: www.grants4growth.org.uk/eligibility / (Lincolnshire contact): 01775 764 412

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						- Investment in technologies or processes that reduce environmental impact of operations.		
Lincs County	Access Lincolnshire (Access LN6)	Lincolnshire County Council (LCC)	SMEs within the East of England (inc. Lincolnshire).	Businesses must be based within the Lincolnshire area to receive the grant.	Grants of up to £5,000 for measures which support the development of more integrated, more sustainable travel options.	A range of capital measures could be paid for by the grant, such as: - Cycle parking - Lockers - Showers and changing facilities - Pool bikes (pedal / electric) - Signage - Teleconferencing equipment	Active. Funded between 2012 and 2015.	Access LN6: www.accessln6.co.uk / 01522 554 545
Ashfield	Indoor & Outdoor Market Stalls Grant (Sutton Indoor Market Hall)	Ashfield District Council.	Eligible businesses located within the Ashfield District.	New start-up traders i.e. businesses trading under 12 months, located in Ashfield. 50% customer contribution is required. Application must be supported by business plan detailing financial information.	Grant of up to £1,500 for eligible businesses. NB. Grant payment is controlled by ADC Markets Manager and released in stage payments as rent paid or against evidence of expenditure on market stall.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> £1,235 towards rental, under 6-month license agreement, and £265 towards fixtures, fittings, decoration unit, etc. 	Active.	Indoor & Outdoor Market Stalls Grant (Sutton Indoor Market Hall): http://invest.ashfield-mansfield.com/business-support/business-grants/ / 01623 463 174 / clomas@mansfield.gov.uk
Ashfield	Indoor & Outdoor Market Stalls Grant (Traditional Outdoor Market)	Ashfield District Council.	Eligible businesses located within the Ashfield District.	Businesses that in the previous 6 months have not traded as a market trader. No application form is required, but the grant will need to be agreed in consultation with ADC Markets Manager.	Grant of £250 towards the daily rent of a market stall. NB. Grant payment is controlled by ADC Markets Manager and released in stage payments as rent paid or against evidence of expenditure on market stall.	Market stall rental.	Active.	Indoor & Outdoor Market Stalls Grant (Traditional Outdoor Market): http://invest.ashfield-mansfield.com/business-support/business-grants/ / 01623 463 174 / clomas@mansfield.gov.uk

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Ashfield	Vacant Shops Grant	Ashfield District Council.	Eligible local SMEs.	<p>SMEs occupying vacant shop units as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Businesses trading for over 12 months - occupying shops vacant for at least 3 months. New and businesses trading less than 12 months – no period specified. 50% customer contribution is required. <p>Application must be supported by business plan detailing financial information.</p>	Grant of up to £3,000 for eligible businesses occupying a vacant shop within Ashfield.	<p>Grant can be used to fund a mixture of capital and revenue expenditure, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improvement to premises Fixtures and fittings Rent Insurance premiums Advertising and marketing costs 	Active.	<p>Vacant Shops Grant (Ashfield):</p> <p>http://invest.ashfield-mansfield.com/business-support/business-grants/ / 01623 463 174 / clomas@mansfield.gov.uk</p>
Ashfield	Shop Front Improvements Grant	Ashfield District Council.	Eligible local SMEs.	<p>A 50% customer contribution is required.</p> <p>Application must be supported by business plan detailing financial information.</p>	Grant of up to £3,000 for eligible businesses.	Costs of replacing, improving, or repairing shop front.	Active.	<p>Shop Front Improvements Grant (Ashfield):</p> <p>http://invest.ashfield-mansfield.com/business-support/business-grants/ / 01623 463 174 / clomas@mansfield.gov.uk</p>
Ashfield and Mansfield	Apprenticeship Grant for Employers (AGE)	Mansfield District Council & Ashfield District Council.	Eligible local SMEs.	<p>SMEs located in Ashfield or Mansfield District.</p> <p>Qualify for the National Apprenticeship Service's AGE.</p> <p>Apprenticeship must be newly created position and for an apprentice aged 19-24 y.o. living in one of the Districts.</p>	Up to £1,500 grant on top of the current National Apprenticeship Service's £1,500 Apprenticeship Grant for Employers (AGE). Grant to be paid in stages throughout the apprenticeship programme.	<p>A new apprenticeship (see 'Key Eligibility Criteria').</p> <p>The grant can be claimed for up to 2x apprentices.</p>	Active.	<p>AGE:</p> <p>http://invest.ashfield-mansfield.com/business-support/business-grants/ and http://invest.ashfield-mansfield.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/MDC-Apprenticeships-Flyer-cropped.pdf / 01623 463 165</p>

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Ashfield and Mansfield	Business Rates Relief	Mansfield District Council & Ashfield District Council.	Eligible retail premises.	Occupied retail premises in Ashfield or Mansfield Districts where the property has a rateable value of £50,000 or less and is occupied, and is wholly/mainly being used as an establishment which provides services to the public. Financial, medical and professional services are not eligible.	Up to £1,000 discretionary relief in 2014/15 and 2015/16 business rates.	Discounted business rates.	Active.	Business Rates Relief: http://invest.ashfield-mansfield.com/business-support/business-grants/ / 01623 457 516 (Ashfield) 01623 463 162 (Mansfield)
Kirkby-in-Ashfield	Kirkby Shopfront Grant	Mansfield District Council & Ashfield District Council.	Selected local shops.	Shops in Kirkby-in-Ashfield with: - Traditionally-styled shopfronts - Rainwater goods - Sash windows and doors	Up to 80% of the costs of authentic reinstatement and repair on front elevations. Up to 50% of minor works.	Grant could cover: - Repair to gutter and downpipes - Painting of existing shopfront and render - Replacement of signage - Removal of external roller shutters and installation of internal security grills	Active.	Kirkby Shopfront Grant: http://invest.ashfield-mansfield.com/business-support/business-grants/ / Debbie Broad on 01623 457382 or Julie Clayton on 01623 457383.
Mansfield	Business Start-Up Grant Scheme	Mansfield District Council.	Individuals looking to start a business in Mansfield district.	Sole traders, partnerships, limited companies, or social enterprises/Community Interest Companies (CICs) are all eligible in principle. A detailed supporting business plan must be submitted in support of the grant application. Plan must demonstrate sufficient resources, with grant to cover start-up and initial running costs. Expenditure and other revenue items are excluded.	A grant of up to £1,000. Contribution of 50% towards the total cost of pre-agreed items (ex-VAT) is required e.g. an overall spend of at least £2,000 will obtain the maximum grant of £1,000.	The grant can be used towards expenditure on: - Capital assets e.g. plant, equipment, machinery (note that vehicles are excluded) - Shop fittings, including shelves, general refurbishment and counters - Security equipment and installation - Business stationary - Advertising and other marketing costs e.g. web design.	Active.	Business Start-Up Grant Scheme: http://invest.ashfield-mansfield.com/business-support/business-grants/ and http://invest.ashfield-mansfield.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/MDC-Business-Start-Up-Grant-Scheme-Guidance.pdf / 01623 463 813 / ptopliss@mansfield.gov.uk

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Mansfield	Vacant Shops Grant	Mansfield District Council.	New and existing retailers in Mansfield.	Independent retailers, new or existing retailers (some exclusions apply), taking occupation of a retail property that has been vacant for at least 3 months. 50% customer contribution towards the total costs of agreed items is required. Application must be supported by business plan detailing financial information.	Grant of up to £4,000 per property, to be paid in four quarterly instalments.	The grant can be used for a range of both capital and revenue expenditure, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvements to premises • Fixtures and fittings • Insurance premiums • Advertising and marketing costs The scheme aims to enhance the visual appearance of Mansfield town centre environment, reduce the vacancy rates of shops, and increase the number of independent retailers.	Active.	Vacant Shops Grant (Mansfield): http://invest.ashfield-mansfield.com/business-support/business-grants/ / 01623 463 174 / clomas@mansfield.gov.uk
Mansfield	Shop Front Improvements Grant	Mansfield District Council.	New and existing retailers in Mansfield.	Independent retailers already occupying premises who wish to alter or repair their shop front. Applicants must demonstrate the need for funding. 50% customer contribution towards the total costs of agreed items is required. Application must be supported by business plan detailing financial information.	Grant of up to £5,000 towards the costs of replacing, improving, or repairing shop front.	The grant can be used for a range of both capital and revenue expenditure, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvements to premises • Fixtures and fittings • Insurance premiums • Advertising and marketing costs The scheme aims to enhance the visual appearance of Mansfield town centre environment, reduce the vacancy rates of shops, and increase the number of independent retailers.	Active. NB. Shop Front Improvement Grant scheme will be open until March 2016 or until funding is fully allocated.	Shop Front Improvements Grant (Mansfield): http://invest.ashfield-mansfield.com/business-support/business-grants/ / 01623 463 174 / clomas@mansfield.gov.uk

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Mansfield	Business Growth Grant Scheme	Mansfield District Council.	Eligible SMEs in the Mansfield district area.	<p>SMEs located in the Mansfield district area that either:</p> <p>a) Already have a 'Strategic Growth Plan' in place and require additional funding to take forward, or</p> <p>b) Are at the very early planning stages in considering developments to grow the business with no formal plan in place.</p> <p>Applicants will be required to demonstrate the need for the grant.</p> <p>Growth plans will need to support the creation of at least 2 full time equivalent (FTE) jobs.</p>	<p>A grant of up to a maximum of £5,000 or 50% of the total project costs.</p> <p>Contribution of 50% towards the total cost of pre-agreed items (ex-VAT) is required e.g. an overall spend of at least £10,000 will obtain the maximum grant of £5,000.</p>	<p>The grant can be used for both capital and revenue expenditure on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In certain cases, previously agreed costs in developing a viable business growth plan. - Purposes that support the growth of the business as identified in the plan i.e. product development/ enhancement, process development, development of new markets/ routes to market, staff development. <p>Which could involve capital and revenue costs such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Land and buildings, including refurbishment - Plant, equipment, machinery (note that vehicles are excluded) - Costs related to R&D work - Costs associated with staff training 	Active.	<p>Business Growth Grant Scheme:</p> <p>http://invest.ashfield-mansfield.com/business-support/business-grants/ and http://invest.ashfield-mansfield.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/MDC-Business-Growth-Grant-Guidance.pdf / 01623 463 813 / ptopliss@mansfield.gov.uk</p>
Mansfield town centre	Mansfield Town Centre Building Improvement Grant (BIG)	Mansfield District Council.	All properties with commercial, retail and community uses in the Town Centre.	Properties must be located within the Mansfield Town Centre area.	Grant for up to 60% of the cost of eligible works, up to a maximum of £4,000.	Eligible work includes re-pointing, re-painting, new external windows and doors, new shop front and shop signs, re-instatement of architectural features, minor repairs to front elevation.	Active.	<p>Mansfield Town Centre BIG:</p> <p>http://www.mansfield.gov.uk/media/pdf/b/a/Big_leaflet.pdf / 01623 463 714</p>
Newark & Sherwood	Think BIG (Business Investment for Growth)	Newark & Sherwood District Council, managed by	Existing SMEs based in Newark & Sherwood with the ambition and	Businesses operating in Newark & Sherwood that don't meet the banks usual	Loans of £25,000-£150,000 , repaid in monthly repayments over a period between	Case-by-case assessment. Exclusions: money-lending, gambling,	Active.	<p>Think BIG:</p> <p>www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/invest/newarksherwood/support/fin</p>

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		'Invest Newark & Sherwood'.	potential to grow.	lending criteria but can demonstrate a viable proposition for growth. They must already turn over under £500,000 p.a. or have more than 5 employees.	6 months and 3 years. Interest rate charged to reflect risk profile of the business, likely matching high-street banks rates.	pornography or religion. Unlikely to finance the development or purchase of property or of vehicles.		ancialsupport/ / 01636 655 260
Northants	High Performance Technologies (HPT) Research and Development (R&D) Investment Programme	Northans Enterprise Partnership (NEP) and South East Midlands Local Enterprise Partnership (SEMLEP).	Medium to large enterprises in the High Performance Technologies (HPT) sector.	£500k minimum grant. Evidence of significant private sector investment in R&D that leads to private sector job creation and positive supply chain impact should be provided.	£4m fund, grants of up to £1m.	R&D in the HPT sector.	Active.	NEP: www.northamptonshireep.co.uk/high-performance-technologies-rd-investment-programme/ / 01604 609 386
Northants	£1,000 to Get Started	NEP.	New businesses based in Northamptonshire.	New businesses undertaking the NEP Business Planning and Sales and Marketing workshops/training.	Grants of up to £1,000.	Set-up costs such as IT equipment.	Active.	NEP: www.northamptonshireep.co.uk/funding-business-support/funding-finance/1-000-to-get-started/ / 01604 609 535
Northants	Locate	NEP.	Existing businesses outside Northamptonshire.	Existing businesses wishing to either relocate or expand their business by moving to Northants.	Grants of up to £20,000.	Business relocation or expansion.	Active.	NEP: www.northamptonshireep.co.uk/funding-business-support/funding-finance/locate/ / 01604 609 535
Notts county	High Sheriff's Dragons Den	Sponsored by Turning Point Investments, organised by Notts Community Foundation (NCF).	Residents of either Nottinghamshire county or Nottingham city.	Local resident. Must be able to submit a realistic business plan for a great enterprise idea.	Grant of £3,000 to help get enterprise ideas off the ground.	Support for business development activities for budding entrepreneurs.	Active. All applications must be submitted by 7th September 2015 by 9:30am.	High Sheriff's Dragons Den: http://invest.ashfield-mansfield.com/nottinghamshires-hires-high-sheriffs-dragons-den/ and http://178.62.75.101/dragons-den/ / carla@nottscf.org.uk
Notts county	Nottinghamshire Economic Development Capital Fund	Nottinghamshire County Council.	SMEs in Nottinghamshire.	Businesses must be based in Nottinghamshire county. Businesses must be	Grants from £20,000 upwards. £3m of capital funding over 3 years, to help 40 businesses, create 200	Capital expenditure towards activities that support jobs and economic growth. Could include land	Active.	Notts Economic Development Capital Fund: http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/living/business/capitalfund/

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				willing to expand and to bring new job opportunities to the county within the Fund's timescales.	new jobs, secure 150 existing jobs, improve 20ha of business sites, and attract £6m of other funding.	purchase, buildings, new equipment, machinery, amongst other areas.		/ ecdev@nottsc.gov.uk / 0115 977 2046
Notts county	TransACT and TransACTlite	Businesses in Notts.	SMEs based in Nottinghamshire.	Businesses located in Nottinghamshire, with annual sales turnover under £25m, and no more than 25% of capital / voting rights owned by another company.	Grants to create and implement business-specific travel plans and implement measures that reduce single occupant car journeys to work. If under 20 employees, grant to purchase cycle and walking equipment also available.	Consultancy costs to develop a travel plan, capital costs for purchase of measures that reduce single occupant car journeys to work.	Active.	TransACT: www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/travelling/travel/plansstrategiesandtenders/travelplans/producingatravelplan/ / 0300 500 80 80
Notts county (selected wards)	Coalfields Funds – Notts	Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG), managed on their behalf by Enterprise Ventures Ltd.	SMEs based in Nottinghamshire. Companies operating within an eligible coalfield ward, or with a significant proportion of workforce living in such a ward, or use suppliers in such a ward.	Businesses with a business address in an eligible coalfield ward, or with staff / suppliers which meet the criteria (see 'Who can apply?'). Must be unquoted. Must be able to produce commercial return-on-investment (ROI) to the Funds.	Between £40,000 to £1m investment in equity and equity-related flexible funding i.e. loan, preference share capital, or a combination. Also support and guidance on market and operational development.	Support new start-up companies and more mature / established ones to expand, with mergers and acquisitions, management buy-outs, and management buy-ins.	Active.	Coalfields Funds: http://www.coalfieldsfunds.co.uk/ / 0870 766 8237
Nottingham city and Notts county	Broadband Connection Vouchers	Nottingham City Council, using national Connection Vouchers funding.	Businesses located within the city of Nottingham and across the whole county of Nottinghamshire.	Eligible businesses must pay the VAT charged and the monthly rental to their chosen service provider. To find out more, use the online postcode checker .	Grants of up to £3,000 to upgrade to faster, better broadband.	Capital and equipment costs of upgrading broadband connexions in businesses.	Active.	Broadband Connection Vouchers: http://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/connectionvouchers / 01158 764 4225
Nottingham city	Real Creative Futures Business Grant Funding Programme	NVB Enterprise Solutions.	Existing SMEs based within Nottingham City and within the creative sector. Some sectors are	Applications will only be considered for those clients who have already accessed the Real Creative Futures	Grants of between £500 and £5,000, or 50% of the total project costs – whichever is lesser. In exceptional	Financial support in the form of capital and/or revenue in order to facilitate business development and growth.	Active.	Real Creative Futures Business Grant: http://www.nbv.co.uk/#/rcf-grant-funding/4584862777 / 0115 964 8494

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			excluded.	Programme. Applicants must have already commenced trading, and have a client base of other businesses (B2B). Grant holders will be required to pay the supplier for the full cost of the project before claiming the grant element, hence why funds must be in place to cover such costs prior to submitting the application.	circumstances, the maximum grant may be increased.	Exclusions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vehicles • Improvement to premises/ refurbishment • Stock & accredited training • Essential running costs e.g. statutory obligations, salaries, overheads, insurances, taxes • Costs for items that go beyond the period of the grant 		
Nottingham city	Creative Quarter Loan Fund	Managed by First Enterprise Business Agency (FEBA), on behalf of Nottingham City Council.	Businesses located in or relocating to Nottingham's Creative Quarter i.e. Lace Market, Hockley, Sneinton Market and the Island Site.	New start-ups and existing businesses must be based or wanting to move within the city's Creative Quarter. Businesses must demonstrate either job creation or safeguard. They must also demonstrate the viability of the business or proposition.	Loans from £500 to £25,000 at a preferential rate. Interest is charged at 6% and an arrangement fee of 2% applies.	The loans could be used to purchase equipment, secure services, and help to fund specific new projects, amongst other initiatives. The Fund itself is managed by First Enterprise Business Agency (FEBA) on behalf of Nottingham Council, and loans will be available over the next 5 to 10 years.	Active.	Creative Quarter Loan Fund: http://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/CQ-loan-fund / 0115 942 3773
Nottingham city	Creative Quarter New Business Rates Relief Scheme	SMEs within the Creative Quarter.	Nottingham Creative Quarter SMEs.	Start-up or existing SMEs relocating to properties within the Creative Quarter from outside of the Nottingham City boundary. Must evidence re-location for at least 12 months.	Up to 100% rate relief for companies in properties eligible for rate relief and with a rateable value of up to £18,000.	Supplements the existing national Government rate relief for businesses occupying a property with a rateable value under £12,000.	Active. Available 12 months from the point of application.	Creative Quarter New Business Rates Relief Scheme: www.growingnottingham.com/programmes/access-finance/creative-quarter-new-business-rates-relief-scheme / 01158 599 816
Peak District	Peak District Sustainable Development	Peak District National Park Authority	Individuals, groups or partnerships from	Projects must link to the national park in some way. Applicants	Grants for several hundred or several thousands of pounds.	Funding for projects that bring environmental, social,	Active.	Peak District Sustainable Development Fund: www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/livi

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	Fund		the public, private or voluntary sector.	must demonstrate, where relevant, that they have community support and that partnership opportunities have been explored.	Eligibility of 75% for community and environmental projects and 50% for business projects.	economic and cultural benefits to the park. Particularly interested in projects that reduce the extent of climate change and its impacts and effects. Grant can be used for project materials, equipment and help to conduct project, labour or contractor costs, publicity and marketing, feasibility studies, and in some cases, professional costs.		ng-and-working/your-community/sdf / 01629 816 312
Rushcliffe	Grants for groups and organisations	Rushcliffe Borough Council.	Constituted voluntary groups, parish and town councils.	Eligible organisations and projects.	Grants of up to £15,000 per application.	Capital works to grounds or buildings.	Active.	Rushcliffe Borough Council Grants: http://www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/grants/ / 0115 981 9911
Rushcliffe	Environmental grants	Rushcliffe Borough Council.	See each individual grant application form.	Eligible organisations and projects.	Several grants available, for different environmental areas/aims.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ponds and wetlands grant; • Conservation groups support grant; • Community food grant; • Biodiversity management grant. 	Active.	Rushcliffe Borough Council Grants: http://www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/grants/ / 0115 981 9911
South Holland	Grant Funding for SMEs (Grants4Growth)	South Holland District Council, funded by ERDF.	Eligible SMEs within the South Holland District, Boston Borough, and South East Lincolnshire area.	Businesses involved in primary production (e.g. farming, horticulture, propagation), public administration, education, and/or health are excluded.	Capital and revenue grants from a £3.5m Grants4Growth business support project secured by South Holland DC focused on competitiveness, resilience, and creating the right conditions for growth.	2 types of grants: - Capital grants as catalyst for investment by SMEs to purchase or install efficient new processes, production facilities, and cleantech/efficient equipment, helping them invest-to-grow.	Active.	South Holland DC's Grants4Growth: http://www.sholland.gov.uk/business/ecdev/Grants4Growth.htm / economicdevelopment@sholland.gov.uk

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						- Revenue grants and other direct assistance to support SMEs to promote and mainstream low carbon and environmental goods and services (LCEGS). -		
West Lindsey	West Lindsey Community Assets Fund	West Lindsey District Council, run by CAN and the Plunkett Foundation.	Communities from across West Lindsey.	Proposals must feature: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Democratic structures with community control; • Enterprising activity with long term sustainability; • Contributions to economic growth inc. employment or training opportunities; • Community benefits addressing social needs. 	£1.2m fund to support communities to develop community enterprise for the benefit of other communities. Ideas funded falling under: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community halls, social enterprises, and community-owned enterprises: Grants up to £10,000, and/or up to £150,000 in a grant/loan combination. • Community sports groups: Up to £150,000 grant/loan. 	Examples stated include the opening or refurbishment of community buildings, and the development of community infrastructure such as shops, pubs, local transport.	Active.	West Lindsey Community Assets Fund: http://communitylincs.com/community-assets-fund/ / 01993 810 730
Workshop town centre	Enterprise Grant Scheme	Bassetlaw District Council	Businesses new to the Bassetlaw area.	Businesses seeking to locate, re-locate or expand within the Workshop Town Centre. Must stay in the area for at least 12 months. More information available on the Scheme's guidance notes .	Grants for capital expenditure up to £1,500 for new businesses, and up to £2,500 to high-quality, independent retailers.	Expenditure on capital assets such as plant, equipment or machinery. Business support and advice also available from business advisors.	Active.	Enterprise Grant Scheme: https://www.bassetlaw.gov.uk/everything-else/business-advice/business-advice-support.aspx / 01909 533 223