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# Business Support Guide

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Programme 2007—2013

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# Introduction to the Guide

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## East Midlands ERDF Programme Business Support Guide

From 2007 to 2013, the East Midlands European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) Programme is providing €268.5 million of investment to a range of initiatives and projects that stimulate local growth and regeneration, create jobs and support local businesses.

The East Midlands ERDF Programme Business Support Guide captures the details of all the current business support initiatives being delivered in the local area providing help and guidance on where individual businesses seeking assistance can go for more information.

The initiatives have been separated by the three main types of support available:

- **Expertise and Advice**
- **Grant**
- **Equity or Loan Fund**

For each initiative the guide provides a short summary of the project and the category of support businesses can receive, any specific eligibility criteria and contact details for further information. At the front of the guide you will also find a quick reference table detailing all the initiatives featured showing the different categories of business support offered. Please note that an initiative may appear more than once in the guide should it be providing more than one type of support. This is referenced at the bottom of each project table.

The guide will be updated regularly to ensure all the latest ERDF business support initiatives are included. An interactive searchable version of the guide is also available on the ERDF section of the .Gov website at:

<https://www.gov.uk/erdf-national-guidance#local-programme-guidance>

For enquires relating to the production of the guide or general information on the East Midlands Programme, contact the Department for Communities and Local Government in the Nottingham office at [EM.ERDFenquiries@communities.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:EM.ERDFenquiries@communities.gsi.gov.uk).

# Quick Reference Guide

Name of Project:	Category of Business Support Available						Type of Support			Page Number
	Developing a New Product or Service	Making Performance Improvements and Solving Problems	Expanding Your Market	Business Start Up	Securing Finance	Environmental Sustainability	Expertise and Advice	Grant	Equity or Loan Fund	
Ambition for Ashfield and Mansfield	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		6 & 46
Bespoke: Business Energy Support Promoting Opportunities and Knowledge for Energy Efficiency						X	X	X		7 & 47
Bolsover Employment and Enterprise Initiative	X		X	X			X			8 & 48
Building Enterprise	X	X	X				X			9
BusinessBolsover	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	10, 48 & 63
Carbon Management for Leicester SMEs	X	X					X	X		11 & 49
Chesterfield Innovation Support Programme		X			X		X			12
Creative Enterprise Hub	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			13
Enterprise4Corby	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	14, 50 & 64
Enterprise Inc 2	X			X			X	X		15 & 51
Enterprising St Ann's and Sneinton				X			X			16
Future Factory	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		17 & 52
Graduates in Business	X	X	X			X	X	X		18 & 53
Grow Your Own Enterprise	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		19 & 54
G-STEP	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			20

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Healthcare and Bioscience iNet Phase 3	X	X	X	X			X	X		21 & 55
Hive Proof of Concept Project 2	X	X	X	X	X		X			22
Innovation Partnerships	X	X	X			X	X			23
Internationalising East Midlands SMEs	X		X		X		X	X		24 & 56
Launch-Pad Leicester	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		25 & 57
Leicester African Caribbean Business Association Enterprise Academy				X			X			26
Leicester Business Centre: Phase 4				X	X		X			27
Leicester Business Women				X			X			28
Leicester for Business	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		29 & 58
LUMINATE (Loughborough University Manufacturing Innovation in Advanced Transport Engineering)	X	X	X			X	X	X		30 & 59
Materials Reclamation (MatRec)	X	X		X		X	X	X		31 & 60
Nottingham Growth 100 Programme		X	X		X	X	X			32
OnLincolnshire	X	X					X			33
Partnerships in Knowledge Transfer (PIKT)	X	X	X				X	X		34 & 61
Postgraduate Placements in Local SMEs	X	X	X			X	X			35
ProHelp & Business Champions		X	X	X			X			36

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Projector	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			37
Regional CDFI Fund					X		X		X	38 & 65
Selling to the Public Sector			X				X			39
SME Support to Growth	X	X	X			X	X			40
Social Enterprise Network				X			X			41
Space IDEAS Hub	X	X					X			42
The Food and Drink iNet (Innovation Network)	X	X	X				X	X		43 & 62
Work for Yourself	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			44
Working in Social Enterprise	X	X	X	X		X	X			45

# Expertise and Advice

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Ambition for Ashfield and Mansfield</b>
<b>Delivery Organisation</b>	Mansfield District Council
<b>Description of Project</b>	<p>This project offers a range of business support including:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invest Ashfield &amp; Mansfield- to stimulate investment in the area.</li> <li>• Grants to Support Innovation – up to £5,000 towards the cost of capital or revenue expenditure.</li> <li>• Business Crime Reduction Grants – up to £5,000 towards the cost of capital expenditure on security measures for business premises</li> <li>• Undergraduate Placement Scheme – 8 week placements to help local businesses to carry out projects that they wouldn't otherwise be able to resource</li> <li>• Graduate Placement Scheme – as above, but with a graduate and for placements of up to 6 months.</li> <li>• Entrepreneurs' Forum – a series of topical events that provide and opportunity for networking, along with mentoring support</li> <li>• Women's Enterprise Academy – a series of events/sessions, designed to create more female owned businesses .</li> </ul>
<b>Category of Support Available</b>	<p>Developing a New Product or Service            Making Performance Improvements and Solving Problems:            Technology, Technical, Resources, Premises            Expanding Your Market            Business Start Up            Securing Finance</p>
<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	Coverage: Mansfield and Ashfield only
<b>End Date of Project</b>	June 2015
<b>More Information</b>	<p>Name: Sarah Patrick            Organisation: Mansfield District Council            Telephone: 01623 463165            Email: spatrick@mansfield.gov.uk</p>

**This project also provides grant support.**

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Bespoke: Business Energy Support Promoting Opportunities and Knowledge for Energy Efficiency</b>
<b>Delivery Organisation</b>	Derby City Council
<b>Description of Project</b>	<p>Small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) within Derby city can access energy efficiency advice and guidance including onsite energy reviews and research into energy efficiency options.</p> <p>In addition, SME's can apply for a grant of up to £5,000 for energy efficiency improvements such as improvements to building heating,</p>
<b>Category of Support Available</b>	Environmental Sustainability
<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	<p>Coverage: Derby only</p> <p>Other: SMEs only and grant applications must demonstrate the potential capacity to generate a minimum level of carbon emissions saving of approximately 500 tonnes of CO2 per thousand pounds invested.</p>
<b>End Date of Project</b>	June 2015
<b>More Information</b>	<p>Name: Liz Minshall          Organisation: Derby City Council          Telephone: 01332 640 810          Email: <a href="mailto:bespoke@derby.gov.uk">bespoke@derby.gov.uk</a>          Website: <a href="http://www.derby.gov.uk/bespoke">www.derby.gov.uk/bespoke</a></p>

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<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Bolsover Employment and Enterprise Initiative</b>
<b>Delivery Organisation</b>	Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Chamber of Commerce
<b>Description of Project</b>	<p>This project is delivered through two strands:</p> <p><u>Strand 1. Enterprise Strand</u></p> <p>Offering advice and support and a series of modular Be Your Own Boss personal development workshops.</p> <p>A series of half day Personal Development workshops are offered to in small groups in Bolsover, Shirebrook and South Normanton.</p> <p><u>Strand 2. Business Engagement Strand</u></p> <p>Woks with inward investors and indigenouss businesses to offer a range of support including assisting with staff recruitment and selection process, advising on alternative employment routes and alternative support networks.</p> <p>Support is also provided with tender and procurement opportunities, especially with regards to public sector contracts.</p>
<b>Category of Support Available</b>	<p>Developing a New Product or Service</p> <p>Expanding Your Market</p> <p>Business Start Up</p>
<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	<p>Coverage: Bolsover only</p> <p>Other: Restricted to residents of Bolsover District.</p>
<b>End Date of Project</b>	31 March 2014
<b>More Information</b>	<p>Name: Scott Knowles</p> <p>Organisation: Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Chamber of Commerce</p> <p>Telephone: 01246 207207</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:scott.knowles@dncc.co.uk">scott.knowles@dncc.co.uk</a></p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.dncc.co.uk">www.dncc.co.uk</a></p>



<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Building Enterprise</b>
<b>Delivery Organisation</b>	University of Nottingham
<b>Description of Project</b>	<p>Building Enterprise is a University of Nottingham led project aimed at building the capacity of social enterprises, micro businesses and organisations wanting to become social enterprises.</p> <p>The project offers three areas of support;</p> <p><b>Knowledge.</b> Do you have plenty of ideas for developing your enterprise but lack the time to research or implement them? You can commission a postgraduate researcher to undertake a specific project e.g. developing a marketing strategy, identifying new business opportunities or researching your social impact.</p> <p><b>Innovation.</b> Are developing technologies such as open data relevant to social enterprises? We think so! Through a series of Masterclasses, explore how developing technologies such as open data, cloud computing, open source software, app development and even 3-D printing, can give you a competitive edge and identify new market opportunities.</p> <p><b>Expertise.</b> Benefit from the University's wealth of resources to build up your expertise, make new contacts and access organisational development opportunities.</p>
<b>Category of Support Available</b>	<p>Developing a New Product or Service</p> <p>Making Performance Improvements and Solving Problems: Technology, Technical, Resources, Premises</p> <p>Expanding Your Market</p>
<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	<p>Coverage: Nottingham only</p> <p>Other: The project focuses specifically on social enterprises, micro businesses or SMEs wanting to become social enterprises.</p>
<b>End Date of Project</b>	June 2015
<b>More Information</b>	<p>Name: Sharon Clancy / Chris Annable / Chris Holmes</p> <p>Organisation: University of Nottingham</p> <p>Telephone: 0115 823 2542</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:buidlingenterprise@nottingham.ac.uk">buidlingenterprise@nottingham.ac.uk</a></p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/buildingenterprise">www.nottingham.ac.uk/buildingenterprise</a></p>

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>BusinessBolsover</b>
<b>Delivery Organisation</b>	Bolsover District Council
<b>Description of Project</b>	<p>BusinessBolsover provides a one stop shop for businesses, entrepreneurs and residents to access information via the web site <a href="http://www.businessbolsover.com">www.businessbolsover.com</a>.</p> <p>From self-employment, start-ups to growing businesses, there is a wealth of information available, including a property search facility for those looking to move premises or locate in the district. Details of the latest funding and grant opportunities are posted as soon as available, and regular e-bulletins are circulated to ensure the widest spread of information possible.</p>
<b>Category of Support Available</b>	<p>Developing a New Product or Service</p> <p>Making Performance Improvements and Solving Problems: Technology, Technical, Resources, Premises</p> <p>Expanding Your Market</p> <p>Business Start Up</p> <p>Securing Finance</p> <p>Environmental Sustainability</p>
<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	Coverage: All of the East Midlands
<b>End Date of Project</b>	No end date
<b>More Information</b>	<p>Name: Helen Jenkins</p> <p>Organisation: Bolsover District Council</p> <p>Telephone: 01246 242424</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:Helen.jenkins@bolsover.gov.uk">Helen.jenkins@bolsover.gov.uk</a></p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.bolsover.gov.uk">www.bolsover.gov.uk</a></p>

**This project also provides grant support.**

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<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Carbon Management for Leicester SMEs</b>
<b>Delivery Organisation</b>	Leicester Energy Agency: Leicester City Council
<b>Description of Project</b>	<p>SMEs in Leicester will be supported by quantifying their carbon footprint as they will be assisted on managing their energy consumption and carbon emissions. They will also be provided with an energy/carbon reduction action plan which includes potential actions. Smart meter and energy monitoring equipment data can be analysed to assess currently consumption and savings opportunities.</p> <p>Small carbon savings grants will help to implement opportunities identified. SMEs will also be referred onto other ERDF projects that would be relevant.</p>
<b>Category of Support Available</b>	Making Performance Improvements and Solving Problems: Technology, Technical, Resources, Premises Environmental Sustainability
<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	<p>Coverage: Leicester only</p> <p>Other: SMEs only and no retail businesses.</p>
<b>End Date of Project</b>	June 2015
<b>More Information</b>	<p>Name: Darsh Chauhan          Organisation: Leicester City Council          Telephone: 0116 252 8061          Email: Darsh.Chauhan@leicester.gov.uk</p>

**This project also provides grant support.**

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Chesterfield Innovation Support Programme</b>
<b>Delivery Organisation</b>	Chesterfield Borough Council
<b>Description of Project</b>	The project will promote the growth of knowledge based activities by raising the awareness of and stimulating demand for innovation services in the local economy. With a particular focus on tenants and graduating businesses from the two Chesterfield Innovation Centres, the service will provide intensive one to one support to increase the number of businesses investing in Innovation.
<b>Category of Support Available</b>	Developing a New Product or Service Making Performance Improvements and Solving Problems: Technology, Technical, Resources, Premises
<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	Coverage: Chesterfield only
<b>End Date of Project</b>	31 March 2015
<b>More Information</b>	Name: Paul Stuart Organisation: Chesterfield Borough Council Telephone: 01246 267700 Email: paul.stuart@chesterfield.gov.uk Website: <a href="http://www.innovationchesterfield.co.uk">www.innovationchesterfield.co.uk</a>

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Creative Enterprise Hub</b>
<b>Delivery Organisation</b>	Leicester City Council
<b>Description of Project</b>	This project offers 1-2-1 business coaching & advice, tailored workshops / seminars and networking events.
<b>Category of Support Available</b>	<p>Developing a New Product or Service</p> <p>Making Performance Improvements and Solving Problems: Technology, Technical, Resources, Premises</p> <p>Expanding Your Market</p> <p>Business Start Up</p> <p>Securing Finance</p> <p>Environmental Sustainability</p>
<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	<p>Coverage: Leicester only</p> <p>Other: Creative businesses only. This project offers free hot desking for nine months. Pre starts and new start businesses (under 10 months) only considered.</p>
<b>End Date of Project</b>	March 2014
<b>More Information</b>	<p>Name: Russ Pacey</p> <p>Organisation: Leicester City Council</p> <p>Telephone: 0116 242 2903</p> <p>Email: russ.pacey@lcbdepot.co.uk</p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.lcbdepot.co.uk">www.lcbdepot.co.uk</a></p>

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Enterprise4Corby</b>
<b>Delivery Organisation</b>	The University of Northampton Business School
<b>Description of Project</b>	<p>Enterprise4Corby provides:</p> <p>Start-ups: Support to individuals before, during and in the early stages of their business start-ups through: 121 coaching and business advice, 12many workshops on exploring self- Employment, Ideas Generation and Enterprise &amp; You.</p> <p>Established businesses: Provision of practical techniques and ideas designed to help increase turnover and profit delivered through 'Route to Market' workshops covering the topics of Business Strategy, Sales &amp; Marketing including Customer Retention and Finance Strategy, and 121 coaching and business advice.</p> <p>Business Growth &amp; Innovation: A bespoke programme of training and coaching designed to equip participants with tools and resources to plan and achieve sustainable growth in their business.</p> <p>Networking: High profile guest speakers with entrepreneurial and motivational qualities.</p>
<b>Category of Support Available</b>	<p>Developing a New Product or Service</p> <p>Making Performance Improvements and Solving Problems: Technology, Technical, Resources, Premises</p> <p>Expanding Your Market</p> <p>Business Start Up</p> <p>Securing Finance</p> <p>Environmental Sustainability</p>
<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	Coverage: Corby only
<b>End Date of Project</b>	June 2015
<b>More Information</b>	<p>Name: Janice Watkins</p> <p>Organisation: University of Northampton</p> <p>Telephone: 01534 560518</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:enterprise4corby@northampton.ac.uk">enterprise4corby@northampton.ac.uk</a></p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.northampton.ac.uk/enterprise4corby">www.northampton.ac.uk/enterprise4corby</a></p>

**This project also provides grant support.**

**This project also provides equity or loan fund support.**

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Enterprise Inc 2</b>
<b>Delivery Organisation</b>	East Midlands Incubation Network (lead), De Montfort University, Nottingham Trent University, University of Northampton, University of Lincoln, University of Derby, University of Leicester.
<b>Description of Project</b>	<p>Enterprise Inc is a project that aims to improve the enterprise skills of final year University students and recent graduates across the East Midlands.</p> <p>Therefore if you are either in your penultimate/final year at one of their partner universities or are a recent graduate who is looking at starting a business within the next year Enterprise Inc could be just what you are looking for. If successful you will benefit from a cash bursary of £2500, paid upon the successful completion of key milestones, along with £3000 worth of generic and tailored business support from your university to help your business succeed.</p>
<b>Category of Support Available</b>	Developing a New Product or Service Business Start Up
<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	<p>Coverage: All of the East Midlands</p> <p>Other: (1) In your final year of study, about to graduate or a recent graduate (have graduated within the last three years) at one of our partner Universities. (2) Not yet started trading with the business idea at the time of acceptance. (3) Business must plan to have East Midlands based "economic activity" and an East Midlands address. (4) Expect to start trading as result of the project, ideally within the year. (5) Be legally eligible to run UK based business.</p>
<b>End Date of Project</b>	31 December 2014
<b>More Information</b>	<p>Name: Michelle Collard  Organisation: East Midlands Incubation Network  Telephone: 01332 231875  Email: <a href="mailto:info@emincubation.co.uk">info@emincubation.co.uk</a>  Website: <a href="http://www.enterpriseinc.co.uk">www.enterpriseinc.co.uk</a></p>

**This project also provides grant support.**



<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Enterprising St Ann's and Sneinton</b>
<b>Delivery Organisation</b>	The Renewal Trust
<b>Description of Project</b>	Enterprise Coaches provide advice and support to Start ups and existing businesses. Support is provided on a one to one basis and additionally, through a series of workshops.
<b>Category of Support Available</b>	Business Start Up
<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	Coverage: Nottingham only Other: Support is provided specifically to residents and businesses based in the St Ann's and Sneinton areas of Nottingham.
<b>End Date of Project</b>	30 June 2015
<b>More Information</b>	Name: Sajid Mohammed / Gemma Morgan-Jones Organisation: The Renewal Trust Telephone: 0115 911 2226 Email: <a href="mailto:sajid@renewaltrust.org.uk">sajid@renewaltrust.org.uk</a> / <a href="mailto:gemma@renewaltrust.org.uk">gemma@renewaltrust.org.uk</a> Website: <a href="http://www.renewaltrust.org.uk">www.renewaltrust.org.uk</a>

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Future Factory</b>
<b>Delivery Organisation</b>	Nottingham Trent University
<b>Description of Project</b>	<p>Future Factory offers tailor made projects and support to SMEs in the East Midlands to help them achieve a more environmentally sustainable business future. By making available to its clients the wide range of expertise and resources it has available the project provides innovative, creative and bespoke solutions to a wide range of business and design issues.</p> <p>The project also organises inspiring events by leading experts and can provide a small grant for up to a year to eligible organisations to help them fund the salary cost of employing a recent graduate to work on sustainability related projects.</p>
<b>Category of Support Available</b>	<p>Developing a New Product or Service</p> <p>Making Performance Improvements and Solving Problems: Technology, Technical, Resources, Premises</p> <p>Expanding Your Market</p> <p>Business Start Up</p> <p>Environmental Sustainability</p>
<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	<p>Coverage: All of the East Midlands</p> <p>Other: SMEs and new collaborations only</p>
<b>End Date of Project</b>	30 June 2015
<b>More Information</b>	<p>Name: Angela Scott</p> <p>Organisation: Nottingham Trent University</p> <p>Telephone: 0115 848 8675</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:futurefactory@ntu.ac.uk">futurefactory@ntu.ac.uk</a></p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.ntu.ac.uk/future_factory">www.ntu.ac.uk/future_factory</a></p>

**This project also provides grant support.**

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Graduates in Business</b>
<b>Delivery Organisation</b>	Loughborough University
<b>Description of Project</b>	<p>Graduates in Business is a graduate internship and academic secondment project designed to provide assistance to East Midlands based SMEs (Small and Medium Enterprises) who are looking to drive their businesses forward by accessing world class research expertise, knowledge and graduate talent.</p> <p>The project offers companies the choice of a part funded 6-12 month graduate internship; a strategic knowledge exchange project delivered by a graduate intern with academic support from Loughborough; or a strategic 12 month academic secondment.</p>
<b>Category of Support Available</b>	<p>Developing a New Product or Service</p> <p>Making Performance Improvements and Solving Problems: Technology, Technical, Resources, Premises</p> <p>Expanding Your Market</p> <p>Environmental Sustainability</p>
<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	<p>Coverage: All of the East Midlands</p> <p>Other: East Midlands based SMEs and graduated within the last three years.</p>
<b>End Date of Project</b>	March 2015
<b>More Information</b>	<p>Name: Catherine Allford</p> <p>Organisation: Loughborough University</p> <p>Telephone: 01509 228 677</p> <p>Email: c.allford@lboro.ac.uk</p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.lboro.ac.uk/graduatesinbusiness">www.lboro.ac.uk/graduatesinbusiness</a></p>

**This project also provides grant support.**

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Grow Your Own Enterprise</b>
<b>Delivery Organisation</b>	NBV Enterprise Solutions Ltd
<b>Description of Project</b>	<p>Grow Your Own Enterprise (GYOE) is an innovative package of business support provision designed to meet the needs of pre start, start up and existing businesses in a number of selected locations.</p> <p>GYOE is a large enterprise coaching and skills development programme providing a focused approach to stimulating and developing enterprise and helps to break down the barriers to enterprise sometimes faced by residents of economically disadvantaged areas.</p> <p>The programme offers each individual or business a series of skills development workshops and / or an Enterprise Coach / Business Adviser, giving a tailored programme of business support to each client. Enterprise Grant support is also available within each area.</p>
<b>Category of Support Available</b>	<p>Developing a New Product or Service</p> <p>Making Performance Improvements and Solving Problems: Technology, Technical, Resources, Premises</p> <p>Expanding Your Market</p> <p>Business Start Up</p> <p>Securing Finance</p>
<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	<p>Coverage: Nottingham City, Leicester City, Bolsover, Mansfield, Ashfield, Derby City, Lincoln City, Bassetlaw, Chesterfield, Oadby and Wigston, East Lindsey, Boston.</p> <p>Other: SMEs only and meet eligible criteria to access Enterprise Grants</p>
<b>End Date of Project</b>	30 June 2015
<b>More Information</b>	<p>Name: Mike Lear</p> <p>Organisation: NBV Enterprise Solutions Ltd</p> <p>Telephone: 0844 887 2568</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:mlear@nbv.c.uk">mlear@nbv.c.uk</a></p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.nbv.co.uk">www.nbv.co.uk</a></p>

**This project also provides grant support.**

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>G-STEP (Global Monitoring for Environment and Security - Space Technology Exchange Partnership)</b>
<b>Delivery Organisation</b>	The University of Leicester
<b>Description of Project</b>	<p>This project offers assistance for business to access Earth Observation Data and technologies to develop new products and services. This 'Big Data' can be from satellite, aerial or ground monitoring systems. Products and services could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• new data manipulations,</li> <li>• app developments,</li> <li>• monitoring technologies,</li> <li>• bespoke novel service provision</li> </ul> <p>This is delivered through two days consultation and knowledge exchange via direct academic expertise and workshops. The development of proof of concept is achieved via HEI collaboration and short graduate placements.</p>
<b>Category of Support Available</b>	<p>Developing a New Product or Service          Making Performance Improvements and Solving Problems: Technology, Technical, Resources, Premises          Expanding Your Market          Business Start Up          Securing Finance          Environmental Sustainability</p>
<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	<p>Coverage: All of the East Midlands</p> <p>Other: SMEs located in East Midlands only and sector specificity - Utilisation of Earth Observation Big Data from satellite, aerial and ground monitors.</p>
<b>End Date of Project</b>	June 2015
<b>More Information</b>	<p>Name: Ryhs Cowsill          Organisation: University of Leicester          Telephone: 0116 229 7845          Email: rc251@le.ac.uk          Website: <a href="http://www.g-step.co.uk">www.g-step.co.uk</a></p>

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Healthcare and Bioscience iNet Phase 3</b>
<b>Delivery Organisation</b>	Medilink East Midlands Ltd
<b>Description of Project</b>	<p>The Healthcare and Bioscience iNet is an innovation project delivering support to businesses, universities and individuals to develop and commercialise new technologies, processes, products and services.</p> <p>Support is delivered through:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information and Advice</li> <li>• Connections through its sector knowledge and network</li> <li>• Opportunities to broaden horizons to new opportunities.</li> <li>• Identifying sources of funding</li> <li>• Networking events and workshops</li> </ul>
<b>Category of Support Available</b>	<p>Developing a New Product or Service</p> <p>Making Performance Improvements and Solving Problems: Technology, Technical, Resources, Premises</p> <p>Expanding Your Market</p>
<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	<p>Coverage: All of the East Midlands</p> <p>Other: The project provides assistance to businesses, universities and individuals with an innovation project that fits within the lifesciences / biosciences / healthcare sector. IAG grants are only available to regional SME's; CRD grants are available to collaborative projects between regional universities.</p>
<b>End Date of Project</b>	30 June 2015
<b>More Information</b>	<p>Name: Dr Ros Graves</p> <p>Organisation: Medilink East Midlands Ltd</p> <p>Telephone: 0115 912 4332 / 07852 717742</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:ros@medilinkem.com">ros@medilinkem.com</a> / <a href="mailto:info@medilinkem.com">info@medilinkem.com</a></p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.medilinkem.com">www.medilinkem.com</a></p>

**This project also provides grant support.**

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Hive Proof of Concept Project 2</b>
<b>Delivery Organisation</b>	Nottingham Trent University, The Hive@Mansfield
<b>Description of Project</b>	A unique programme to help anyone within the eligible are, with a new business idea to research, assess, evaluate and plan to see if it is likely to be a commercial success.
<b>Category of Support Available</b>	Developing a New Product or Service Making Performance Improvements and Solving Problems: Technology, Technical, Resources, Premises Expanding Your Market Business Start Up Securing Finance
<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	Coverage: Bolsover, Mansfield, Ashfield, Bassetlaw, Chesterfield  Other: No restriction on company size – suitable for both start-up and established businesses. Anyone with a more complicated idea that would benefit from access to the university's resources.
<b>End Date of Project</b>	December 2014
<b>More Information</b>	Name: Dr Michael Huxley Organisation: Nottingham Trent University Telephone: 01623 600829 Email: Michael.huxley@ntu.ac.uk Website: <a href="http://www.ntu.ac.uk/hive-mansfield">www.ntu.ac.uk/hive-mansfield</a>



<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Innovation Partnerships</b>
<b>Delivery Organisation</b>	University of Leicester
<b>Description of Project</b>	This project offers expert support through knowledge exchange / consultancy for qualifying regional SMEs who wish to benefit from the introduction and exploitation of innovation. Consultancy is delivered by University of Leicester academics (up to 24 days). The project can also offer a two thousand pound subsidy towards the cost employing a recent graduate for a three-month paid internship.
<b>Category of Support Available</b>	Developing a New Product or Service Making Performance Improvements and Solving Problems: Technology, Technical, Resources, Premises Expanding Your Market Environmental Sustainability
<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	Coverage: All of the East Midlands  Other: The project team can only work with regional SMEs after the project team have identified academic(s) willing to deliver the project and with those companies who are willing to sign a collaboration agreement before the start of the project support.
<b>End Date of Project</b>	December 2014
<b>More Information</b>	Name: Anjuu Trevedi Organisation: University of Leicester Telephone: 0116 252 3354 Email: <a href="mailto:anjuu.trevedi@le.ac.uk">anjuu.trevedi@le.ac.uk</a> Website: <a href="http://www2.le.ac.uk/business/business-development/Innovation-partnerships">www2.le.ac.uk/business/business-development/Innovation-partnerships</a>

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Internationalising East Midlands SMEs</b>
<b>Delivery Organisation</b>	EMB Ltd (lead), East Midlands International Trade Association
<b>Description of Project</b>	<p>The Internationalising East Midlands SMEs project supports innovative or high growth SMEs from across the East Midlands region to access new overseas markets for their goods and services. The project enhances, as opposed to duplicates, the support available to SMEs via the core funded UK Trade &amp; Investment international trade service throughout the East Midlands region.</p> <p>Through the project, SMEs can access dedicated adviser support, attend a series of export related events, and access financial support to address the barriers to international trade that businesses most commonly identify.</p>
<b>Category of Support Available</b>	<p>Developing a New Product or Service</p> <p>Expanding Your Market</p> <p>Securing Finance</p>
<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	<p>Coverage: All of the East Midlands</p> <p>Other: SMEs only and beneficiaries must not have previously received in excess of €200,000 of de minimis aid in the last 3 years.</p>
<b>End Date of Project</b>	31 March 2015
<b>More Information</b>	<p>Organisation: UK Trade and Investment</p> <p>Telephone: 0845 052 4001</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:info@uktiem.co.uk">info@uktiem.co.uk</a></p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.ukti.gov.uk">www.ukti.gov.uk</a></p>

**This project also provides grant support.**

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Launch-Pad Leicester</b>
<b>Delivery Organisation</b>	Leicester City Council
<b>Description of Project</b>	This project delivers a series of networking events for businesses in Leicester to attend.
<b>Category of Support Available</b>	Developing a New Product or Service Making Performance Improvements and Solving Problems: Technology, Technical, Resources, Premises Expanding Your Market Business Start Up Securing Finance Environmental Sustainability
<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	Coverage: Leicester only  Other: Businesses working in low carbon, innovation, technology and knowledge economy can receive support through this project.
<b>End Date of Project</b>	March 2015
<b>More Information</b>	Name: Russ Pacey Organisation: Leicester City Council Telephone: 0116 2422903 Email: russ.pacey@lcbdepot.co.uk Website: <a href="http://www.lcbdepot.co.uk">www.lcbdepot.co.uk</a>

**This project also provides grant support.**

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Leicester African Caribbean Business Association Enterprise Academy (LEA)</b>
<b>Delivery Organisation</b>	African Caribbean Business Association
<b>Description of Project</b>	The LEA Project consists of an enterprise coaching programme aimed at individuals who want to establish their own business. A minimum of 12 hours one-to-one Enterprise Coaching for those who are desirous of starting their own business in Leicester.
<b>Category of Support Available</b>	Business Start Up
<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	Coverage: Leicester only.
<b>End Date of Project</b>	December 2013
<b>More Information</b>	Name: Tony Rotmi Organisation: African Caribbean Business Association Telephone: 0116 251 1325 Email: <a href="mailto:tony@lacba.org.uk">tony@lacba.org.uk</a> Website: <a href="http://www.lacba.org.uk">www.lacba.org.uk</a>

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Leicester Business Centre: Phase 4</b>
<b>Delivery Organisation</b>	Leicester City Council
<b>Description of Project</b>	The project involved refurbishing the final phase of Leicester Business Centre providing a communal business and exhibition area, conference/training facilities and a refreshment (café) area. The refurbishment work enhanced service provision at the business centre particularly for New start-up and developing businesses – access to various business support facilities.
<b>Category of Support Available</b>	Business Start Up Securing Finance
<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	Coverage: Leicester only.
<b>End Date of Project</b>	March 2013
<b>More Information</b>	Name: Ismail Patel Organisation: Leicester City Council Telephone: 0116 268 1341 Email: ismail.patel@leicester.gov.uk

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Leicester Business Women</b>
<b>Delivery Organisation</b>	Skills for Enterprise Ltd
<b>Description of Project</b>	Leicester Business Women is a project designed to provide females looking to start up their own business with a range of support to enable them to do so. The support includes a variety of activities including workshops, coaching and networking.
<b>Category of Support Available</b>	Business Start Up
<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	Coverage: Leicester only.
<b>End Date of Project</b>	March 2015
<b>More Information</b>	Name: David Ryan Organisation: Skills for Enterprise Ltd Telephone: 0116 251 8730 Email: david.ryan@skillsforenterprise.co.uk Website: <a href="http://www.skillsforenterprise.co.uk">www.skillsforenterprise.co.uk</a>

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Leicester for Business</b>
<b>Delivery Organisation</b>	b-inspired (lead), Skills for Enterprise, Highfields Community Association, Business in the Community, Case-da, Pro Active Resolutions, Excalibur UK
<b>Description of Project</b>	<p><u>Start up now</u></p> <p>Pre Start support to individuals thinking of becoming self employed or starting a limited company. Start Up Now will consist of workshops, business seminars, 1-2-1 coaching/mentoring sessions and networking.</p> <p><u>Small business workout</u></p> <p>The small business workout programme will help existing business owners overcome problems early in the life of the business and will focus them towards sustainability and growth. To aid business survival, once a business has been established they will be matched with a Business Coach for up to 12 months, to ensure that they receive the support required and achieve the objectives set out in their business plan.</p>
<b>Category of Support Available</b>	<p>Developing a New Product or Service</p> <p>Making Performance Improvements and Solving Problems: Technology, Technical, Resources, Premises</p> <p>Expanding Your Market</p> <p>Business Start Up</p> <p>Securing Finance</p> <p>Environmental Sustainability</p>
<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	<p>Coverage: Leicester only</p> <p>Other: To receive help through this project businesses must have a Leicester city postcode.</p>
<b>End Date of Project</b>	June 2015
<b>More Information</b>	<p>Organisation: b-inspired</p> <p>Telephone: 0116 2795171</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:enquiries@leicesterforbusiness.org.uk">enquiries@leicesterforbusiness.org.uk</a></p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.leicesterforbusiness.org.uk">www.leicesterforbusiness.org.uk</a></p>

**This project also provides grant support.**



<b>Project Name</b>	<b>LUMINATE (Loughborough University Manufacturing Innovation in Advanced Transport Engineering)</b>
<b>Delivery Organisation</b>	Transport iNet through Loughborough University
<b>Description of Project</b>	The project will assist small and medium sized businesses (SME) involved in all transport and enabling technology subsectors and provide practical and financial assistance to support advanced manufacturing, engineering & technology. The activities include innovation support grants for capital expenditure and development of innovative new products, processes and services costs when bringing an innovation to market. The project also provides finance for research and development collaborations [CRD] with universities and SMEs.
<b>Category of Support Available</b>	Developing a New Product or Service Making Performance Improvements and Solving Problems: Technology, Technical, Resources, Premises Expanding Your Market Environmental Sustainability
<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	Coverage: All of the East Midlands  Other: Transport and enabling technology SMEs only in the following subsectors: automotive, motorsport, marine, aerospace and rail.
<b>End Date of Project</b>	31 March 2015
<b>More Information</b>	Name: Transport iNet Team Telephone: 01509 635270 Email: <a href="mailto:info@transport-inet.org.uk">info@transport-inet.org.uk</a> Website: <a href="http://www.transport-inet.org.uk">www.transport-inet.org.uk</a>

This project also provides grant support.

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Materials Reclamation (MatRec)</b>
<b>Delivery Organisation</b>	East Midlands Textile Association Limited
<b>Description of Project</b>	Through the MatRec project we can support companies looking to divert waste from landfill. This can be done in a number of ways through advice, guidance, grant support and research.
<b>Category of Support Available</b>	Developing a New Product or Service Making Performance Improvements and Solving Problems: Technology, Technical, Resources, Premises Business Start Up Environmental Sustainability
<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	Coverage: All of the East Midlands Other: SMEs only
<b>End Date of Project</b>	September 2013
<b>More Information</b>	Name: Kelly Vladi Organisation: East Midlands Textile Association Telephone: 0115 947 3613 Email: <a href="mailto:enquiries@emtex.org.uk">enquiries@emtex.org.uk</a> Website: <a href="http://www.emtex.org.uk">www.emtex.org.uk</a>

**This project also provides grant support.**

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Nottingham Growth 100 Programme</b>
<b>Delivery Organisation</b>	Nottingham City Council (lead), University of Nottingham Business School
<b>Description of Project</b>	<p>Growth 100 is aimed at the owners / directors of early years SMEs that have the aspiration and ambition to grow. It is a competitive process and those selected to go on the programme will undertake 12 x monthly workshops at the University of Nottingham along with work between modules. The workshops are delivered by academics and entrepreneurs and deal with all aspect of business growth. At the end of the course the owners / directors will have a bespoke business plan that will be invaluable if seeking investment.</p> <p>There are 3 cohorts of businesses :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cohort 1 April 2013 – March 2014</li> <li>• Cohort 2 Nov 2013 – October 2015</li> <li>• Cohort 3 May 2014 – April 2015</li> </ul>
<b>Category of Support Available</b>	<p>Making Performance Improvements and Solving Problems: Technology, Technical, Resources, Premises Expanding Your Market Securing Finance</p>
<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	<p>Coverage: Nottingham only</p> <p>Other: SMEs only and early years businesses.</p>
<b>End Date of Project</b>	30 June 2015
<b>More Information</b>	<p>Name: Alison Simpson  Organisation: Nottingham City Council  Telephone: 0115 876 4471  Email: Alison.simpson@nottinghamcity.gov.uk  Website: <a href="http://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/">www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/</a></p>

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>OnLincolnshire</b>
<b>Delivery Organisation</b>	Lincolnshire County Council
<b>Description of Project</b>	As part of the Onlincolnshire project to bring us better broadband, a number of free activities are being delivered to help SMEs in Lincoln City, Boston and East Lindsey improve their businesses by utilising the internet and digital technology. This support includes technology related workshops, demonstration events, 1 to 1 support and free access to some of the latest cutting edge equipment.
<b>Category of Support Available</b>	Developing a New Product or Service Making Performance Improvements and Solving Problems: Technology, Technical, Resources, Premises
<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	Coverage: Lincoln, East Lindsey and Boston only. Other: SMEs only
<b>End Date of Project</b>	June 2015
<b>More Information</b>	Name: Angela Driver Organisation: OnLincolnshire Telephone: 01522 782066 Email: OnLincolnshire@lincolnshire.gov.uk Website: <a href="http://www.onlincolnshire.org">www.onlincolnshire.org</a>

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Partnerships in Knowledge Transfer (PIKT)</b>
<b>Delivery Organisation</b>	East Midlands Incubation Network (lead), De Montfort University, University of Lincoln and the University of Leicester
<b>Description of Project</b>	<p>Calling all SME's in the East Midlands...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do you need help innovating, proving a concept or undertaking research and development?</li> <li>• Have you got a strategic business project, but don't have the staff to deliver it?</li> <li>• Do you want to increase your productivity?</li> <li>• Would you welcome some creative input to help solve a critical business issue?</li> </ul> <p>If you can answer 'yes' to any of the above...</p> <p>Then you could benefit from participating in a new innovative project called Partnerships in Knowledge Transfer . PIKT is a business support programme offering East Midlands companies subsidised, and flexible, access to some of the brightest graduates, supported by specialist academics.</p>
<b>Category of Support Available</b>	<p>Developing a New Product or Service</p> <p>Making Performance Improvements and Solving Problems: Technology, Technical, Resources, Premises</p> <p>Expanding Your Market</p>
<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	Coverage: All of the East Midlands
<b>End Date of Project</b>	31 May 2015
<b>More Information</b>	<p>Name: Michelle Collard</p> <p>Organisation: East Midlands Incubation Network</p> <p>Telephone: 01332 231875</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:info@emincubation.co.uk">info@emincubation.co.uk</a></p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.pikt.org.uk">www.pikt.org.uk</a></p>

**This project also provides grant support.**

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Postgraduate Placements in Local SMEs</b>
<b>Delivery Organisation</b>	University of Nottingham
<b>Description of Project</b>	<p>This project is supporting companies who have strategic research or business projects they'd like completing by one of the Postgraduates under this programme.</p> <p>Through the project there is the opportunity to place one or two postgraduates in any one SME over the lifetime of the programme, working for an average of 150hrs each on a strategic business project. The university has over 7.5 thousand postgraduate students with a wide variety of discipline backgrounds and expertise.</p>
<b>Category of Support Available</b>	<p>Developing a New Product or Service</p> <p>Making Performance Improvements and Solving Problems: Technology, Technical, Resources, Premises</p> <p>Expanding Your Market</p> <p>Environmental Sustainability</p>
<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	<p>Coverage: Nottingham only.</p> <p>Other: The project is looking to support projects which are expected to have a direct impact upon the companies bottom-line.</p>
<b>End Date of Project</b>	July 2015
<b>More Information</b>	<p>Name: Kerry Wright</p> <p>Organisation: University of Nottingham</p> <p>Telephone: 0115 951 4732</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:kerry.wright@nottingham.ac.uk">kerry.wright@nottingham.ac.uk</a></p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.notts-pg-placements.co.uk">www.notts-pg-placements.co.uk</a></p>

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>ProHelp &amp; Business Champions</b>
<b>Delivery Organisation</b>	Business in the Community
<b>Description of Project</b>	<p>ProHelp engages professional firms who offer free professional services to voluntary and community enterprises, such as feasibility studies, architectural plans, structural surveys, developing PR &amp; marketing strategies and business plans, graphic design and re-branding, legal and accountancy advice and property valuations.</p> <p>Business Champions are individuals with at least five years business management experience engaged to voluntarily share their knowledge and expertise with community enterprises to assist business development and focus direction. This could involve providing assistance with strategic planning, project management, marketing and fundraising through mentoring and coaching.</p>
<b>Category of Support Available</b>	<p>Making Performance Improvements and Solving Problems: Technology, Technical, Resources, Premises</p> <p>Expanding Your Market</p> <p>Business Start Up</p>
<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	<p>Coverage: Nottingham, Bolsover, Mansfield, Ashfield, Derby, Lincoln, Bassetlaw, Chesterfield, East Lindsey.</p> <p>Other: Free support available to not for profit community enterprises.</p>
<b>End Date of Project</b>	June 2015
<b>More Information</b>	<p>Name: Ann Hilton / Lezli Hall          Organisation: Business in the Community          Telephone: 0115 924 7408 / 924 7404          Email: ann.hilton@bitc.org.uk / Lezli.hall@bitc.org.uk          Website: <a href="http://www.bitc.org.uk">www.bitc.org.uk</a></p>



<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Projector</b>
<b>Delivery Organisation</b>	Broadway
<b>Description of Project</b>	<p>Projector, Broadway's new business support programme assists emerging and existing businesses in the creative industries.</p> <p>Targeting businesses from Nottingham city, and supported by the European Regional Development Fund; Projector offers eligible participants free 1-2-1 business advice, a series of workshops and events, and industry specific support.</p>
<b>Category of Support Available</b>	<p>Developing a New Product or Service</p> <p>Making Performance Improvements and Solving Problems: Technology, Technical, Resources, Premises</p> <p>Expanding Your Market</p> <p>Business Start Up</p> <p>Securing Finance</p> <p>Environmental Sustainability</p>
<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	Coverage: Nottingham only.
<b>End Date of Project</b>	June 2015
<b>More Information</b>	<p>Name: Carrie Blake</p> <p>Organisation: Broadway</p> <p>Telephone: 0115 850 7841</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:projector@broadway.org.uk">projector@broadway.org.uk</a></p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.shinewithprojector.org.uk">www.shinewithprojector.org.uk</a></p>

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Regional CDFI Fund</b>
<b>Delivery Organisation</b>	Enterprise Loans East Midlands (lead), First Enterprise Business Agency
<b>Description of Project</b>	The Regional CDFI Fund provides funding to help individuals start or grow a business, particularly those living in disadvantaged areas or who cannot access other finance.
<b>Category of Support Available</b>	Securing Finance
<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	<p>Coverage: All of the East Midlands</p> <p>Other: In order to receive support under this project you must fulfil the following criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Applicants must be aged 18 years or over.</li> <li>2. Applicant must have leave to remain in the UK.</li> <li>3. Business must be located in the East Midlands</li> <li>4. Business must comply with all statutory, regulatory and legal requirements.</li> <li>5. Business must demonstrate either job creation or safeguarding.</li> <li>6. Viability of the business or proposition must be demonstrated.</li> <li>7. Minimum contribution of 30% is required where the loan is being used to meet any shortfall in funding requirements.</li> <li>8. A credit search is carried out on all applicants.</li> </ol>
<b>End Date of Project</b>	March 2014
<b>More Information</b>	<p>Name: Neil Millington  Organisation: First Enterprise Business Agency  Telephone: 0845 602 7355  Email: <a href="mailto:reception@first-enterprise.co.uk">reception@first-enterprise.co.uk</a>  Website: <a href="http://www.first-enterprise.co.uk">www.first-enterprise.co.uk</a></p>

**This project also provides equity or loan fund.**

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Selling to the Public Sector</b>
<b>Delivery Organisation</b>	Leicester City Council, De Monfort University
<b>Description of Project</b>	This project offers mentoring and peer to peer support for diverse SMEs based in Leicester to access supply chain opportunities.
<b>Category of Support Available</b>	Expanding Your Market
<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	Coverage: Leicester only.
	Other: Leicester city based SMEs only.
<b>End Date of Project</b>	March 2014
<b>More Information</b>	Name: Karen Surdhar Organisation: Leicester City Council Telephone: 0116 252 8441 Email: Karen.surdhar@leicester.gov.uk Website: <a href="http://www.leicester.gov.uk/business/business-support-advice/specialist-support/procurement-opportunities/">www.leicester.gov.uk/business/business-support-advice/specialist-support/procurement-opportunities/</a>

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>SME Support to Growth</b>
<b>Delivery Organisation</b>	University of Leicester
<b>Description of Project</b>	The project offers export oriented business support through knowledge exchange/consultancy for qualifying Leicester City SMEs. SMEs will benefit from introduction to and exploitation of the University's wide ranging knowledge and skills base. Consultancy (up to 10 days) is delivered from University of Leicester academics. The project can also offer a two thousand pound subsidy towards the cost of employing a recent graduate for a three-month paid internship, and provide students to carry out business projects.
<b>Category of Support Available</b>	Developing a New Product or Service Making Performance Improvements and Solving Problems: Technology, Technical, Resources, Premises Expanding Your Market Environmental Sustainability
<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	Coverage: Leicester only.  Other: The project team can only work with a Leicester City SMEs if the project team can identify academic(s) willing to deliver the project. Companies must be willing to sign a collaboration agreement before
<b>End Date of Project</b>	June 2015
<b>More Information</b>	Name: Anjuu Trevedi Organisation: University of Leicester Telephone: 0116 252 3354 Email: <a href="mailto:anjuu.trevedi@le.ac.uk">anjuu.trevedi@le.ac.uk</a> Website: <a href="http://www2.le.ac.uk/departments/computer-science/industry/sme4growth/sme-support-to-growth">www2.le.ac.uk/departments/computer-science/industry/sme4growth/sme-support-to-growth</a>

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Social Enterprise Network</b>
<b>Delivery Organisation</b>	Community Action Derby
<b>Description of Project</b>	<p>The project will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create a Social Enterprise Network</li> <li>• Hold a series of business network style meetings to raise awareness, create and develop social enterprises in the City, and invite inspirational speakers from other organisations and areas to share their experience and generate discussion.</li> <li>• Produce a single reference point for data about existing social enterprises currently operating in the city.</li> <li>• Demystify quality standards, procurement channels and work in partnership with Derbyshire Contracts Advice Network.</li> <li>• Promote and cultivate the development of social enterprise consortia in the city, enabling social enterprises to come together to bid for larger contracts, access bulk buying and aid their sustainability.</li> <li>• Create corporate social responsibility opportunities through matching private business to social enterprises to explore business projects or as board members</li> </ul>
<b>Category of Support Available</b>	Business Start Up
<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	<p>Coverage: Derby only.</p> <p>Other: This project can help local social entrepreneurs, organisations in the voluntary and community sector and charities.</p>
<b>End Date of Project</b>	June 2015
<b>More Information</b>	<p>Name: Michelle Nally / Joanne Midgley          Organisation: Community Action Derby          Telephone: 01332 227723          Email: <a href="mailto:Michelle.Nally@communityactionderby.org.uk">Michelle.Nally@communityactionderby.org.uk</a> / <a href="mailto:Joanne.Midgley@communityactionderby.org.uk">Joanne.Midgley@communityactionderby.org.uk</a>          Website: <a href="http://www.communityactionderby.org.uk">www.communityactionderby.org.uk</a></p>

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Space IDEAS Hub</b>
<b>Delivery Organisation</b>	University of Leicester Space Research Centre
<b>Description of Project</b>	The project provides knowledge and technology transfer opportunities to businesses looking for assistance with an innovative idea for a product or process. We provide engineering, analysis, modelling, feasibility study, cost and risk assessment, prototyping, design and other technical services in short, free, consultancy type engagements.
<b>Category of Support Available</b>	Developing a New Product or Service Making Performance Improvements and Solving Problems: Technology, Technical, Resources, Premises
<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	Coverage: All of the East Midlands.
<b>End Date of Project</b>	March 2014
<b>More Information</b>	Name: Tim Maskell Organisation: University of Leicester Space Research Centre Telephone: 0116 223 1372 Email: <a href="mailto:twom1@leicester.ac.uk">twom1@leicester.ac.uk</a> Website: <a href="http://www.spaceideashub.com">www.spaceideashub.com</a>

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>The Food and Drink iNet</b>
<b>Delivery Organisation</b>	The Food and Drink Forum (lead), University of Nottingham, Nottingham Trent University, the University of Lincoln
<b>Description of Project</b>	<p>The Food and Drink iNet co-ordinates specialist support to stimulate innovation in the food and drink industry. Our field-based Innovation Advisors provide Business Advice and Guidance with free one-to-one support for SMEs in the food and drink sector, impartial advice and guidance on how to grow through innovation, and signposting firms to relevant information, expertise and guidance.</p> <p><u>Innovation Support Grants (ISGs)</u>: match funded grants to contribute to the cost of bringing external expertise into the business for an innovation project.</p> <p><u>Collaborative Research and Development</u>: provides funding and support to East Midlands universities to help them work in collaboration with food and drink businesses on research projects that benefit the industry.</p> <p><u>Collaborate to Innovate</u>: programme brings together groups of food and drink companies to investigate solutions to shared problems.</p>
<b>Category of Support Available</b>	<p>Developing a New Product or Service</p> <p>Making Performance Improvements and Solving Problems: Technology, Technical, Resources, Premises</p> <p>Expanding Your Market</p>
<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	<p>Coverage: All of the East Midlands</p> <p>Other: SMEs only in the food and drink sector or related food and drink supply chain.</p>
<b>End Date of Project</b>	March 2015
<b>More Information</b>	<p>Name: Fiona Slater</p> <p>Organisation: The Food and Drink Forum</p> <p>Telephone: 0845 521 2066</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:info@foodanddrink-inet.org.uk">info@foodanddrink-inet.org.uk</a></p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.foodanddrink-inet.org.uk">www.foodanddrink-inet.org.uk</a></p>

**This project also provides grant support.**

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Work for Yourself</b>
<b>Delivery Organisation</b>	Disability Dynamics
<b>Description of Project</b>	The programme provides one-to-one support and guidance to cultivate interest in enterprise amongst people with life limiting conditions or disability who would not otherwise consider setting up in business, through supporting each client in breaking down personal barriers to help launch their business idea and to realise their potential. Support via professional Business Advisers allows clients to develop their ideas, test the market, create business plans and cash-flows and identify marketing outlets before launching their new ventures. Help is provided through one-to-one meetings, phone calls and e-mails, with support continuing after the business launch. Clients who decide against self-employment are guided to alternative employment support.
<b>Category of Support Available</b>	Developing a New Product or Service Making Performance Improvements and Solving Problems: Technology, Technical, Resources, Premises Expanding Your Market Business Start Up Securing Finance Environmental Sustainability
<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	Coverage: Bolsover and Chesterfield only.
	Other: This project is aimed solely at people within the Bolsover and Chesterfield local authority areas that have a disability.
<b>End Date of Project</b>	June 2015
<b>More Information</b>	Name: Penny Melville-Brown Organisation: Disability Dynamics Telephone: 01329 841814 Email: penny@laylands.co.uk Website: <a href="http://www.businessability.co.uk">www.businessability.co.uk</a>



<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Working in Social Enterprise (WISE)</b>
<b>Delivery Organisation</b>	CASE (Co-operative and Social Enterprise Development Agency) (lead) , University of Leicester (UOL), Voluntary Action Leicestershire (VAL)
<b>Description of Project</b>	Individuals and groups receive advice, support, training and guidance to explore social enterprise business models. Local people are supported to establish social enterprises in a wide variety of sectors with the assistance of tailor-made legal structures. The WISE project also provides support to established social enterprises to help them to grow and develop. Part of this support is via the popular regular networking events which form an element of the WISE project. Input from the University of Leicester allows the WISE project to offer student support to new and established social enterprises to provide business health checks and visioning reports.
<b>Category of Support Available</b>	Developing a New Product or Service Making Performance Improvements and Solving Problems: Technology, Technical, Resources, Premises Expanding Your Market Business Start Up Securing Finance Environmental Sustainability
<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	Coverage: Leicester only.
<b>End Date of Project</b>	30 June 2015
<b>More Information</b>	Name: Dorothy Francis / Carol Kearn Organisation: CASE Telephone: 0116 222 5010 Email: enquiries@case-da.co.uk Website: <a href="http://www.case-da.co.uk">www.case-da.co.uk</a>

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<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Ambition for Ashfield and Mansfield</b>
<b>Delivery Organisation</b>	Mansfield District Council
<b>Description of Project</b>	<p>This project offers a range of business support including:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invest Ashfield &amp; Mansfield- to stimulate investment in the area.</li> <li>• Grants to Support Innovation – up to £5,000 towards the cost of capital or revenue expenditure.</li> <li>• Business Crime Reduction Grants – up to £5,000 towards the cost of capital expenditure on security measures for business premises</li> <li>• Undergraduate Placement Scheme – 8 week placements to help local businesses to carry out projects that they wouldn't otherwise be able to resource</li> <li>• Graduate Placement Scheme – as above, but with a graduate and for placements of up to 6 months.</li> <li>• Entrepreneurs' Forum – a series of topical events that provide and opportunity for networking, along with mentoring support</li> <li>• Women's Enterprise Academy – a series of events/sessions, designed to create more female owned businesses .</li> </ul>
<b>Category of Support Available</b>	<p>Developing a New Product or Service            Making Performance Improvements and Solving Problems: Technology, Technical, Resources, Premises            Expanding Your Market            Business Start Up            Securing Finance</p>
<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	Coverage: Mansfield and Ashfield only
<b>End Date of Project</b>	June 2015
<b>More Information</b>	<p>Name: Sarah Patrick            Organisation: Mansfield District Council            Telephone: 01623 463165            Email: spatrick@mansfield.gov.uk</p>

**This project also provides expertise and advice support.**

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Bespoke: Business Energy Support Promoting Opportunities and Knowledge for Energy Efficiency</b>
<b>Delivery Organisation</b>	Derby City Council
<b>Description of Project</b>	<p>Small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) within Derby city can access energy efficiency advice and guidance including onsite energy reviews and research into energy efficiency options.</p> <p>In addition, SME's can apply for a grant of up to £5,000 for energy efficiency improvements such as improvements to building heating, lighting and insulation.</p>
<b>Category of Support Available</b>	Environmental Sustainability
<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	<p>Coverage: Derby only</p> <p>Other: SMEs only and grant applications must demonstrate the potential capacity to generate a minimum level of carbon emissions saving of approximately 500 tonnes of CO2 per thousand pounds invested.</p>
<b>End Date of Project</b>	June 2015
<b>More Information</b>	<p>Name: Liz Minshall          Organisation: Derby City Council          Telephone: 01332 640 810          Email: <a href="mailto:bespoke@derby.gov.uk">bespoke@derby.gov.uk</a>          Website: <a href="http://www.derby.gov.uk/bespoke">www.derby.gov.uk/bespoke</a></p>

This project also provides expertise and advice support.

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>BusinessBolsover</b>
<b>Delivery Organisation</b>	Bolsover District Council
<b>Description of Project</b>	<p>BusinessBolsover provides a one stop shop for businesses, entrepreneurs and residents to access information via the web site <a href="http://www.businessbolsover.com">www.businessbolsover.com</a>.</p> <p>From self-employment, start-ups to growing businesses, there is a wealth of information available, including a property search facility for those looking to move premises or locate in the district. Details of the latest funding and grant opportunities are posted as soon as available, and regular e-bulletins are circulated to ensure the widest spread of information possible.</p>
<b>Category of Support Available</b>	<p>Developing a New Product or Service</p> <p>Making Performance Improvements and Solving Problems: Technology, Technical, Resources, Premises</p> <p>Expanding Your Market</p> <p>Business Start Up</p> <p>Securing Finance</p> <p>Environmental Sustainability</p>
<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	Coverage: All of the East Midlands
<b>End Date of Project</b>	No end date
<b>More Information</b>	<p>Name: Helen Jenkins</p> <p>Organisation: Bolsover District Council</p> <p>Telephone: 01246 242424</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:Helen.jenkins@bolsover.gov.uk">Helen.jenkins@bolsover.gov.uk</a></p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.bolsover.gov.uk">www.bolsover.gov.uk</a></p>

**This project also provides expertise and advice support.**

**This project also provides equity or loan fund support.**

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Carbon Management for Leicester SMEs</b>
<b>Delivery Organisation</b>	Leicester Energy Agency: Leicester City Council
<b>Description of Project</b>	<p>SMEs in Leicester will be supported by quantifying their carbon footprint as they will be assisted on managing their energy consumption and carbon emissions. They will also be provided with an energy / carbon reduction action plan which includes potential actions. Smart meter and energy monitoring equipment data can be analysed to assess currently consumption and savings opportunities.</p> <p>Small carbon savings grants will help to implement opportunities identified. SMEs will also be referred onto other ERDF projects that would be relevant.</p>
<b>Category of Support Available</b>	Making Performance Improvements and Solving Problems: Technology, Technical, Resources, Premises Environmental Sustainability
<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	<p>Coverage: Leicester only</p> <p>Other: SMEs only and no retail businesses.</p>
<b>End Date of Project</b>	June 2015
<b>More Information</b>	<p>Name: Darsh Chauhan          Organisation: Leicester City Council          Telephone: 0116 252 8061          Email: Darsh.Chauhan@leicester.gov.uk</p>

**This project also provides expertise and advice support.**

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Enterprise4Corby</b>
<b>Delivery Organisation</b>	The University of Northampton Business School
<b>Description of Project</b>	<p>Enterprise4Corby provides:</p> <p>Start-ups: Support to individuals before, during and in the early stages of their business start-ups through: 121 coaching and business advice, 12many workshops on exploring self- Employment, Ideas Generation and Enterprise &amp; You.</p> <p>Established businesses: Provision of practical techniques and ideas designed to help increase turnover and profit delivered through 'Route to Market' workshops covering the topics of Business Strategy, Sales &amp; Marketing including Customer Retention and Finance Strategy, and 121 coaching and business advice.</p> <p>Business Growth &amp; Innovation: A bespoke programme of training and coaching designed to equip participants with tools and resources to plan and achieve sustainable growth in their business.</p> <p>Networking: High profile guest speakers with entrepreneurial and motivational qualities.</p>
<b>Category of Support Available</b>	<p>Developing a New Product or Service</p> <p>Making Performance Improvements and Solving Problems: Technology, Technical, Resources, Premises</p> <p>Expanding Your Market</p> <p>Business Start Up</p> <p>Securing Finance</p> <p>Environmental Sustainability</p>
<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	Coverage: Corby only
<b>End Date of Project</b>	June 2015
<b>More Information</b>	<p>Name: Janice Watkins</p> <p>Organisation: University of Northampton</p> <p>Telephone: 01534 560518</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:enterprise4corby@northampton.ac.uk">enterprise4corby@northampton.ac.uk</a></p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.northampton.ac.uk/enterprise4corby">www.northampton.ac.uk/enterprise4corby</a></p>

**This project also provides expertise and advice support.**

**This project also provides equity or loan fund support.**

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Enterprise Inc 2</b>
<b>Delivery Organisation</b>	East Midlands Incubation Network (lead), De Montfort University, Nottingham Trent University, University of Northampton, University of Lincoln, University of Derby, University of Leicester.
<b>Description of Project</b>	<p>Enterprise Inc is a project that aims to improve the enterprise skills of final year University students and recent graduates across the East Midlands.</p> <p>Therefore if you are either in your penultimate/final year at one of their partner universities or are a recent graduate who is looking at starting a business within the next year Enterprise Inc could be just what you are looking for. If successful you will benefit from a cash bursary of £2500, paid upon the successful completion of key milestones, along with £3000 worth of generic and tailored business support from your university to help your business succeed.</p>
<b>Category of Support Available</b>	Developing a New Product or Service Business Start Up
<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	<p>Coverage: All of the East Midlands</p> <p>Other: (1) In your final year of study, about to graduate or a recent graduate (have graduated within the last three years) at one of our partner Universities. (2) Not yet started trading with the business idea at the time of acceptance. (3) Business must plan to have East Midlands based "economic activity" and an East Midlands address. (4) Expect to start trading as result of the project, ideally within the year. (5) Be legally eligible to run UK based business.</p>
<b>End Date of Project</b>	31 December 2014
<b>More Information</b>	<p>Name: Michelle Collard  Organisation: East Midlands Incubation Network  Telephone: 01332 231875  Email: <a href="mailto:info@emincubation.co.uk">info@emincubation.co.uk</a>  Website: <a href="http://www.enterpriseinc.co.uk">www.enterpriseinc.co.uk</a></p>

**This project also provides expertise and advice support.**

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Future Factory</b>
<b>Delivery Organisation</b>	Nottingham Trent University
<b>Description of Project</b>	<p>Future Factory offers tailor made projects and support to SMEs in the East Midlands to help them achieve a more environmentally sustainable business future. By making available to its clients the wide range of expertise and resources it has available the project provides innovative, creative and bespoke solutions to a wide range of business and design issues.</p> <p>The project also organises inspiring events by leading experts and can provide a small grant for up to a year to eligible organisations to help them fund the salary cost of employing a recent graduate to work on sustainability related projects.</p>
<b>Category of Support Available</b>	<p>Developing a New Product or Service</p> <p>Making Performance Improvements and Solving Problems: Technology, Technical, Resources, Premises</p> <p>Expanding Your Market</p> <p>Business Start Up</p> <p>Environmental Sustainability</p>
<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	<p>Coverage: All of the East Midlands</p> <p>Other: SMEs and new collaborations only</p>
<b>End Date of Project</b>	31 30 June 2015
<b>More Information</b>	<p>Name: Angela Scott</p> <p>Organisation: Nottingham Trent University</p> <p>Telephone: 0115 848 8675</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:futurefactory@ntu.ac.uk">futurefactory@ntu.ac.uk</a></p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.ntu.ac.uk/future_factory">www.ntu.ac.uk/future_factory</a></p>

This project also provides expertise and advice support.



<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Graduates in Business</b>
<b>Delivery Organisation</b>	Loughborough University
<b>Description of Project</b>	<p>Graduates in Business is a graduate internship and academic secondment project designed to provide assistance to East Midlands based SMEs (Small and Medium Enterprises) who are looking to drive their businesses forward by accessing world class research expertise, knowledge and graduate talent.</p> <p>The project offers companies the choice of a part funded 6-12 month graduate internship; a strategic knowledge exchange project delivered by a graduate intern with academic support from Loughborough; or a strategic 12 month academic secondment.</p>
<b>Category of Support Available</b>	<p>Developing a New Product or Service</p> <p>Making Performance Improvements and Solving Problems: Technology, Technical, Resources, Premises</p> <p>Expanding Your Market</p> <p>Environmental Sustainability</p>
<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	<p>Coverage: All of the East Midlands</p> <p>Other: East Midlands based SMEs and graduated within the last three years.</p>
<b>End Date of Project</b>	March 2015
<b>More Information</b>	<p>Name: Catherine Allford</p> <p>Organisation: Loughborough University</p> <p>Telephone: 01509 228 677</p> <p>Email: c.allford@lboro.ac.uk</p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.lboro.ac.uk/graduatesinbusiness">www.lboro.ac.uk/graduatesinbusiness</a></p>

This project also provides expertise and advice support.

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Grow Your Own Enterprise</b>
<b>Delivery Organisation</b>	NBV Enterprise Solutions Ltd
<b>Description of Project</b>	<p>Grow Your Own Enterprise (GYOE) is an innovative package of business support provision designed to meet the needs of pre start, start up and existing businesses in a number of selected locations.</p> <p>GYOE is a large enterprise coaching and skills development programme providing a focused approach to stimulating and developing enterprise and helps to break down the barriers to enterprise sometimes faced by residents of economically disadvantaged areas.</p> <p>The programme offers each individual or business a series of skills development workshops and / or an Enterprise Coach / Business Adviser, giving a tailored programme of business support to each client. Enterprise Grant support is also available within each area.</p>
<b>Category of Support Available</b>	<p>Developing a New Product or Service</p> <p>Making Performance Improvements and Solving Problems: Technology, Technical, Resources, Premises</p> <p>Expanding Your Market</p> <p>Business Start Up</p> <p>Securing Finance</p>
<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	<p>Coverage: Nottingham City, Leicester City, Bolsover, Mansfield, Ashfield, Derby City, Lincoln City, Bassetlaw, Chesterfield, Oadby and Wigston, East Lindsey, Boston.</p> <p>Other: SMEs only and meet eligible criteria to access Enterprise Grants</p>
<b>End Date of Project</b>	30 June 2015
<b>More Information</b>	<p>Name: Mike Lear</p> <p>Organisation: NBV Enterprise Solutions Ltd</p> <p>Telephone: 0844 887 2568</p> <p>Email: mlear@nbv.c.uk</p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.nbv.co.uk">www.nbv.co.uk</a></p>

This project also provides expertise and advice support.

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Healthcare and Bioscience iNet Phase 3</b>
<b>Delivery Organisation</b>	Medilink East Midlands Ltd
<b>Description of Project</b>	<p>The Healthcare and Bioscience iNet is an innovation project delivering support to businesses, universities and individuals to develop and commercialise new technologies, processes, products and services.</p> <p>Support is delivered through:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information and Advice</li> <li>• Connections through its sector knowledge and network</li> <li>• Opportunities to broaden horizons to new opportunities.</li> <li>• Identifying sources of funding</li> <li>• Networking events and workshops</li> </ul>
<b>Category of Support Available</b>	<p>Developing a New Product or Service</p> <p>Making Performance Improvements and Solving Problems: Technology, Technical, Resources, Premises</p> <p>Expanding Your Market</p> <p>Business Start Up</p>
<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	<p>Coverage: All of the East Midlands</p> <p>Other: The project provides assistance to businesses, universities and individuals with an innovation project that fits within the lifesciences / biosciences / healthcare sector. IAG grants are only available to regional SME's; CRD grants are available to collaborative projects between regional universities.</p>
<b>End Date of Project</b>	30 June 2015
<b>More Information</b>	<p>Name: Dr Ros Graves</p> <p>Organisation: Medilink East Midlands Ltd</p> <p>Telephone: 0115 912 4332 / 07852 717742</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:ros@medilinkem.com">ros@medilinkem.com</a> / <a href="mailto:info@medilinkem.com">info@medilinkem.com</a></p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.medilinkem.com">www.medilinkem.com</a></p>

**This project also provides expertise and advice support.**

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Internationalising East Midlands SMEs</b>
<b>Delivery Organisation</b>	EMB Ltd (lead), East Midlands International Trade Association
<b>Description of Project</b>	<p>The Internationalising East Midlands SMEs project supports innovative or high growth SMEs from across the East Midlands region to access new overseas markets for their goods and services. The project enhances, as opposed to duplicates, the support available to SMEs via the core funded UK Trade &amp; Investment international trade service throughout the East Midlands region.</p> <p>Through the project, SMEs can access dedicated adviser support, attend a series of export related events, and access financial support to address the barriers to international trade that businesses most commonly identify.</p>
<b>Category of Support Available</b>	<p>Developing a New Product or Service</p> <p>Expanding Your Market</p> <p>Securing Finance</p>
<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	<p>Coverage: All of the East Midlands</p> <p>Other: SMEs only and beneficiaries must not have previously received in excess of €200,000 of de minimis aid in the last 3 years.</p>
<b>End Date of Project</b>	31 March 2015
<b>More Information</b>	<p>Organisation: UK Trade and Investment</p> <p>Telephone: 0845 052 4001</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:info@uktiem.co.uk">info@uktiem.co.uk</a></p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.ukti.gov.uk">www.ukti.gov.uk</a></p>

This project also provides expertise and advice support.

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Launch-Pad Leicester</b>
<b>Delivery Organisation</b>	Leicester City Council
<b>Description of Project</b>	This project delivers a series of networking events for businesses in Leicester to attend.
<b>Category of Support Available</b>	Developing a New Product or Service Making Performance Improvements and Solving Problems: Technology, Technical, Resources, Premises Expanding Your Market Business Start Up Securing Finance Environmental Sustainability
<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	Coverage: Leicester only  Other: Businesses working in low carbon, innovation, technology and knowledge economy can receive support through this project.
<b>End Date of Project</b>	March 2015
<b>More Information</b>	Name: Russ Pacey Organisation: Leicester City Council Telephone: 0116 2422903 Email: russ.pacey@lcbdepot.co.uk Website: <a href="http://www.lcbdepot.co.uk">www.lcbdepot.co.uk</a>

**This project also provides expertise and advice support.**

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Leicester for Business</b>
<b>Delivery Organisation</b>	b-inspired (lead), Skills for Enterprise, Highfields Community Association, Business in the Community, Case-da, Pro Active Resolutions, Excalibur UK
<b>Description of Project</b>	<p><u>Start up now</u></p> <p>Pre Start support to individuals thinking of becoming self employed or starting a limited company. Start Up Now will consist of workshops, business seminars, 1-2-1 coaching/mentoring sessions and networking.</p> <p><u>Small business workout</u></p> <p>The small business workout programme will help existing business owners overcome problems early in the life of the business and will focus them towards sustainability and growth. To aid business survival, once a business has been established they will be matched with a Business Coach for up to 12 months, to ensure that they receive the support required and achieve the objectives set out in their business plan.</p>
<b>Category of Support Available</b>	<p>Developing a New Product or Service</p> <p>Making Performance Improvements and Solving Problems: Technology, Technical, Resources, Premises</p> <p>Expanding Your Market</p> <p>Business Start Up</p> <p>Securing Finance</p> <p>Environmental Sustainability</p>
<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	<p>Coverage: Leicester only</p> <p>Other: To receive help through this project businesses must have a Leicester city postcode.</p>
<b>End Date of Project</b>	June 2015
<b>More Information</b>	<p>Organisation: b-inspired</p> <p>Telephone: 0116 2795171</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:enquiries@leicesterforbusiness.org.uk">enquiries@leicesterforbusiness.org.uk</a></p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.leicesterforbusiness.org.uk">www.leicesterforbusiness.org.uk</a></p>

**This project also provides expertise and advice support.**

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>LUMINATE (Loughborough University Manufacturing Innovation in Advanced Transport Engineering)</b>
<b>Delivery Organisation</b>	Transport iNet through Loughborough University
<b>Description of Project</b>	The project will assist small and medium sized businesses (SME) involved in all transport and enabling technology subsectors and provide practical and financial assistance to support advanced manufacturing, engineering & technology. The activities include innovation support grants for capital expenditure and development of innovative new products, processes and services costs when bringing an innovation to market. The project also provides finance for research and development collaborations [CRD] with universities and SMEs.
<b>Category of Support Available</b>	Developing a New Product or Service Making Performance Improvements and Solving Problems: Technology, Technical, Resources, Premises Expanding Your Market Environmental Sustainability
<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	Coverage: All of the East Midlands  Other: Transport and enabling technology SMEs only in the following subsectors: automotive, motorsport, marine, aerospace and rail.
<b>End Date of Project</b>	31 March 2015
<b>More Information</b>	Name: Transport iNet Team Telephone: 01509 635270 Email: <a href="mailto:info@transport-inet.org.uk">info@transport-inet.org.uk</a> Website: <a href="http://www.transport-inet.org.uk">www.transport-inet.org.uk</a>

This project also provides expertise and advice support.

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Materials Reclamation (MatRec)</b>
<b>Delivery Organisation</b>	East Midlands Textile Association Limited
<b>Description of Project</b>	Through the MatRec project we can support companies looking to divert waste from landfill. This can be done in a number of ways through advice, guidance, grant support and research.
<b>Category of Support Available</b>	Developing a New Product or Service Making Performance Improvements and Solving Problems: Technology, Technical, Resources, Premises Business Start Up Environmental Sustainability
<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	Coverage: All of the East Midlands Other: SMEs only
<b>End Date of Project</b>	September 2013
<b>More Information</b>	Name: Kelly Vladi Organisation: East Midlands Textile Association Telephone: 0115 947 3613 Email: <a href="mailto:enquiries@emtex.org.uk">enquiries@emtex.org.uk</a> Website: <a href="http://www.emtex.org.uk">www.emtex.org.uk</a>

This project also provides expertise and advice support.



<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Partnerships in Knowledge Transfer (PIKT)</b>
<b>Delivery Organisation</b>	East Midlands Incubation Network (lead), De Montfort University, University of Lincoln and the University of Leicester
<b>Description of Project</b>	<p>Calling all SME's in the East Midlands...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do you need help innovating, proving a concept or undertaking research and development?</li> <li>• Have you got a strategic business project, but don't have the staff to deliver it?</li> <li>• Do you want to increase your productivity?</li> <li>• Would you welcome some creative input to help solve a critical business issue?</li> </ul> <p>If you can answer 'yes' to any of the above...</p> <p>Then you could benefit from participating in a new innovative project called Partnerships in Knowledge Transfer . PIKT is a business support programme offering East Midlands companies subsidised, and flexible, access to some of the brightest graduates, supported by specialist academics.</p>
<b>Category of Support Available</b>	<p>Developing a New Product or Service</p> <p>Making Performance Improvements and Solving Problems: Technology, Technical, Resources, Premises</p> <p>Expanding Your Market</p>
<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	Coverage: All of the East Midlands
<b>End Date of Project</b>	31 May 2015
<b>More Information</b>	<p>Name: Michelle Collard</p> <p>Organisation: East Midlands Incubation Network</p> <p>Telephone: 01332 231875</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:info@emincubation.co.uk">info@emincubation.co.uk</a></p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.pikt.org.uk">www.pikt.org.uk</a></p>

This project also provides expertise and advice support.

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>The Food and Drink iNet</b>
<b>Delivery Organisation</b>	The Food and Drink Forum (lead), University of Nottingham, Nottingham Trent University, the University of Lincoln
<b>Description of Project</b>	<p>The Food and Drink iNet co-ordinates specialist support to stimulate innovation in the food and drink industry. Our field-based Innovation Advisors provide Business Advice and Guidance with free one-to-one support for SMEs in the food and drink sector, impartial advice and guidance on how to grow through innovation, and signposting firms to relevant information, expertise and guidance.</p> <p><u>Innovation Support Grants (ISGs)</u>: match funded grants to contribute to the cost of bringing external expertise into the business for an innovation project.</p> <p><u>Collaborative Research and Development</u>: provides funding and support to East Midlands universities to help them work in collaboration with food and drink businesses on research projects that benefit the industry.</p> <p><u>Collaborate to Innovate</u>: programme brings together groups of food and drink companies to investigate solutions to shared problems.</p>
<b>Category of Support Available</b>	<p>Developing a New Product or Service</p> <p>Making Performance Improvements and Solving Problems: Technology, Technical, Resources, Premises</p> <p>Expanding Your Market</p>
<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	<p>Coverage: All of the East Midlands</p> <p>Other: SMEs only in the food and drink sector or related food and drink supply chain.</p>
<b>End Date of Project</b>	March 2015
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<b>Project Name</b>	<b>BusinessBolsover</b>
<b>Delivery Organisation</b>	Bolsover District Council
<b>Description of Project</b>	<p>BusinessBolsover provides a one stop shop for businesses, entrepreneurs and residents to access information via the web site <a href="http://www.businessbolsover.com">www.businessbolsover.com</a>.</p> <p>From self-employment, start-ups to growing businesses, there is a wealth of information available, including a property search facility for those looking to move premises or locate in the district. Details of the latest funding and grant opportunities are posted as soon as available, and regular e-bulletins are circulated to ensure the widest spread of information possible.</p>
<b>Category of Support Available</b>	<p>Developing a New Product or Service</p> <p>Making Performance Improvements and Solving Problems: Technology, Technical, Resources, Premises</p> <p>Expanding Your Market</p> <p>Business Start Up</p> <p>Securing Finance</p> <p>Environmental Sustainability</p>
<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	Coverage: All of the East Midlands
<b>End Date of Project</b>	No end date
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<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Enterprise4Corby</b>
<b>Delivery Organisation</b>	The University of Northampton Business School
<b>Description of Project</b>	<p>Enterprise4Corby provides:</p> <p>Start-ups: Support to individuals before, during and in the early stages of their business start-ups through: 121 coaching and business advice, 12many workshops on exploring self- Employment, Ideas Generation and Enterprise &amp; You.</p> <p>Established businesses: Provision of practical techniques and ideas designed to help increase turnover and profit delivered through 'Route to Market' workshops covering the topics of Business Strategy, Sales &amp; Marketing including Customer Retention and Finance Strategy, and 121 coaching and business advice.</p> <p>Business Growth &amp; Innovation: A bespoke programme of training and coaching designed to equip participants with tools and resources to plan and achieve sustainable growth in their business.</p> <p>Networking: High profile guest speakers with entrepreneurial and motivational qualities.</p>
<b>Category of Support Available</b>	<p>Developing a New Product or Service</p> <p>Making Performance Improvements and Solving Problems: Technology, Technical, Resources, Premises</p> <p>Expanding Your Market</p> <p>Business Start Up</p> <p>Securing Finance</p> <p>Environmental Sustainability</p>
<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	Coverage: Corby only
<b>End Date of Project</b>	June 2015
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<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Regional CDFI Fund</b>
<b>Delivery Organisation</b>	Enterprise Loans East Midlands (lead), First Enterprise Business Agency
<b>Description of Project</b>	The Regional CDFI Fund provides funding to help individuals start or grow a business, particularly those living in disadvantaged areas or who cannot access other finance.
<b>Category of Support Available</b>	Securing Finance
<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	<p>Coverage: All of the East Midlands</p> <p>Other: In order to receive support under this project you must fulfil the following criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Applicants must be aged 18 years or over.</li> <li>2. Applicant must have leave to remain in the UK.</li> <li>3. Business must be located in the East Midlands</li> <li>4. Business must comply with all statutory, regulatory and legal requirements.</li> <li>5. Business must demonstrate either job creation or safeguarding.</li> <li>6. Viability of the business or proposition must be demonstrated.</li> <li>7. Minimum contribution of 30% is required where the loan is being used to meet any shortfall in funding requirements.</li> <li>8. A credit search is carried out on all applicants.</li> </ol>
<b>End Date of Project</b>	March 2014
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