



FUNDING FOR RURAL BUSINESS

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Welcome

- Housekeeping:
 - No fire alarms planned
 - Facilities
 - Wi-Fi User Name: Password:
- Slides will be available after the event
- Evaluation Forms











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Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions
- RDPE Growth Programme
- Case Study
- Growth Hub
- Tea & Coffee Break
- Rural Community Energy Fund
- The Supply Chain Network
- PAPI & Spark Fund
- Networking







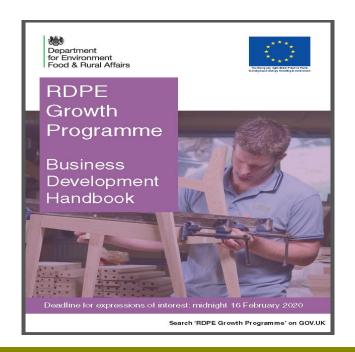


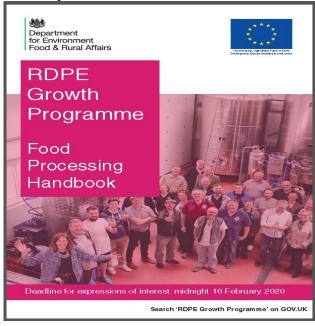


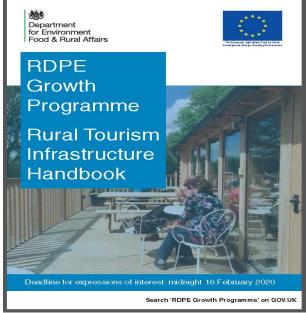
Growth Programme Grants

November 2019-February 2020









Objectives of the Workshop

At the end of this workshop you should have a good understanding of:

- The Growth Programme aims & themes
- The application processes and timetable.
- Strategic fit and Eligibility requirements
- The scope of information needed to complete an Expression of Interest (EOI).
- Where to find Handbooks, Forms, and Support.

Growth Programme

The RDPE Growth Programme provides grant funding for projects in England which create jobs, and/or produce growth in the rural economy through increased productivity and enabling access to new markets.

- The grants are capital investments towards Building or Equipment costs.
- 3 themes
 - > Business Development
 - Food Processing
 - > Rural Tourism Infrastructure
- Each theme has a Handbook on Gov.uk and a Helpline on 03000 200
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 - Eligibility criteria
 - > National priorities
 - ➤ Local LEP priorities



Application process and scheme timetable

This round of applications has to be delivered and completed within the current programme which finishes at the end of 2020.

Expressions of Interest

Submitted by16 February 2020

EOI Appraisal & Decisions

Includes getting advice on the local strategic fit of your project from LEP area ESIF Sub-Committee

Applicant prepares FA

Project sponsor will answer questions on preparing a full applications

FULL APPLICATION submissions

Submission of FAs by April, June, and last opportunity August 2020

Ongoing Appraisals

Decisions in three tranches

GRANT FUNDING AGREEMENTS issued

Project completion and FINAL grant claim submitted

By 30 September 2021

Scheme closes DEC 2021

Timescales & deadlines

This round of applications has to be completed within the current programme which finishes at the end of 2020.

16 February 2020	Final date for submission of EOI	
	We aim to give you a decision on your EOI within 30 working days (6 weeks)	
	2 - 3 months for you to prepare your full application, possibly longer if you need planning permission	
30 April 2020	Target date for submission of Full Application	
	We aim to give you a decision on your full application within 60 working days of receipt. (3 months)	
30 June 2020	Target date for submission of Full Application	
31 August 2020	Final date for submission of Full Application	
31 December 2020	Final date by which RPA can agree to new projects	
30 September 2021	Final date by which all projects must be finished, paid for and complete grant claims submitted	

PROTECT

Business Development theme

What are the grants for?

To help rural businesses grow and create more jobs

Who can apply?

- Project location must be in a rural area of the LEP.
- Micro & small businesses (less than 50 FTE).
- Farmers diversifying into non-agricultural activity.

How much money can you apply for?

- Grants can cover up to 40% of eligible costs.
- Minimum grant is £20k (i.e. projects of at least £50k of eligible costs).
- Maximum grant is €200,000 (currently c£175k).

National Priorities: Business Development

Your project must achieve two of the priorities below, or your application will be rejected. The more priorities your project achieves, the more likely you are to get a grant;

Create jobs	Creates new, higher-skilled or higher-paid jobs. Creates at least 1 FTE job for every £30,000 of grant funding
Grow your business	Increases the turnover and profitability of a business
Improve productivity through innovation	Introduces new techniques, equipment or processes to a business to make it more productive
Open new product markets	Helps your business sell goods or services to new customers or markets.
Export	Helps your business access export markets

Humber Local Priorities: Business Development

- enable farming businesses to diversify into non-agricultural activities
- adopt new techniques, processes or technologies that increase the productivity of the business
- introduce new products to the market, or develop existing products for a new market

YNYER Local Priorities: Business Development

- allow farming businesses to diversify into non-agricultural activities
- create new services and/or manufacture new products
- increase the productivity of the applicant business
- start or increase exporting of products by the applicant business

Greater Lincolnshire Local Priorities: Business Development

- enable farming businesses to diversify into non-agricultural activities
- create new or expand existing micro and small businesses in rural areas in the GLLEP area
- introduce and implement innovation and new technologies to the applicant business
- create jobs above the current average skill level of jobs in the applicant business

Food Processing theme

Who can apply?

- 'Annex I' Inputs: Any size Food and Drink business rural or urban.
- Non-Annex I Inputs and Outputs: small business in rural areas or farmers diversifying into processing their own produce.

How much money can you apply for?

- Minimum grant is £20k (i.e. projects of at least £50k of eligible costs).
- Maximum Grant rates vary:

Raw Materials	End Product	Grant Rate	Maximum
Annex I	Annex I	40%	£750,000
Annex I	Non-Annex I	40%	€200k/c£175k
Non-Annex I	Non-Annex I	40%	€200k/c£175k

Note: For Cornwall & Isle of Scilly the maximum is 50% for Annex I in/out.

Annex I covers primary agricultural/horticultural products e.g. meat, milk, grain, root vegetables. Fish and fisheries products are not eligible.

National Priorities: Food Processing

Your project must achieve two of the priorities below, or your application will be rejected. The more priorities your project achieves, the more likely you are to get a grant;

Create joint ventures and partnerships	Creates new and useful links between businesses – for example between growers and processors.
Improve productivity through innovation	Introduces new techniques, equipment or processes to a business to make it more productive
Access new markets	Helps you sell more products locally, nationally and through exports.
Benefit the supply chain	Provides direct benefits to the farmers and growers who supply the raw materials, particularly local farmers and growers.
Grow your business	Increases the turnover and profitability of a business
Create jobs	Create at least 1 FTE job for every £30,000 of grant funding.

Humber Local Priorities: Food Processing

- create new products
- allow the applicant business to start exporting products, or increase the volume of products exported
- create or support 'local food' initiatives by processing local produce

YNYER Local Priorities: Food Processing

- expand commercially successful food processing businesses
- provide local processing facilities that reduce risk for local growers
- invest in clusters of food processing businesses and related supply chains
- scale up new, but commercially proven, manufacturing processes that generate new income streams for processors and growers
- complement and add value to horticultural and agricultural products by establishing processing facilities that help access new markets for crops and by-products, such as crops grown currently for their environmental value

Greater Lincolnshire Local Priorities: Food Processing

- significantly improve growth and productivity
- adopt new technologies bringing new products to the market, leading to improved skills
- access new markets
- develop the agri-food sector
- create new higher skilled jobs above the current average skill level within the applicant business

Tourism Infrastructure Grants

What are the grants for?

• The aim is to support projects that will encourage more tourists to come, to stay longer, and to spend more money in rural areas.

Who can apply?

- Project locations must be in a rural area.
- If the project is commercial and will make a profit:
 - only micro/small businesses and diversifying farmers can apply.
- If the project won't make a profit (eg. infrastructure with no income):
 - a wide range of businesses and organisations can apply

How much money can you apply for?

- Maximum grant rates vary, depending on project income levels: commercial projects 40%, projects not intended to make a profit 80%, and projects with no income 100%.
- Minimum grant is £20,000 (i.e. projects of at least £50k), up to a maximum grant of £175,000.

National Priorities: Tourism

Your project must achieve two of the priorities below, or your application will be rejected. The more priorities your

project achieves, the more likely you are to get a grant;			
Create jobs	Create at least 1 FTE job for every £30,000 of grant funding. Creates skilled jobs		
Extend the tourism season	Attracts tourists outside the usual period of May to October		
Develop tourist attractions and infrastructure	Creates or develops tourist attractions and infrastructure to increase the range of attractions available locally, encourage tourists to stay longer and increase their spend.		
Wider benefits	Provides benefits to the wider tourism economy in the rural area.		

Humber Local Priorities Tourism:

Priority will be given to projects that:

- create new or expanding existing visitor attractions or events
- extend the visitor season between October & March
- increase the number of overnight stays in rural areas
- create quality serviced accommodation where there is clear evidence of need and demand,
 and the accommodation will achieve appropriate accreditation through industry bodies

These grants will not support projects that:

refurbish, repair or maintain existing accommodation where the current standard of facilities and/or accreditation rating is retained

YNYER Local Priorities Tourism:

Priority will be given to projects that:

- create and improve infrastructure for outdoor activities, particularly projects that develop capacity
 and enhance the reputation of the area for activities including cycling, walking, horse riding,
 canoeing and nature tourism
- create and develop infrastructure to enable visitors to move around the area such as cycle paths and footpaths
- improve facilities to encourage:
 - visitors to stay longer
 - make return visits

New or expanded visitor accommodation is not a priority for this call.

Only support projects that will create quality serviced accommodation of 4* or equivalent and above where there is clear evidence of need and demand.

Greater Lincolnshire Priorities Tourism:

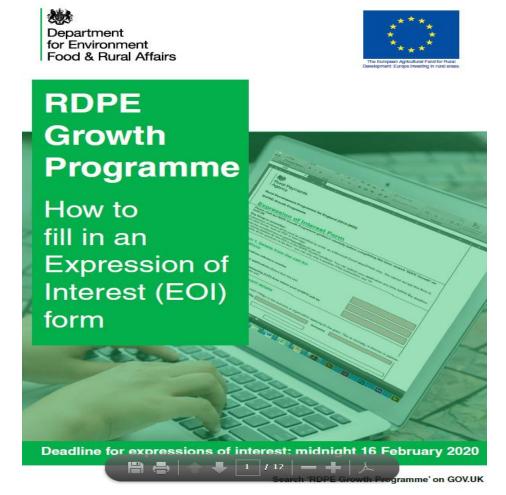
- improve the range and quality of tourism products and services, particularly those that
 - extend the tourism season
 - encourage visitors to stay for longer
 - increase overnight and/or day visitors
- create new sustainable jobs in the applicant business
- create infrastructure supporting the development of rural tourism, such as multi-user trails for cycling and walking

Changes from Round 2

- Funded from National Reserve Fund (previously LEP area allocations)
- Minimum grant reduced to £20,000 (previously £35,000).
- Maximum grant levels set nationally:
 - Business Development & Commercial Tourism Projects €200k
 - Food Processing £750,000
 - Tourism Infrastructure £175,000
- Timescales are tight
- If invited to submit a full application you must submit this by 31 August 2020.
- If your project needs planning permission this MUST be in place and submitted with your full application, or the project will be rejected as incomplete
- All projects successful at FA stage must be completed by 30 September 2021.

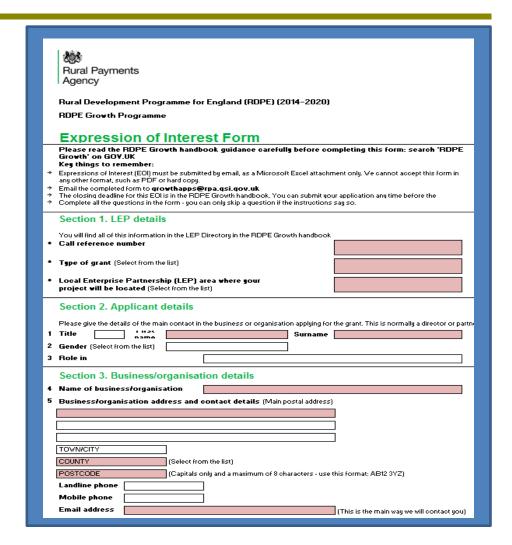
Completing the Expression of Interest

- Read the 'How to fill in an Expression of Interest (EOI) form' guidance
- Remember we know nothing about you or your project, or what it will mean to your business.
- Take time to think about your answers and give us enough information to understand what it is you want to do and why.



Completing the Expression of Interest

- The form has 10 sections.
- Read the questions carefully they are designed to guide you towards providing the information required.
- Try to give full and detailed answers.
- Do not leave questions unanswered.
- If you are not sure about how to complete an answer, check the guidance.
- If still unsure contact the RD Team for guidance (see last slide).



Completing the Expression of Interest

- Provide a concise but very clear description of the project activity (i.e. what will happen).
- Detail construction and equipment costs separately (also, list large capital items separately).
- Do not use generic descriptions which may obscure the eligibility of the proposed expenditure.
- Explain how the project will meet the National and local LEP priorities.
- Tell us about quality and quantity to illustrate your statements
- Detail specific project outcomes.

Section 5. Project details

22	Project name	
23	Brief project description / su	mmary
20		
	What is the project? (Ideally, kee	ep to a maximum 50 words)

25 Project costs

Indicate the types of costs included in the total project expenditure in the table below. All costs should be net of VAT unless you including irrecoverable VAT in your eligible project costs.

	Type of cost (Example - building works)	Grant rate %	Eligible project expenditure	Date expenditure will be incurred (Select from list)	Grant requested
Grant funded project					£0.00
					£0.00
					£0.00
					£0.00
					£0.00
costs					£0.00

Before submitting the EOI

Review the EOI.

Have you:

- Explained the strategic fit. The aim of the grant is to support the GP priorities and create jobs and growth: have you explained in detail how your project does this. Have you addressed each priority separately.
- Sold your idea. Have you explained clearly what your project does, and how it will benefit your business.
- Shown how grant funding is vital to the project. Have you explained how the business idea is good value for money, and how you will use the grant to improve your business.
- Only included eligible costs. Have you checked the handbook (chapter 5) to ensure all your proposed costs are eligible.
- Evidenced Demand: Have you described the outcomes of your market research, or detailed unfulfilled orders or forward interest.

Things to remember

- Successful EOIs will be invited to submit a Full Application.
- Full Applications are extensive documents, and preparation should start immediately.
 Proposed expenditure should have three supporting quotes. Provide evidence of market demand and be realistic about the potential effect on any competitors.
- RPA will assign a 'project sponsor' to provide support.
- Projects cannot start until the project has been approved by RPA, and a Grant Funding Agreement offered and signed.
- Any project activity started or expenditure incurred before the GFA is signed will render the project ineligible.
- Grant claims are paid in arrears. Projects will need to be completed and final grant claims submitted by Sept 2021.

Showstoppers at Full Application

- relevant planning permission
- 3 quotes for all items to be purchased
- business accounts for last 3 financial years (unless you are a new business)

Further Information & Support

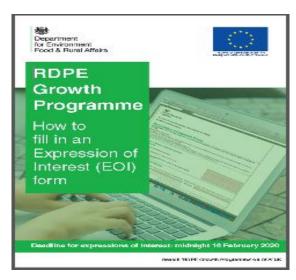
All information, including Handbooks and Application form, is available at:

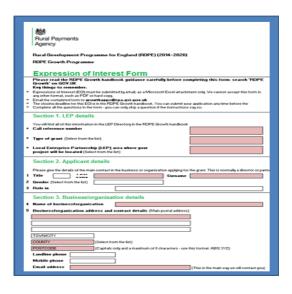
www.gov.uk/government/publications/rdpe-growth-programme

GP Handbooks

Guide to completing an EOI EOI Application form







Further advice: Rural Payments helpline: 03000 200 301

Email: GPEnquiries@rpa.gov.uk



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CASE STUDY









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Day 1 of the Construction Phase



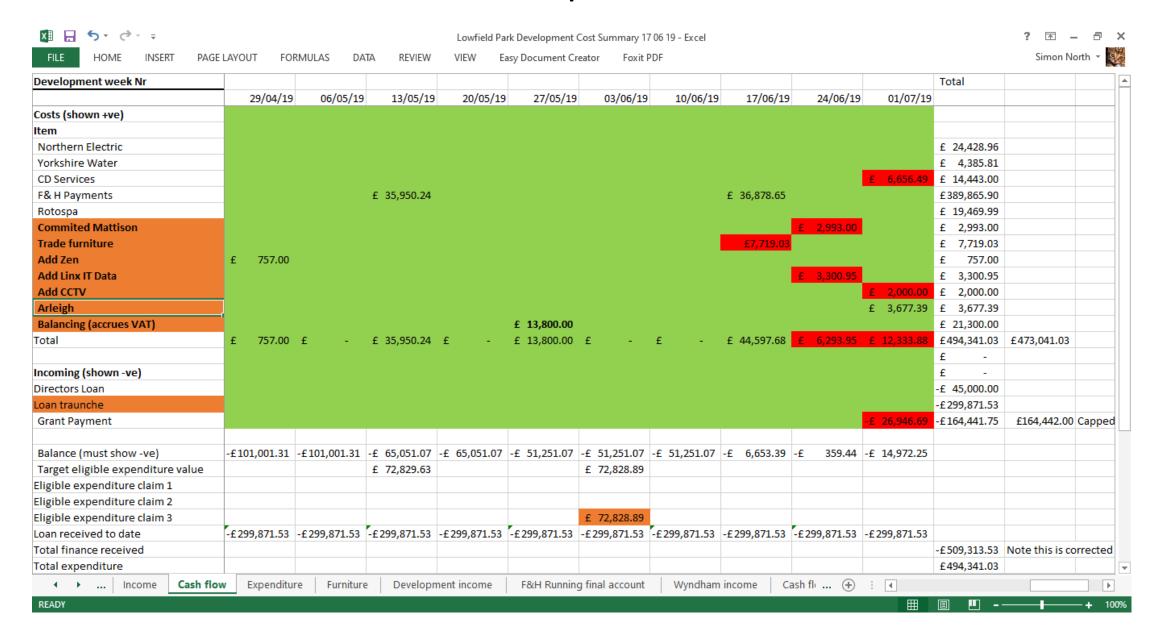
February 2019



Mud everywhere



The Development model



The Finished Project











#GrowMySME

The Humber Business Growth Hub & The #GrowMySME Programme

Jon Brunton – Growth Hub Manager







What is the Growth Hub?

One-stop-shop for Business Support in the Humber Region and a key part of the Humber LEP. FREE 1-2-1 impartial advice, guidance and support from experienced Business Advisors

Access to other regional and national sources of business support, expertise and funding

Suite of online resources, guidance & information:
Humbergrowthhub.org







Signposting & Referral Specialists

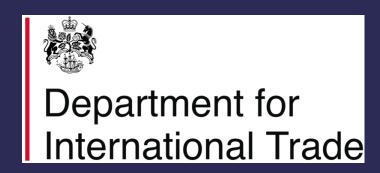






















What have we achieved since 2014?

Businesses

- 9,700 supported
- 1,950 supported on a medium or high intensity basis
- £802,317 of grant funding accessed between since April 2018 and March 2019 alone

Individuals

- 10,843 supported
- 45 start-ups created between April 2018 and March 2019

Referrals & Signposting

- 635 businesses supported to access finance or grants
- 373 businesses supported to access skills & training programmes

Above figures are for the period April 2014 to September 2019 unless otherwise stated









What Business Support Does the Humber Region Need?



98% of Humber businesses are SMEs and 81% have less than 10 staff



Many businesses have difficulties accessing the right form of business finance and need support with funding applications



Many businesses struggle to deal with growth barriers such as access to the right skills, innovation support and new markets



Take up of digital technology in the region is not where is should be.
Studies show that embracing digital technology can grow a business' profitability by up to 26%











The #GrowMySME Programme



FINANCE FOR GROWTH

ICT FOR GROWTH

A £6 million package of business support to accelerate the growth of Humber region businesses from 2018 to 2021











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Eligibility Criteria

- Must be a Small to Medium Enterprise, which is a business that has:
 - Less than 250 full time (or equivalent) employees
 - A turnover of less than €50m or a balance sheet value of less that €43m
- Must have a trading address in the Humber region, that is, in:
 - Hull
 - The East Riding of Yorkshire
 - North Lincolnshire
 - North East Lincolnshire
- Have received less than €200,000 of State Aid in a rolling 3-year period.
- Other eligibility criteria may apply depending on which part of the programme you wish to access. Speak to the team to find out more. $\$





#GrowMySME - At a Glance

Delivery	Business Growth So	cheme	Finance for Growth		ICT for Growth	
	One – to – One Advisors					
	Workshops & Masterclasses					
	Grants					
	Scale Up Business Development Programme	Supply Chain Network	Sector Development	Digital C	Catalyst	Digital Start-Up Grants
#GrowMy	SME					





One-to-one Advice

BUSINESS GROWTH SCHEME

- Team of 9 FTE Growth Hub Business Advisors across the region
- Can carry out a business needs analysis with you to identify your support needs to accelerate your business growth
- Work with you every step of the way to implement a bespoke action plan

FINANCE FOR GROWTH

- Team of 4 FTE Finance Business Advisors across the region
- Can help you address the key issues preventing your business accessing finance
- Assist you to understand what investors and lenders are looking for
- Help you to navigate the financial landscape

ICT FOR GROWTH

- Team of 2 FTE ICT Business Advisors across the region
- Can help you to identify your ICT needs and requirements
- Assist you to design a tailored project solution
- Technical consultancy 1-2-1s also now available with external ICT experts







Workshops & Masterclasses

BUSINESS GROWTH SCHEME

Select Topics

- Sales & Marketing
 - Strategic Marketing & Brand
 - Customer Segmentation
- Business Processes
 - Lean Office Principles
 - HR Policies & Systems
- Leadership, Innovation and Culture
 - Managing Talent
 - Organisational Culture

FINANCE FOR GROWTH

Select Topics

- Developing a Winning Pitch
- Understanding the Investment Process
- Equity Finance Am I Giving Up Control?
- Funding Growth Determining the Right Package of Investment

ICT FOR GROWTH

Select Topics

- Cyber Security & Resilience to Threat
- Cloud-Based Computing
- The Internet of Things
- Artificial Intelligence for Business
- New and Emerging Technologies







Grants

BUSINESS GROWTH SCHEME

FINANCE FOR GROWTH

ICT FOR GROWTH

- All three schemes have grant funding available to support business growth in various ways
- All grants offer 40% contributions toward an eligible project's costs between £2,500 and £12,500 (e.g. a £4,000 grant contribution toward a £10,000 project). Revenue costs only (some capital spend possible with ICT grants)
- Eligible grant fundable projects can be identified with an advisor of the relevant scheme
- Applications for grants are subject to an assessment process and are therefore competitive

Example projects

- Support to attain accreditations
- Specialist advice to create a sales and marketing plan to access a new market.

Example projects

- Support to create a business plan for investment
- Assistance to create integrated financial forecasts to attract funding

Example projects

- E-Commerce sales platforms
- Specialist software and related hardware (i.e. CAD software and touch-screen computer)

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#GrowMyStartUp Digital Start-Up Grants

ICT FOR GROWTH

- For businesses up to 12 months old (must be trading and HMRC registered)
- £1,000 'bitesize' grants toward essential ICT equipment & software for projects totalling between £2,000 & £2,500 (thus matched funded)
- Applications for grants are subject to a quick-check assessment and will be turned around within two weeks

Example projects

- Superfast Broadband
- A Desktop PC or Laptop
- Specialist Software
- Website Development
- Digital Marketing







Sector & Supply Chain Development



In Partnership With



Through the Supply Chain Network Website

- SMEs can advertise their products and services on a FREE business directory
- SMEs can view potential current and future supply chain opportunities from OEMs, tier 1 suppliers, public authorities and more.
- SMEs can access information on supply chain projects and funding available

Through One-to-One & One-to-Many Support

- Undertaking initial assessment of businesses, their products & services, and helping them to identify barriers to supply chain access
- Delivery of sector and supply chain knowledge through workshops, events and access to resources
- Raising understanding and aspiration through knowledge of procurement processes, networking and collaborations.





Scale-Up Business Development Programme

An exciting programme designed to support ambitious businesses of all sectors with the potential and determination to achieve significant and sustainable business growth, by working on the growth challenges of:

Accessing new regional, national and international markets

Assessing and understanding the best financial options for growth

Introducing
differentiated
products and
services that build
on existing markets

Boosting productivity and minimising waste

Developing & building an effective team

90 Business Leaders across six cohorts will be engaged by a tailored package of support including:

Scale-up
Masterclasses

Peer-to-Peer Board Networks 1-2-1 Coaching Support

'Growthology'
Online Playbook

'WOW' Leadership
Events

Cohort 1 will get underway in November 2019 – EOI's are being accepted now!









Sector Development – Social Enterprise

#GrowMySME Social Enterprise • Social Enterprise 'Accelerator' Pilot – a discrete programme of support for organisations that are looking to grow & scale their service. Delivery will vary from mentoring, through to action learning and interactive sessions. Support will include:

- Overcoming growth barriers
- HR & Recruitment
- Succession Planning
- Responding to new markets
- Social impact and social value
- A Specialist Workshop Programme, including:
 - Finance & Trading for Social Enterprise
 - Unlocking Social Investment
 - HR & Volunteer Management
 - Valuing & Evidencing Impact

commences Jan 2020

Commences Dec 2019







Digital Catalyst Programme

What

- A programme to accelerate digital adoption within Humber SMEs
- A programme that will target businesses with 10-49 FTE staff

Why

- Business that effectively adopt digital technology can generate up to 20% higher revenue at 30% lower cost
- Generate competitive advantage
- Lower costs and create efficiencies
- Increase integration across the customer journey
- Keep ahead of the game through increased innovation

How

- Digital Benchmarking
- Digital Sprint Workshops
- Digital Plan
- Brokerage
- Technology Provider Selection







How to engage with us?

EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST (Via our website, call us, email us, speak to us today!)

Get Assigned to Your Business Advisor

Undertake You Business Needs Diagnostic & Start Your 1-2-1 Support Journey

ACCESS OUR CORE OFFER

Attend our Workshops & Masterclasses

Assistance to apply for a Grant

WE WILL ALWAYS KEEP YOU INFORMED ABOUT FUTURE EVENTS & DEVELOPMENTS

Supply Chain Support

Sector Specific Support

Scale-Up Business Development Programme







Thank you

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Any Questions?











Tea and Coffee Break



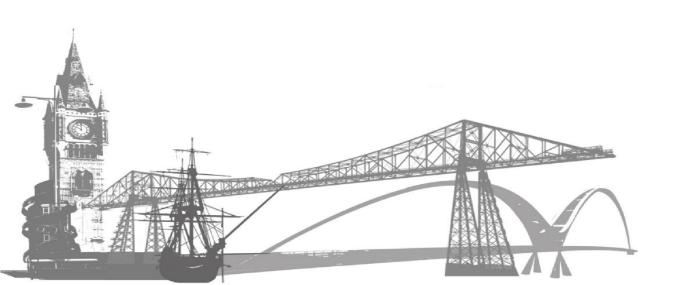






TEES VALLEY MAYOR

RURAL COMMUNITY ENERGY FUND





Background

- UK committed to net zero carbon emissions by 2050.
- How are we getting on so far?
- Important role for Community Energy





What is the Rural Community Energy Fund?

- £1.45 million of funding for the North East Yorkshire and Humber Local Energy Hub
- Supports rural communities in England to develop renewable energy projects, which provide economic and social benefits to the community.





Key elements of a successful Community Energy project:-

- A natural resource that can be utilised
- Technology to create electricity
- A building to utilise the power that is created
- A community group to own the technology





•How is it paid for?

- Upfront costs covered by RCEF
- Community group charge for the electricity it sells (to building or to grid)
- Uses income stream to secure funds
- Loans or Community Share Issues
- Surplus goes back into community





•Why get involved?

- Climate change
- Community benefit
- Electricity cost savings and price stability





•What is the bidding process?

- Stage 1- up to £40,000 for feasibility
- Stage 2- up to £100,000 for development funding
- The fund is open for 2 years
- Rolling deadlines every 2-3 months





•What is next?

• If you are aware of any buildings that might be suitable, or know of any community groups, please get in touch!

Thank you for your time

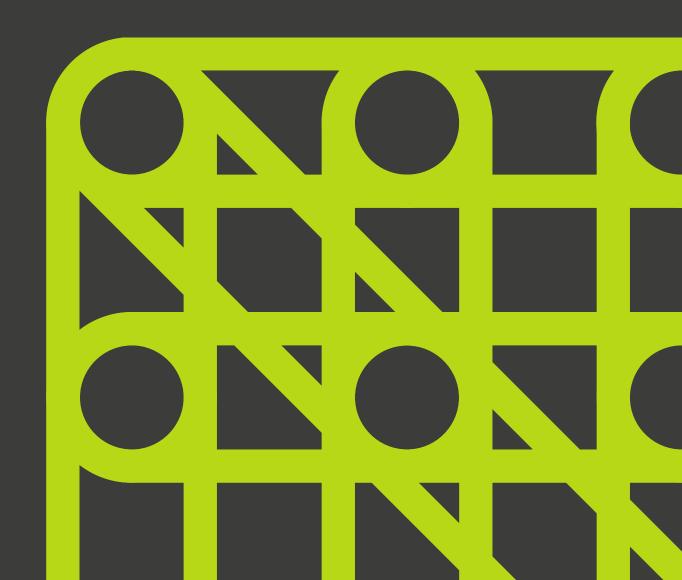






THE SUPPLY CHAIN NETWORK



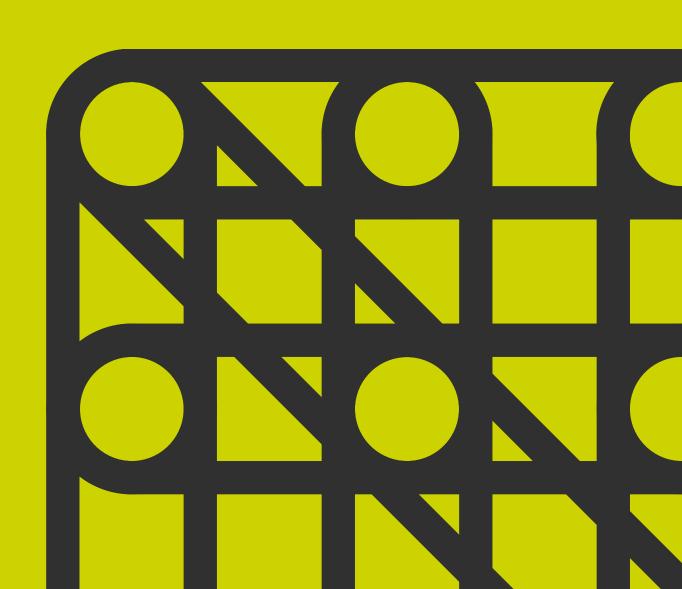




Supporting businesses to take advantage of regional and national supply chain opportunities by

facilitating supply chain opportunities and supporting business growth







Supplier Directory

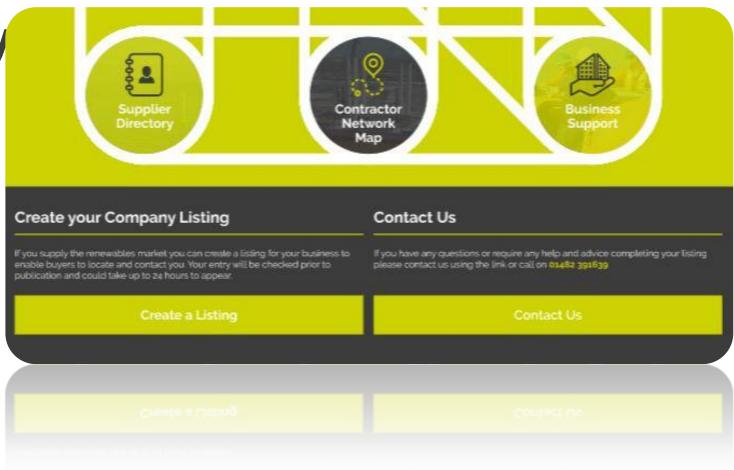
Mapping of Opportunities

Support Services



Supplier Directory

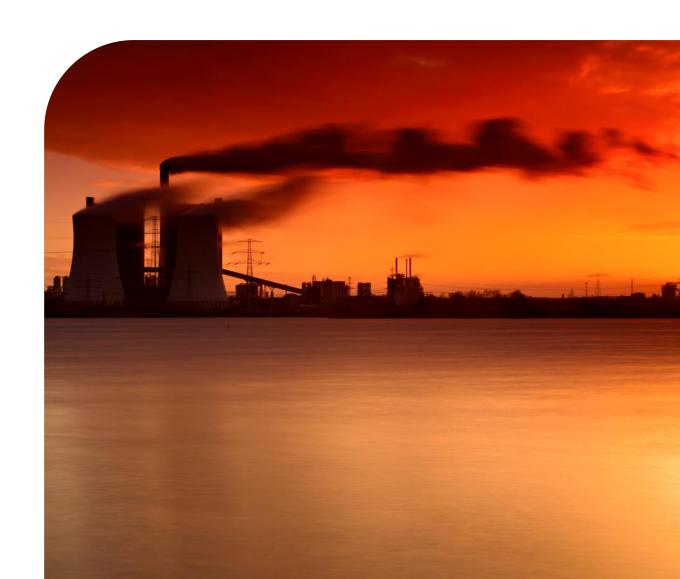
To promote the region's suppliers, products and services and encourage regional supply chain development.





Map of Opportunities

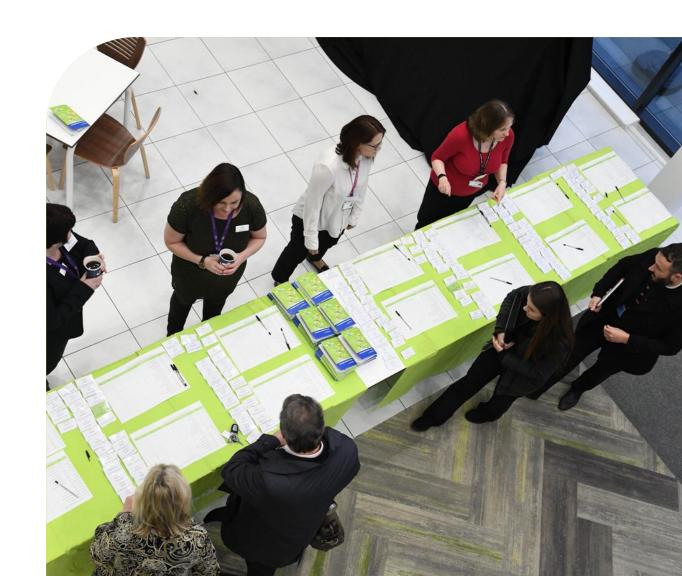
Identifying and strengthening knowledge and intelligence of supply chain opportunities, standards and specifications across the region.





Support Services

Identifying, informing and supporting regional businesses to be supply chain ready to access opportunities





Raising Business Aspirations and Supply Chain Opportunities

- Making Opportunities Visible
- Making Opportunities Accessible
- Making Opportunities Winnable
- Enabling Business Growth



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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JOf1dhFtPZc&feature=emb_title

SparkFund Explainer Video

You Tube











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