

FUNDING & SUPPORT FOR BUSINESSES IN DEVON						
Name	Type	Funding body	Summary	Deadline	£ Max value	Link
BUSINESS SUPPORT PROGRAMMES						
Heart of the South West Growth Hub Business Support	Business Support - Devon, Plymouth, Torbay & Somerset	Heart of the South West Growth Hub	A single point of contact for all business support within the Heart of the South West Growth Hub region, providing advice and signposting based on individual business needs across a range of subjects, including innovation, exporting, accessing finance and training.		Discretionary	https://www.heartofswgrowthhub.co.uk/
Decarbonise Devon	Business Support - Devon	Devon County Council	a 'one-stop-shop' for businesses in Devon that wish to implement energy-saving measures, with support from local experts through the whole process of developing and implementing a project.	n/a	n/a	Decarbonise Devon - Devon Energy CIC
The Node, Barnstaple	Business Support - Devon	European Regional Development Fund	Business support for SMEs in northern Devon		n/a	Home Node (nodecowork.co.uk)
BT Small Business Support Scheme	Business Support - National	British Telecom (BT Group)	Support for UK SMEs to help small business boost their connectivity, cash flow and confidence.		Discretionary	https://www.bt.com/about/bt/our-company/group-businesses/enterprise/small-business-support-scheme
10,000 Small Businesses (UK)	Business Support - National	Goldman Sachs Foundation	A business development programme designed to unlock the economic and job creation potential of small businesses and social enterprises from across the UK.	5/12/23	Discretionary	https://www.goldmansachs.com/citizenship/10000-small-businesses/UK/
Help to Grow	Business Support - National	HM Government	Support for thousands of SME companies across the UK to access digital and management training. Eligible businesses can also access a 50% discount on approved software.		5,000 GBP	https://helptogrow.campaign.gov.uk/
Low Carbon Devon	Business Support - Devon, Plymouth and Torbay	European Regional Development Fund	Three-year £2.6 million programme supports Devon-based organisations to access research, business support, and engage with the University of Plymouth around the low-carbon agenda.			Sustainability Hub: Low Carbon Devon - University of Plymouth
Make it Net Zero	Business Support - South West	SWMAS	Funding for manufacturing businesses to assess their carbon footprint and create an action plan to implement energy saving measures			Make it Net Zero SWMAS
UK Business Climate Hub	Business Support - National	SME Climate Hub	Support and resources for SMEs to reduce their carbon emissions			About us - SME Climate hub (businessclimatehub.org)
GRANTS & FUNDING						

Advanced Capacities for Manufacturing – Industry 4.0 (ACMI4.0)	Grant	European Regional Development Fund	Capital grants and free consultancy available to SME manufacturers in England to adopt and integrate Industry 4.0 technologies and design principles more effectively.		20,000	https://www.sma-uk.co.uk/acmi-4-0/
Backing Business Fund	Free TV advertising	ITV & Travel Weekly	To support the travel industry by offering new and lapsed TV brands across the travel sector the opportunity to benefit from TV advertising to grow their business	6/1/23		Supercharging Growth For Travel Brands :: ITV Media
Beauty Backed Trust Grant Programme	Grant	Beauty Backed Trust	Grants available to individuals and businesses in the beauty industry to help them recover following the COVID-19 pandemic.		5,000 GBP	https://www.beautybacked.com/campaigns/beauty-backed-grant-programme
Boiler Upgrade Scheme	Grant	Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS)	Small non-domestic property owners can apply for capital grants towards the costs of low-carbon heating systems such as heat pumps & biomass boilers	The scheme runs until 2025	£5,000 (air-source heat pump; biomass boiler) £6,000 (ground source heat pump)	Apply for the Boiler Upgrade Scheme: Overview - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
Bus Recovery Grant (BRG)	Grant	Department for Transport (DfT)	Further funding is available to help commercial or community bus services in England (outside of London and Greater Manchester) to continue running buses when their revenues have reduced following the COVID-19 pandemic.		Discretionary	https://www.gov.uk/guidance/claiming-the-bus-recovery-grant
eBay Business Roadshow Grants	Grant	eBay	Grants and support packages available to small businesses attending a roadshow across the UK to help them develop and grow.		5,000	https://www.ebayinc.com/stories/press-room/uk/1-million-up-for-grabs-ebay-invests-to-support-businesses-attending-its-regional-roadshow/
Eco Providers UK: Heating & Insulation Grants	Grant	Eco Providers UK	Grants are available for private and social landlords to support retrofit property improvements to reduce carbon emissions across housing stock.		Discretionary	Eco Providers: Free Heating, Free Insulation
EV Infrastructure Grant for Staff and Fleets	Grant	Office for Zero Emission Vehicles (OZEV)	Grants available to SMEs in the UK to help with the costs of installing electric vehicle (EV) chargepoints for their operations and staff.		15,000	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ev-infrastructure-grant-for-for-staff-and-fleets-customer-guidance/ev-infrastructure-grant-for-for-staff-and-fleets-customer-guidance
FareShare Surplus with Purpose Fund	Grant	FareShare	A fund for food businesses in the UK to offset the costs of sending good quality surplus food to good causes, helping the people who need it most.		50,000	https://fareshare.org.uk/giving-food/
Flexible Plastic Fund	Grant	Ecosurety	Funding and support are available to UK businesses to incentivise their recycling of 'flexible' plastic items including bags, wrappers, films, pouches, packets and sachets.		Discretionary	https://flexibleplasticfund.org.uk/

Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme (GBVS)	Grant	Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS)	Small or medium-sized businesses in the UK may be able to access a capital grant to upgrade their business broadband to a Gigabit capable connection through this programme.		3,500 GBP	https://gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk/
Heart of the South West LEP Inward Investment Support Grant	Grant	Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP)	Grants are available to foreign-owned companies investing in the heart of the South West to grow and create jobs.		150,000 GBP	https://heartofswlep.co.uk/growing-your-business/inward-investment/heart-of-the-sw-inward-investment-support-project/heart-of-the-sw-erdf-inward-investment-support-grant-scheme/
Innovate UK	Grant	Innovate UK (IUK)	UK-based businesses and research organisations can compete for government-backed funding to research and develop a process, product or service, test innovative ideas or collaborate with other organisations.	Various	Various	Innovation competitions - Innovation Funding Service (apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk)
LDC/Prince's Trust - Backing Youth Ambition	Grant	The Prince's Trust	Support is available to boost the opportunities of young entrepreneurs across the UK.		Discretionary	https://www.princes-trust.org.uk/
Mobile Boost Scheme	Grant	Connecting Devon & Somerset	Vouchers towards the cost of indoor mobile signal boosters in Devon and Somerset			Connecting Devon and Somerset - rural broadband programme
NATEP: Helping SMEs innovate in aerospace	Grant	National Aerospace Technology Programme (NATEP)	Apply for a share of up to £2.5 million for industry led civil aerospace research projects	1/11/23	210,000 GBP	Competition overview - NATEP Helping SMEs innovate in aerospace: Autumn 2022 - Innovation Funding Service (apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk)
National Composites Centre - SME Boost Programme	Grant	National Composites Centre	Funding is available to small and medium-sized enterprises in the UK to help them develop composites products.		25,000 GBP	https://www.nccuk.com/sectors/supporting-smes/sme-boost-programme
Oli Bennett Charitable Trust Young Entrepreneur Grants	Grant	Oli Bennett Charitable Trust	Start-up grants are available for young entrepreneurs to help them start a new business or grow a current one in the UK.		2,000 GBP	https://olibennett.com/
PRISM	Grant	Innovate UK (IUK)	Funding available to the UK steel and metals sector to support innovation in decarbonisation, digital technologies and circular economy.		Discretionary	https://www.mpiuk.com/prism.htm
Smart Grants	Grant	Innovate UK (IUK)	Research funding for small businesses with game-changing, innovative, and disruptive ideas that will lead to new products, processes or services	There are several calls each year	£1.4m	Innovation competitions - Innovation Funding Service (apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk)
Technology Developer Accelerator Programme	Grant	Advanced Propulsion Centre	A pilot programme aimed at small and medium-sized technology developers in the UK to help turn their low carbon technology to products in the automotive sector	Wave 7 is open until 1 Feb 2023	£170,000	Technology Developer Accelerator Programme (TDAP) - Advanced Propulsion Centre (apcuk.co.uk)

UK Seafood Fund: Skills & Training Scheme	Grant	Department for Environment Food & Rural Affairs (Defra)	Funding for UK based providers of training relevant to the seafood sector. The scheme will invest in training courses and specialist equipment (Round 1) and modernising and building training centres (Round 2).	Round 2 will open in the Autumn 22	£250,000 (Round 1)	UK Seafood Fund: Skills and Training Scheme - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
UK Tradeshow Programme (UKTP)	Grant	Department for International Trade (DIT)	To help SMEs attend tradeshows with confidence, and to maximise their return from them, and ensure that the UK has quality businesses representing the country at key international events.	31/03/2023	4,000 GBP	https://www.gov.uk/guidance/uk-tradeshow-programme
BUSINESS LOANS						
Better Business Finance	Directory of finance suppliers	-	Access to approved finance suppliers for UK businesses			Better Business Finance - UK - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
Folk2Folk	Peer-to-peer lending	Folk2Folk investors	A market-place lending platform for investors and businesses			Peer To Peer Lending Made Local - FOLK2FOLK
HSBC Green SME Fund	Loans & asset finance	HSBC UK Bank	A new funding initiative to help small and medium-sized UK businesses decarbonise and invest in green projects.		Discretionary	https://www.about.hsbc.co.uk/news-and-media/hsbc-uk-launches-500m-green-sme-fund
Nesta Healthy Ageing Fund	Loan/Grant package	Nesta	A combined investment and grant funding for start-up companies in the UK that are working to improve health outcomes in later life. The fund aims to support offering products or services to increase healthy life expectancy and reduce health inequalities.		1,000,000 GBP	https://nestainvestments.org.uk/healthy-ageing/
Start-up Loans	Loan	Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS)	Entrepreneurs and business owners who have been trading for less than 24 months can apply for a low-interest personal loan	Ongoing	£25,000	Start Up Loans - small businesses can borrow up to £25,000
South West Investment Fund	Loans & equity	British Business Bank	A new investment fund for SMEs in the South West of England. It will offer a range of commercial finance options with loans from £25,000 to £2million and equity investment up to £5million	Launching in 2023	Loans to £2m and Equity up to £5m	South West Investment Fund (SWIF) - British Business Bank (british-business-bank.co.uk)
SWIG FINANCE	Loans	Various	Loans for businesses in the South West			SWIG Finance: Business Loans for the South West
TAX RELIEF						
Companies Research and Development (R&D) Expenditure Credit (RDEC)	Tax Relief	HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC)	R&D tax credits are measures which give companies in the UK additional tax relief for expenditure on R&D, beyond what they would be entitled to under the general principles of the tax system.		Discretionary	https://www.gov.uk/guidance/corporation-tax-research-and-development-tax-relief-for-large-companies
Research and Development (R&D) Tax Credit for SMEs	Tax relief	Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS)	Tax credits are available on research and development (R&D) spending for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in the UK.		Discretionary	https://www.gov.uk/guidance/corporation-tax-research-and-development-rd-relief
TRAINING & EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMMES						

Heart of the South West Skills Launchpad	Skills support - Devon, Plymouth, Torbay and Somerset	Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP)	Advice and support to upskill and retrain your workforce and help people into work			https://skillslaunchpad.org.uk/employers/
Access to Work	Grant	Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)	Grants to employers towards extra employment costs which result from an employee having a disability.		Discretionary	https://www.gov.uk/access-to-work
Amazon Apprenticeship Fund	Support & funding	Amazon	Support for small businesses selling on Amazon, Amazon Web Services (AWS) customers and small businesses in the creative industries to provide apprenticeship roles in the creative industries		Discretionary	https://blog.aboutamazon.co.uk/supporting-small-businesses/amazon-announces-2-5-million-apprenticeship-fund-to-help-small-businesses-across-england-upskill-their-workforces
Apprenticeships	Apprentice scheme	HM Government	Support from government to pay for apprenticeship training and funding for hiring a young apprentice		Refer to website	https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/employers/funding-an-apprenticeship
Construction Skills Funding	Grants and funding	Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) Construction Skills	The CITB offers support to industry through various grants and funds. CITB grants cover day-to-day training and its funds cover specific projects and commissions.		25,000 GBP	Grants & Funding for Industry Support - CITB
Digital Enablement for SMEs	Training opportunities for SMEs	Devon County Council and YTKO Cosmic via ESF	Addresses the leadership and digital skills issues of SME's in the construction sector and supply chain across Devon, Plymouth and Torbay.	9/1/23	Fully funded training opportunities	Digital Enablement for SMEs (DESME) - Skills Launchpad
Knowledge Transfer Partnerships	Grants towards the costs of employing a researcher from an academic partner	Enterprise Directorate	Knowledge Transfer Partnerships aim to promote technology transfer by facilitating the establishment of project-based partnerships between the knowledge base (universities, colleges and research organisations) and companies using graduate skills.		Discretionary	Home - Knowledge Transfer Partnerships (ktp-uk.org)
LEP Digital Series	Training for SMEs	Heart of the South West LEP	Working with leaders of micro and SME's to support their organisations holistic digital transformation. Cohorts of peer networks will be formed to access 1-2-1 support & cohort workshops in digital transformation and leadership			Digital Skills Partnership for Devon, Plymouth, Somerset and Torbay (hear
Multiply	Numeracy skills courses	Devon County Council via UKSPF	UKSPF funding for courses between 2022-25 to provide adult numeracy courses for hard to reach learners, specific workplace numeracy courses developed with employers, and courses to help individuals achieve GCSE maths qualifications			

Open Up to Skills	Training opportunities for hospitality and tourism sectors	Devon County Council	Provide flexible training opportunities for individuals to help build resilience, adaptability and transferrable skills to further enable progress within their current employer or a move into a new career	3/31/23	Fully funded training opportunities for individuals and employers	Open Up To Skills Seetec Outsource
Train4Tomorrow Skills Bootcamps	Training courses	Devon County Council	High quality Digital, Technical, and Green Skills Training courses lasting up to 16 weeks with guaranteed job interview		Free to individuals	
Traineeships	Training & work placement	Education & Skills Funding Agency	A skills development programme and work placement for young people. Employers work with a training provider to design a programme which must include at least 70 hours of work experience.		Traineeships are free to the employer	Traineeship information for employers - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
Work Trials	Employee Placement	Jobcentre Plus	A Work Trial offers employers a way of trying out a potential employee for up to 30 days before offering them a job. There is no cost to the employer.		Participants continue to receive benefits	Jobcentre Plus help for recruiters: Work trials - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
We can also provide an individual funding search for your business. This is more likely to identify additional sources of funding for the following activities and sectors:						
RESEARCH FUNDING - including funds for tech companies, specialist R&D, development of smart energy, commercialisation of low-carbon technologies and international research partnerships.						
GRANTS FOR THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR - including the new ELMS scheme, the Farming Investment Fund and woodland creation grants						
GRANTS FOR SOCIAL ENTERPRISES - grants and loans to support the start-up and growth of social enterprises						
SUPPORT FOR THE CREATIVE INDUSTRIES - including music production, film/TV, gaming and digital SMEs						
AEROSPACE GRANTS - support for businesses in the aerospace supply chain						
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