

TEXTILE SECTOR

Case Study

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Fashion manufacturer aims to grow with help from Collaborate

Having chosen Leicester as their manufacturing base, Echo Fashion has secured a grant from Collaborate to refit and upgrade their new premises in Whetstone, Leicester.

Collaborate is a business support project supporting small and medium sized enterprises in Leicester and Leicestershire. Free business support, events and capital grants* from £5,000 to £25,000 are available for growing businesses.

Echo Fashion design and manufacture fashion clothing and accessories such as women’s dresses, tops and scarves. The Collaborate business support project has contributed a £25,000 grant to the business which will help make their premises suitable for the design and manufacture of their fabrics. It will also help them produce their own

designs by employing two new designers as well as a factory supervisor.

A spokesperson from Echo Fashions said:

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Joanne Ives, Regeneration Projects & Programmes Manager, Leicester City Council, lead organisation for Collaborate said:

“We are very pleased to support Echo Fashion with the Collaborate grant. It’s clear they have a wealth of knowledge and experience and will do everything they can to succeed.”

Collaborate is funded by the European Regional Development Fund and partner organisations from Leicester City Council, Leicestershire County Council, East Midlands Chamber (Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire) and the Food and Drink Forum.

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