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Leicester & Leicestershire  
**Enterprise** Partnership

Your Gateway  
to **ERDF** Business Grants



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## Leicester Innovation Hub

Practical R&D and innovation support to qualifying companies to use our peoples expertise, research and facilities/technologies to design, develop, test, and launch innovative products and processes in partnership with the University.

- > up to £4,000 Innovation Voucher (University consultancy, testing and analytical services, Innovation grant application support, Sustainability and Environmental project support)
- > up to £20,000 one year funded MPhil (industrial company based R&D projects)

**PROJECT ENDS MARCH 2020**

For more information go to:

[bit.ly/2xUOOh7](https://bit.ly/2xUOOh7)



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## Productivity & Capability Enhancement

(PACE)

This project will help SME's to grow by enabling them to increase their capacities, add to their capabilities and improve their productivity and competitiveness.

- > Capital grants available circa £20,000
- > Revenue grants circa £5,700
- > 38% of total project cost available

**PROJECT ENDS OCTOBER 2019**

For more information go to:

[bit.ly/2wzvL8i](http://bit.ly/2wzvL8i)



encouraging enterprise

## Growing Enterprise

Support for 1pre-starts together with business advice and Masterclasses for new and trading SME's.

This is delivered in the form of:

- 3 day Starting in Business Programme – ideal for pre-starts
  - Business Assist – mentoring support for trading businesses
  - Grant for New & Trading Businesses
- > minimum £1,000
  - > maximum £2,500
  - > 25% of total project cost

NBV is also a Referral Partner for the national Start Up Loan initiative.

**PROJECT ENDS DECEMBER 2018**

For more information go to:

[bit.ly/2hPsSxF](http://bit.ly/2hPsSxF)



## Are you looking for business support?

Leicester & Leicestershire's single point of contact for all businesses to access business support / referral routes providing an easy access to appropriate business support

For more information, please contact a member of our team.

[www.llepbizgateway.co.uk](http://www.llepbizgateway.co.uk)

[bizgateway@llep.org.uk](mailto:bizgateway@llep.org.uk)

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## Smart Innovation & Networking for Growth (SING)

Practical and grant assistance to enable SME's to increase their investment in R & D and to encourage them to work with Universities and Research Institutions.

- > Grant funding is available at 43% external costs
- > Grant funding for collaborative R&D projects
- > Fully-funded support to engage with a Loughborough University academic to explore innovation ideas

**PROJECT ENDS SEPTEMBER 2019**

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Digital Growth

Evolve  
Grow  
Succeed

Skills and support for success in a digital age

## Digital Growth Programme

Providing FREE digital support to SME's across Leicester and Leicestershire, in embracing the digital world through:

- Awareness-raising seminars
- Strategic action-planning workshops
- Digital business advice
- Grant funding (subject to Conditions)
- Conferences



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For more information go to:

[bit.ly/2y2J9VN](http://bit.ly/2y2J9VN)



# collaborate

**GROWING BUSINESS TOGETHER**

## Collaborate Growing Business Together

Business support through free workshops, seminars and one to one support.

Targeted at the LLEP's 8 priority sectors for businesses seeking to relocate or expand into Leicestershire outside of the European Union.

- > Capital Grants available
- > from £5,000 to £25,000



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For more information go to:

[bit.ly/2txfkv6](http://bit.ly/2txfkv6)



## Manufacturing Growth Programme (MGP)

MGP is designed to stimulate the growth of aspiring manufacturing businesses, in any sector, helping identify opportunities for accelerated growth, improvement and team development.

- > average grant available is £1,400
- > towards the cost of support costing approximately £4,000

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For more information go to:

[bit.ly/2hAJRyZ](http://bit.ly/2hAJRyZ)



## Midlands Engine Investment Fund

(East Midlands Access2Finance)

Early stage equity funding for high growth start-ups/existing businesses.

- > Debt fund of £40m
- > Small Business Loan fund of £13m
- > Equity fund circa £30m
- > Proof-of-Concept fund circa £20m
- > Loans £25,000 to £1.5m
- > Investments up to £750,000 (up to £2m)
- > 10 year programme (5 yrs investment - 5 yrs realisation)

For more information go to:

[bit.ly/2xjl8WM](https://bit.ly/2xjl8WM)



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## Exploring Enterprise

If you are 18-30, living in the UK and want to explore starting up your own business Exploring Enterprise provides:

- > Information sessions
- > A free four day Explore Enterprise workshop
- > One to one 'next step' sessions
- > Grants to market test ideas
- > Low interest loans
- > Up to two years business mentoring

**PROJECT ENDS SEPTEMBER 2018**

For more information go to:

[bit.ly/2ca9buP](http://bit.ly/2ca9buP)



## Internationalising SME's

Grants available to support for those wishing to export. Covering support for trade shows, translation, marketing, consultancy, etc.

- > minimum grant available is £1,000
- > maximum grant value rarely exceeds £3,500
- > 50% of total project cost

**PROJECT ENDS SEPTEMBER 2018**

For more information go to:

[bit.ly/2yJuPyV](http://bit.ly/2yJuPyV)



## Green BELLE

SMEs can apply for a grant to install low carbon and energy efficient measures in their premises, such as:

- Heating
  - Lighting
  - Heating and Lighting controls
  - Insulation
  - Renewable energy
- > Grants of £1,000 to £10,000
- > Providing up to 50% of the total cost of the project

**PROJECT ENDS DECEMBER 2019**

For more information go to:

[bit.ly/2hQkE8l](http://bit.ly/2hQkE8l)



**MEDILINK**  
EAST MIDLANDS

## **SoLSTICE**

A project supporting healthcare and life science directed innovation through advice, guidance and grant funding.

Helping SMEs to increase their competitive advantage.

- > minimum grant £1,000
- > maximum grant £10,000
- > up to 30% of total project cost

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For more information go to:

[bit.ly/2gdYhpR](http://bit.ly/2gdYhpR)



## Can't see the right Grant for you?

The LLEP Gateway can help find the right one for you.

Or would you like more information on the LLEP's European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) 2014-20, please contact the LLEP.

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