

Business Support, Funding and Finance Directory

For tailored guidance, please email: economicgrowth@luton.gov.uk

This page will be updated regularly (last updated August 2024)

Barclays Eagle Labs - Mentoring and coaching options for businesses of various sectors:

<https://labs.uk.barclays/what-we-offer/mentors-and-coaches/>

Bedfordshire Chamber of Commerce - Member-based organisation that provides networking and support workshops:

<https://www.chamber-business.com/>

Bedfordshire and Luton Community Foundation - Grants for community groups/charities:

<https://blcf.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/luton/>

Better Business Finance - Provides impartial support to businesses looking to grow:

<https://www.betterbusinessfinance.co.uk/>

British Business Bank - Finance options for your business including start up loans:

<https://www.british-business-bank.co.uk/finance-hub/finance-support/>

Community Voluntary Service Bedfordshire - Support for VCS organisations offering services such as finding funding:

<https://www.cvsbeds.org.uk/>

Construction Industry Training Board - Can provide grants and funding for the industry:

<https://www.citb.co.uk/levy-grants-and-funding/grants-and-funding/>

Digital Future First - Targeted support and guidance for businesses looking to improve:

<https://digitalfuturefirst.co.uk/>

Federation of Small Businesses - Member-based organisation for small businesses that provide support and events along with free resources for non-members:

<https://www.fsb.org.uk/knowledge.html>

Funding Circle - Making finance for small businesses, quick, accessible and simple:

<https://www.fundingcircle.com/uk/>

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Get Grants - Free search tool to help charities, voluntary groups and schools to get grants:

<https://www.getgrants.org.uk/>

Government grants, publicly backed finance, loans and funding for SMEs and start-ups:

<https://www.gov.uk/business-finance-support>

Innovate UK Business Growth - Business support and funding focused on scaling up with dedicated innovation and growth specialists available:

<https://www.innovateukedge.ukri.org/>

Luton Online: Digital Marketing Launchpad - Free business support programme funded by Luton Council with grants available: <https://lets-do-business-group.cademy.co.uk/?list=351c8f07-f610-4857-93c7-8e33fbd06fb8>

Luton Sustainability Business Support Programme - Free workshops run by the University of Bedfordshire in collaboration with Luton Council:

<https://www.beds.ac.uk/ukspf-lbc/>

Midlands Engine Investment Fund II - Funding available for businesses in the SEMLEP region in collaboration with the British Business Bank & ERDF:

<https://www.meif.co.uk/>

Ready for Net Zero Growth Programme - Support for businesses looking to tackle the challenges of climate change:

<https://www.cranfield.ac.uk/som/research-centres/bettany-centre-for-entrepreneurship/ready-for-net-zero-growth-programme-green-scholarships>

SEMLEP Growth Hub - Business support service for the South East Midlands:

<https://www.semlepgrowthhub.com/resources>

SEMLEP Growing Innovation Fund - Grant for businesses looking to strengthen innovation, support decarbonisation & assist with the commercialisation of ideas:

<https://www.semlepgrowthhub.com/growinginnovationfund/>

SEMLEP Resilience & Innovation Fund - Grant for businesses looking to generate growth and increase innovation levels:

<https://www.semlepgrowthhub.com/resilienceinnovationfund/>

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The University of Bedfordshire Research and Innovation Service - Tailored business support that includes courses to help develop your business:

<https://www.beds.ac.uk/ris>

UK Business Climate Hub - Provider of net zero advice for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in the UK: <https://businessclimatehub.uk/finance-and-support/>

Wenta - Business support service with free business advisors:

<https://wenta.co.uk/>

Wenta Action for Zero Programme - Net Zero support for your business:

<https://wenta.co.uk/action-zero-landing-page/>