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## Update Bulletin

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Welcome to your **GRANTfinder** Update Bulletin.

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# Arts, Culture and Heritage

## Launch of the 2019 Literature Wales Writers' Bursaries

### Fund ID: S5015

The Writers Bursaries are provided by Literature Wales to support writers in Wales creating new work.

Bursaries are awarded to support writers in Wales who are creating new work in the following genres: prose, including novels and short stories; graphic novels, poetry, children's literature, young adult fiction, and creative non-fiction. Creative non-fiction includes literary criticism and biography/autobiography.

The refocused 2019 Writers' Bursaries Awards enable writers to concentrate on developing a specific work in progress across a twelve-month period. The amounts are fixed sum awards at £3,000.

Applicants may apply for a Writer's Bursary; or a Support Fund Bursary, if eligible. Support Fund Bursaries are available for writers with mobility problems or disabilities in need of specialist equipment and assistance. Applicants for the Support Fund Bursary may apply for up to £1,000 for assistance to develop their work in progress.

The bursaries can offer support related to specific writing projects in the eligible genres. Examples of eligible costs include: travel costs, research eg visits to libraries, museums, site visits, renting a quiet space to write, income replacement.

The 2019 Literature Wales Bursaries are now open for applications from new and published writers resident in Wales.

The application deadline for Bursaries in 2019 is 5pm on Tuesday 11 September 2018.

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## London Small Theatres Grants Scheme

### Fund ID: S42969

This annual scheme, which will run until 2020, provides grants of up to £5,000 to small independent, commercial, subsidised and amateur theatres, as well as open air venues in London. The funding is a dedicated capital fund to help small theatres lever in other sources of investment, particularly philanthropic support, and enable them to undertake urgent building repairs, improve operational viability, introduce environmental improvements, and enhance physical accessibility.

To be eligible, applicants should be able to fulfil the following criteria:

- Own or manage theatres with titles or signed leases of more than five years on buildings in London that have less than 300 seats in Zones 1 and 2 and less than 500 seats in outer London.
- Run a regular theatre programme of professional, community and/or amateur work presenting no less than 30 performances a year.
- Have a bona fide UK charitable or not-for-profit legal structure and be able to provide certified or audited accounts for at least two years.

Priority will be given to applications made for specific and recognisable items within capital projects under £250,000. Applications for technical equipment and refurbishment of soft furnishings will be given low priority.

The next deadline for applications is 15 October 2018 (12 noon).

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# Creative England Doubles Funding for ProConnect Hertfordshire Grants

## Fund ID: S43791

The Creative England ProConnect scheme aims to grow the infrastructure of the film and TV production industries in Hertfordshire. The initiative provides a bespoke programme of workshops, one-to-one consultations and networking events designed to help SMEs and sole traders working in or in the supply chain to film and TV to grow their businesses. As part of this programme, Creative England is offering small business grants to support business growth.

Creative England has recently announced that it is increasing the ProConnect Hertfordshire grants for the new application round. The grants, which are intended to subsidise much of the cost of procuring expert third part services in order to gain growth, have been increased from £5,000 to up to £10,000.

Creative England will consider proposals that illustrate how the funding applied for fits within an overall business growth plan. Hertfordshire ProConnect is designed as a momentum fund, assisting small businesses and start-ups that are able to demonstrate commercial viability or evidence strong market potential.

In order to be eligible for the programme businesses must be registered as a sole trader or business with no more than 250 employees.

The next deadline for applications to be received is 31 August 2018.

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# Business Support

## Launch of the Solent Growth Accelerator Programme **\*\*NEW\*\***

### **Fund ID: S43946**

The Solent Growth Accelerator Programme offers support to SMEs that have the potential to scale-up. The Programme is an intensive business support package offering expert advice with experienced growth coaches. Graduation from the programme will result in a detailed growth action plan which might also include an application for funding or finance.

The programme will offer up to 12 hours of free business advice, delivered by the LEPs experienced team of Business Growth Coaches, culminating in a bespoke Growth Plan for the business. Businesses with the potential to realise their scale-up ambitions may also be able to access up to £500,000 from the LEP to deliver their Growth Plan.

Established businesses operating in the Solent LEP area may apply.

Applications may be submitted at any time.

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## Launch of the Solent LEP Small Business Expansion Fund **\*\*NEW\*\***

### **Fund ID: S43943**

Solent LEP is supporting businesses seeking to grow through developing new processes, products, services or markets.

Qualifying businesses will have the opportunity to access the Small Business Expansion Fund, to help businesses kick-start their growth plans and create jobs in the Solent.

The Fund can provide between £10,000 and £100,000.

Small businesses operating in the Solent LEP area may apply.

Applications may be submitted at any time.

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## Launch of the Solent LEP Solent Prosperity Fund **\*\*NEW\*\***

### **Fund ID: S43945**

The Solent LEP Solent Prosperity Fund provides opportunities for both new and established Solent businesses to grow, and for businesses and other organisations to deliver larger capital projects that can deliver one or more of the following outputs:

- Enabling / unlocking housing delivery
- SME Growth
- Improved productivity in priority sectors
- Connecting communities (digital and transport)
- Employment growth
- Developing skills and talent
- Innovation and research

Exceptionally, the LEP Board may consider projects that are seeking to safeguard key industries that are subject to pressing economic challenges, subject to affordability.

This is an open call for projects that can demonstrate a need for capital funding support from the Solent LEP and that are high quality and highly deliverable projects.

The following forms of funding support are being made available: Grant; Loan; Forward funding.

There are three types of Funding Support available:

- Start-up Business £10,000 - £100,000
- Small & Medium business £10,000 - £500,000
- Large Projects £500,000 - £14,000,000

New and established businesses of any size, operating in the Solent LEP area may apply.

This Fund is only available for projects able to commence delivery in 2018/19 or 2019/20.

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## Scottish Government Announces Additional Support for Decommissioning Challenge Fund

### Fund ID: S43063

The Decommissioning Challenge Fund (DCF) has been established to help Scotland's oil and gas sector make the most of decommissioning opportunities at home and abroad. The initiative encourages capital projects, infrastructure upgrades and engineering scoping work at key sites, and to build business cases and feasibility studies that will help to attract additional private investment.

In 2018 an additional £5 million has been made available for Round 3 of the programme, which is now open to applications to Scotland's supply chain. The aim is to help maximise the economic benefit from the decommissioning of North Sea infrastructure.

Round 3 will continue to support infrastructure upgrades at Scotland's ports, innovation in retrieval and transport approaches, as well as supply chain projects that will strengthen Scottish decommissioning capabilities and capacities. The new budget will reflect the projects coming forward.

Scottish businesses and organisations within the oil and gas industry may apply.

Announcing the new round of funding, Minister for Energy, Connectivity and the Islands Paul Wheelhouse, said:

"I'm delighted that we can offer a third round of funding for decommissioning projects. This round of the DCF includes capital and resource funding, and widens its scope of potential projects with support now also available for business development.

"The budget for the DCF in 2018-19 will reflect the projects coming forward, and our ambition is to match the £5 million successfully awarded last year, however there is flexibility for this to increase if demand is demonstrated."

The deadline for applications to be received is 28 September 2018.

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## £10,000 Investment Package Launched for North East SMEs **\*\*NEW\*\***

### Fund ID: S43940

The North East Innovation Fund is being provided through a partnership between investment firm Northstar Ventures and Newcastle support agencies Generator and Auxin Services. The programme has been established to offer innovators in the North East access to business support and investment funding.

The initiative is intended to help entrepreneurs and their companies shape and refine their innovative ideas to validate their commercial proposition. The support offered is expected to aid businesses in their ambitions of successfully presenting to investors and engaging better with potential customers.

Applicants will be asked to demonstrate their unique idea, product or service and prove its worth. They will submit a business idea to a panel made up of experienced investors, business analysts and investment readiness coaches.

For qualifying and successful companies, there is a £10,000 funding package available. The package has two elements:

1. £6,000 to be used by the business to build the initial proposition or even prototype.
2. £4,000 to fund the support being offered and deliver outcomes.

Applicants will also benefit from peer-to-peer knowledge sharing and new networking opportunities.

SMEs operating in the North East LEP area (County Durham, Northumberland and Tyne and Wear) across all sectors can apply.

CEO at Generator, Jim Mawdsley, said:

"This is a brilliant opportunity for businesses that have unique and new ideas to access expert guidance in how to articulate their innovative ideas to potential investors and embed some best practice systems and processes to give their business the best chance of success."

The deadline for applications to be received is Wednesday 12 September 2018.

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## Welsh Government Launches New Round of Rural Business Investment Scheme - Food (RBISF)

### Fund ID: S43514

The Rural Business Investment Scheme - FOOD (RBISF) is a capital investment programme designed to support projects that offer clear and quantifiable benefits to the food and drink industry in Wales. The scheme is intended to support food and drink processing or manufacturing activities currently not eligible under the Food Business Investment Scheme.

The indicative funding allocation under the current round of the scheme is £300,000 for an expected maximum number of 20 full applications. The minimum grant will be £2,400. The maximum grant for an individual investment project is 40% of the total eligible cost with a maximum of £50,000 for any individual investment project.

Support can cover tangible assets such as land, buildings, machinery and equipment and intangible assets such as computer software, patent rights and licences and technical and consultancy fees, including:

- the construction, acquisition, or improvement of immovable property, with land only being eligible to an extent not exceeding 10% of the total eligible costs of the investment project;
- the purchase of machinery and equipment up to the market value of the asset;
- general costs linked to expenditure such as architect, engineer and consultation fees, fees relating to advice on environmental and economic sustainability, eligible to an extent not exceeding 10% of the total eligible costs;
- acquisition or development of computer software and acquisitions of patents, licenses, copyrights, trademarks.

The scheme is open to applications from a wide range of micro and small businesses (micro enterprises employ fewer than 10 people and small enterprises fewer than 50) involved in food and drink processing and manufacture throughout Wales.

The deadline for applications is 9 September 2018.

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## First 'Pitch It' Event Announced for Wales' Businesses to Secure £50,000 of Equity Investment **\*\*NEW\*\***

### Fund ID: S43939

Inspire Wales and BeTheSpark have opened applications for their first Pitch It event, to be held in Wales in October at Cardiff Metropolitan University.

This event will offer five of Wales' most innovative entrepreneurs the opportunity to pitch their business to a panel of judges made up of some of Wales' most notable business leaders, offering not only a cash injection with immediate equity investment, but advice and expertise.

Each entrepreneur will be allocated ten minutes to pitch, followed by a live panel Q&A. After deliberation, the panel of investors will give feedback and deliver a live decision on investment.

Applicants may ask the panel for between £10,000 and £50,000 of equity investment. Applicants are asked to include the value of their business within the pitch and use this to justify the sum of investment they are asking for.

Pitch It is open to businesses from all sectors in Wales. The applicant must be pitching a registered company.

Matt Wakerley, Fund Manager, Inspire Wales, said:

"Inspire Wales are aiming to make the investment landscape more accessible to SME's. Innovation-driven entrepreneurship is at the heart of our fund and Pitch It is a unique and exciting way we can support SMEs to increase their pace of growth within Wales.

"We are thrilled to be leading the way with this event and in doing so we can continue to foster BeTheSpark's vision of creating a more

visible, simple and connected entrepreneurial ecosystem within Wales for everyone. We hope this event will be the first of many".

Applicants should complete an application by submitting a business 'one-pager' (also known as an executive summary) by 10 September 2018.

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# Children & Young People

## Cambridgeshire Community Foundation - #iwill Fund

### Fund ID: S43134

This fund is available to voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations that work with young people and are based in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. Grants of between £1,000 and £5,000 are awarded for projects which deliver social action opportunities amongst young people between the ages of 10 and 20 years old (or 25 for young people with learning disabilities).

Applicants must demonstrate that their project can meet the following quality principles of great youth social action:

- Socially Impactful - having a clear intended benefit to a community, cause or social problem.
- Challenging - stretching and ambitious as well as enjoyable and enabling.
- Youth-led - owned and shaped by young people's needs, ideas and decision-making.
- Progressive - sustainable, and providing links to other activities and opportunities.
- Embedded - accessible to all, and well integrated to existing pathways to become a habit for life.
- Reflective - recognising contributions as well as valuing critical reflection and learning.

Applications should be for projects that last up to one year or for one-off events, ranging from traditional social action such as regular youth volunteering at a care home, to newer ways of creating positive social impact such as micro-volunteering activities where individual young people decide what they want to do.

The funding can be used for:

- Staff costs including full-time staff, part time staff and other related expenses.
- Development and capacity building costs to help build capacity and sustainability of organisations e.g. staff/volunteer training, external consultancy fees.
- Volunteer costs for reimbursement of expenses, e.g. telephone calls, travel and meals.
- Activity costs for resources to facilitate a project or activity that falls outside capital, volunteer or staffing costs, e.g. catering or insurance.

The deadline for applications is 1 November 2018.

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# Education, Employment and Training

## ESIF Call for Proposals Opens in Cornwall and Isles of Scilly LEP Area

### Fund ID: S39638

Grants from a minimum of £400,000 are available to run a project to help up-skill the workforce and develop strong capabilities in the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) area.

The Call seeks to address a range of issues concerning upskilling the workforce and developing strong capabilities which will enable individuals to progress their careers and address aspects of In-work Poverty. In turn this will also support business and contribute to economic growth.

Specifically, the call is looking to deliver a range of engagement, support, skills and qualifications that will enable individuals to progress in, or into, sustainable and economically viable work. Additionally, if relevant, employers should be supported to identify and measure the benefits that will contribute towards business growth and sustainability, including future investment in skills development for their workforce.

The total budget for the call is £2 million, and it is anticipated that funding will be awarded for up to three years and six months. Projects put forward under this call must cover the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Local Enterprise Partnership area.

The deadline for outline applications is 5 November 2018.

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## ESIF Calls Open in New Anglia LEP Area

### Fund ID: S39593

Two new Learning and Skills Calls for Proposals have been launched under the European Social Fund (ESF) stream of the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) for New Anglia.

#### Development of Basic Skills for the Employed in New Anglia

This ESF call seeks applications to address the basic skills needs of employed people in the New Anglia LEP area and to increase their skills levels by at least one level in English, Maths, ICT or ESOL (if appropriate) to promote achievement and aspiration. By addressing the basic skills needs of employees, businesses will benefit from increased capacity, productivity and staff retention.

Project proposals should deliver one or a number of the following activities:

- Employee support: Address basic skills needs of employees particularly in SMEs and micro businesses to increase their levels of literacy and numeracy and ICT leading to qualification attainment.
- Solutions: Provide activities which address low-level (L1 and L2) skills shortages in the priority growth sectors identified by the relevant Sector Skills Plan.
- Stimulate demand: Ensure learning opportunities are made available to employees and employers who require it, and provide an integrated service with other ESF projects and other provision in New Anglia offering support to employers.

A total budget of approximately £575,000 is available. The Managing Authority does not intend to allocate less than £250,000 of European Social Funding to any single project.

#### Local Workforce Development in New Anglia

The aim of this ESF call for proposals is to address shortages in skills needs highlighted in the New Anglia Sector Skills Plans to unlock potential growth and enable individuals in the workforce to progress their careers.

Projects are encouraged to be flexible and innovative in order to address shortfalls in existing provision. Applications should demonstrate value for money and support activities such as those listed below:

Project proposals should deliver one or a number of the following activities:

- Activities which address skills shortages or needs in a particular economic sector or local area which are not currently being addressed by employers or providers.
- Accessing provision that will enable use of innovative new technology or methods within business (eg Digitalisation or Industry 4.0).
- Enabling local employees to progress into skilled, higher-paid employment or onto further learning that will enable progression.
- Unlocking identified growth potential or opportunities within a business currently limited by a lack of skills
- Upskilling current members of staff to fill identified 'hard-to-fill' vacancies.
- Encourage collaboration with employers in key sectors to address gaps in the training landscape locally which have been identified in the area's Sector Skills Plans.
- Identifying barriers that those in work may experience which prevents them from raising their skill levels, and putting in place support activity which will increase the number of people starting Level 4 qualifications, specifically those from ethnic minorities, women, those with disabilities and those who are in a single adult household with dependent children. Up-skilling can be achieved through professional and technical education including higher degree level apprenticeships and/or the academic route.
- Delivery of new and flexible skills projects which otherwise would not receive funding and which are aligned with objectives and actions agreed in at least one of New Anglia's sector skills plans.

A total budget of approximately £2 million is available. The Managing Authority does not intend to allocate less than £500,000 of European Social Funding to any single project.

The deadline for outline applications to both calls is 5 November 2018.

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## European Audiovisual Entrepreneurs (EAVE) Workshops

### **Fund ID: S36680**

European Audiovisual Entrepreneurs (EAVE) is one of the leading training and development providers for producers in Europe. Each year, fifty participants are selected from most of the EU countries and beyond and take part in three one-week long Producers Workshops.

During the first two workshops, participants work within groups led by experienced producers and with several experts on script analysis, development and production financing, legal aspects of co-production, marketing, pitching, packaging and more. In the third workshop, 60-70 Decision Makers (commissioning editors, national and regional media funds, sales agents, etc.) join the participants to discuss the projects, companies and careers of the participants, a process that offers access to Europe's Decision Makers.

Applications are invited from the following:

- Producers working in fiction, documentary and new media.
- Executive producers in film, television and new media.
- Audiovisual professionals working in the fields of, for example, development, legal affairs, finance, sales, distribution, broadcasting, administration.

EAVE graduates join a network of active European producers. EAVE participants and members also benefit from partnerships with leading European film festivals and markets where EAVE facilitates graduate participation.

The 2019 Producers Workshops will take place 8-15 March in Luxembourg, June in Serbia (dates TBC) and October in Leipzig, Germany (dates TBC). Interviews with a pre-selection of candidates will take place in autumn 2018 and the selection will be announced in December 2018.

The deadline for applications is 31 August 2018.

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## European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) - Call for Proposals Open in Isles of Scilly

### **Fund ID: S39638**

An Employer Led Skills Call for Proposals has been launched under the European Social Fund (ESF) stream of the European Structural and Investment Funds for Cornwall and Isles of Scilly.

Grants from a minimum of £540,000 are available to run a project to meet the challenges in up-skilling the workforce in the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) area.

The Call seeks to address a range of issues concerning upskilling the workforce and developing strong capabilities which will enable individuals to progress their careers and, in turn, support business and economic growth. There is a need to actively engage with employers and to consider re-training/reskilling programmes to enable those with occupational experience in 'harder to place' occupations to move into the growing markets.

Applicants should also reflect the Operational Programme requirements of enhancing equal access to lifelong learning. Specifically, the Call is looking to deliver a range of skills and qualifications that will enable individuals to progress in, or into, work as well as additional or alternative learning outcomes.

The total budget for the call is £2.7 million, and it is anticipated that funding will be awarded for up to three years. Projects put forward under this call must cover the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Local Enterprise Partnership area.

The deadline for outline applications is 10 October 2018.

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## IUK Announces Energy Catalyst Round 6: Transforming Energy Access Competition

**\*\*NEW\*\***

### Fund ID: S43936

The Department for International Development (DFID) and the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC) is investing in innovation projects through the '**Energy Catalyst Round 6: Transforming Energy Access Competition**'. The UK's innovation agency, Innovate UK (IUK) will administer the competition.

Reliable energy services are crucial to human wellbeing and to a community's economic development. They can transform people's lives, and yet 1.1 billion people globally go without access to electricity; a further billion experience intermittent access; and almost 3 billion people still cook on traditional biomass. Most of these people live in Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) and South Asia (SA).

Innovation projects that encourage technology to help countries in Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia access secure, low cost and low carbon energy, are being funded through this competition. The aim is to support highly innovative, market-focused energy solutions in any technology or sector or international market.

There are three options to apply into this competition. These are referred to as strands and will be run in parallel. The strands are dependent on the stage the project is at:

- Early stage for feasibility studies
- Mid-stage for industrial research
- Late stage for experimental development

The Energy Catalyst is open to any energy technology from any sector. Proposals must also address all three elements of the energy 'trilemma': Cost - affordable; Emissions (clean); and Security of supply and energy access.

IUK will fund organisations from anywhere in the world. To be eligible for funding for any strand, applicants must be a business, academic organisation, charity, public sector organisation or research and technology organisation (RTO) and intend to exploit the results to help deliver clean energy access in Sub-Saharan Africa or South Asia.

There is up to £10 million of funding for research and development projects that tackle the technical challenges described in the brief for this competition. Early stage projects can have total costs of £50,000 to £300,000 and last 6 to 12 months. Mid stage: £50,000 to £1.5 million, 12 to 24 months. Late stage: £50,000 to £3 million, 12 to 30 months.

The competition opens on 20 August 2018 with a deadline for registrations of 14 November 2018 and a closing date for full applications a week later, on 21 November 2018.

*(This report was the subject of a GRANTfinder Newsflash.)*



# Export and International Trade

## Music Export Growth Scheme - New Round Open (UK)

### Fund ID: S39650

The Music Export Growth Scheme is designed to make grants available to UK-registered independent music companies to assist them with marketing campaigns when looking to introduce successful UK music projects overseas.

Grants ranging from £5,000 to £50,000 are available. The programme can contribute a maximum of 70% of the necessary costs.

Grants are intended to fund international marketing campaigns that aim to expand audience and revenues for British artists overseas.

Expenditure to be taken into account will be external costs to the label or management, not normal running costs.

Eligible project costs include:

- Marketing costs (including advertising and PR).
- Tour support or venue costs including international travel.
- Visa costs.
- International promotion costs including hire of session musicians/ singers etc for television performances.

The Round 14 deadline for applications is 3 September 2018 - this will be the last round of 2018, however, there will be three further rounds in 2019.

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# Health and Social Welfare

## Royal British Legion External Grants

### Fund ID: S32994

Grants of up to £50,000 are available to fund specialised projects or services delivering welfare support directly to serving and ex-service personnel and their families. The funding is provided through the Service Delivery funding stream of the Royal British Legion's External Grants scheme.

Priority is given to projects or services supporting the following areas of need:

- Employment and training.
- Support for families.
- Homelessness and outreach.
- Supporting the elderly.

Applications are invited from UK-based, not-for-profit and charitable organisations that have been operating for at least two years.

Applicants should be able to demonstrate that projects:

- Will not duplicate, or risk duplicating, support already provided by the Royal British Legion.
- Are in demand within the Armed Forces community.
- Will achieve positive impact (outcomes) for the beneficiaries.

The next deadline for stage one applications is 26 October 2018.

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# Research and Development

## IUK Launches Newton Fund and EUREKA GlobalStars: Affordable Health in India Competition

### Fund ID: S43931

The '**Newton Fund and EUREKA GlobalStars: Affordable Health in India Competition**', administered by the UK's innovation agency Innovate UK (IUK), will provide funding for UK businesses to collaborate and address the challenges of affordable and accessible healthcare in India.

UK businesses will be able to work with Indian businesses and European partners on One Health-focused solutions for the Indian market. One Health is a multidisciplinary approach to improving a patient's experience of a holistic and integrated healthcare system. Proposals must focus on integrated healthcare in India and provide solutions that are economical, sustainable and user-centric.

There is up to £1 million of funding available from IUK for research and development projects that tackle the competition's technical challenges. In the UK, a project's total costs must be between £350,000 and £450,000. A maximum grant of £300,000 will be available per project to UK project partners.

Funding agencies of Flanders, the Netherlands, Spain and India are also funding this competition as part of the EUREKA GlobalStars programme. They have each allocated €1 million for project partners within their regions and India has allocated matched project funds for Indian organisations.

Projects should focus on industrial research. IUK will only fund projects that provide affordable innovative solutions for India, for:

- disease prevention and control;
- point of care diagnostics;
- treatment of infectious and chronic diseases;
- treatment outcomes; and
- efficient use of health resources.

All projects must be led by a UK based business and must collaborate with at least one eligible Indian organisation. Only UK-based companies and research organisations are eligible to receive funding from IUK.

The competition is now open with a deadline for registrations of midday on 27 September 2018 and a closing date for full application a week later, at midday on 4 October 2018.

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# Rural Development and Agriculture

## Scottish Government Announces Early Loans for Farmers Affected by Adverse Weather

### Fund ID: S42749

The Scottish Government has announced the launch of a National Basic Payment Support Scheme (NBPSS), providing financial assistance for Scotland's farmers to help them recover from months of adverse weather conditions. Farmers have been struggling following bouts of extreme weather this year, with the 'Beast from the East' cold snap in the spring, followed by a summer heatwave.

Loans of this kind are traditionally provided between December and June, however, this new offering is expected to be made to eligible farmers from early October. A similar scheme was created in 2017, which delivered payments of more than £317 million to over 13,500 farmers.

Loans will be offered to eligible farmers for up to 90% of what they are due as part of their Basic Payment Scheme 2018 allowances. This will be on an opt-in basis and offset against those payments.

Announcing the scheme, Rural Economy Secretary Fergus Ewing said:

"Farmers are the backbone of Scotland's rural economy, and we understand that many of them have really suffered this year due to the unprecedented severe weather experienced in 2018.

"The Scottish Government is of course committed to supporting our farmers, and have responded by taking decisive action to make this extra funding stream available.

"We will be issuing loan offers shortly, providing a much-needed cash injection for those feeling the effects of increased prices for feed and fodder, the impact of restraints on irrigating their land, and in some cases resorting to selling livestock earlier than planned to preserve fodder for breeding stocks.

"I have also asked the Agriculture Weather Advisory Panel to consider what other actions may be helpful in response to the recent dry weather. The Panel met last week and will be issuing advice, focused on the continuing need for farmers to plan ahead and collaborate effectively across the industry."

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## Welsh Government Opens New Round of £40 Million Farm Business Grant

### Fund ID: S42949

The Welsh Government has opened a new round of its £40 million Farm Business Grant. The programme is available to farmers in Wales to help them reduce their carbon emissions and to improve their resilience and competitiveness, including through diversification.

The scheme will enable farmers to operate in a more efficient and environmentally-friendly way and make their businesses more successful.

Financial support will be distributed at a 40% grant rate over a four-year period. The minimum grant available is £3,000, and the maximum is £12,000.

Farmers across Wales will be able to invest in items linked to:

- Animal health, genetics and performance
- Crop management
- Energy efficiency
- Resource efficiency
- ICT

The scheme is open to applications from a wide range of businesses involved in the primary production of agricultural products.

Businesses are now able to submit Expression of Interests in multiple windows with a minimum £3,000 threshold per application. The maximum overall threshold is £12,000.

The deadline for receipt of applications 5 October 2018.

*(This report was the subject of a GRANTfinder Newsflash.)*

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# Sport, Tourism and Leisure

## Sporting Capital Fund **\*\*NEW\*\***

### Fund ID: S43937

Funding is available to incorporated organisations based and operating in England to deliver projects using sport and sporting facilities that generate sustainable revenue and deliver long-term community impact.

Unsecured loans of between £50,000 and £150,000 are available to a range of organisations including community organisations, social enterprises, charities or profit-with-purpose businesses that are incorporated or planning to do so before investment.

The aim of the fund is to invest in organisations that make a difference by developing people and communities through sport, helping them to become financially sustainable. Loans are provided to help organisations, either now or in the future, to:

- Deliver community-based services to meet the needs of local people, either using sport as a tool, or using a community sports setting to deliver services.
- Have a sustainable business model that generates revenues through trading that support the organisation's activities.

Funding can be used for a wide range of projects that use sport, or sporting facilities, to benefit local communities including:

- Equipment to support revenue streams.
- Recruitment, training and deployment of staff and volunteers.
- Equipment to support business functions including finance, project management and governance.
- Other operating costs.

A total of £3 million is available and the funder expects to invest into around 30 projects until June 2020.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

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# Transport, Infrastructure and Communications (ICT)

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### Fund ID: S43938

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Projects should start 14 December 2018.

The competition is now open. The deadline for registrations is 19 September 2018 and the competition will close a week later, on 26 September 2018.

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## New Funding Values for the Workplace Charging Scheme

### Fund ID: S42883

The aim of the Workplace Charging Scheme is to provide eligible applicants with voucher support towards the upfront costs of the purchase and installation of EV chargepoints.

New funding levels have recently been announced for those applying to the scheme. The grant claimed on behalf of the applicant will be equal to 75% of the purchase and installation costs up to a maximum of £500 for each socket, up to a limit of 20 sockets per company and paid in arrears.

Should the 75% of the purchase and installation costs be higher than £500 per socket, the voucher will be limited to a maximum of £500 per socket.

The scheme is open to registered businesses, charities or public sector organisations (evidenced by a Companies House Reference, VAT Registration Number or HMRC Registration Letter) in the UK.

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