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## Update Bulletin

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Welcome to your **GRANTfinder** Update Bulletin.

**GRANTfinder** is Europe's leading provider of funding information. It is supported by an in-house team of researchers and keeps the UK's public, private and voluntary sectors up-to-date on the latest changes and trends in funding. The team researches funding changes each and every day to ensure that you have access to the information you need at the touch of a button. The most important changes are showcased in this bulletin.

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# Business Support

## EU-Japan Centre World Class Manufacturing Missions

### Fund ID: S2641

The biannual five-day World Class Manufacturing training missions (WCM) provide an in-depth analysis of Japanese manufacturing methodology and is aimed exclusively at EU Executives and Managers with knowledge of WCM and an engineering background. The missions assist participants to acquire a better understanding of TQC (Total Quality Control), TQM (Total Quality Management), TPM (Total Productive Maintenance), JIT (Just In Time), TIE (Total Industrial Engineering) practices and the current KAIZEN manufacturing methods (continuous improvement).

The training course consists of lectures and workshops and a visit to some of the world's most advanced Japanese factories to understand the real "Gemba" (the production site), to talk directly with their production managers and observe the effective implementation of manufacturing methods.

Candidates must:

- be a citizen of an EU Member State or of a COSME partnering country;
- work for a company that is > 50% EU or COSME partnering country owned;
- work for a company that is an EU or COSME partnering country juridical person;
- be supported by their employer;
- be able to participate in the entire programme;
- have a good command of English; and
- be a manager involved in changing production engineering methods/strategy and/or production control, or have previous experience in operations management or have knowledge and practice of production methods of excellence.

Participation is free and SMEs benefit from a €600 grant. SMEs must pay a 100% refundable deposit of €1,000 to guarantee the place on the course. Non-SMEs must pay a non-refundable contribution of €1,000 towards the costs incurred by the EU-Japan Centre in relation to the company's participation.

Applications are open for the mission taking place 24-28 June 2018.

The deadline for applications is 21 March 2019.

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## HMRC Announces £5m Grant Scheme for Customs Intermediaries Ahead of Brexit

### Fund ID: S44101

The government recognises the challenges facing the customs intermediaries sector in supporting existing and new clients when the UK leaves the EU. It has engaged with industry bodies and key providers of customs broker services – including freight forwarders, fast parcel operators and independent customs brokers – to better understand this challenge.

In response, the government has announced the Customs Intermediaries Grant Scheme. It has been designed to help businesses build capacity and improve efficiency in completing customs declarations. Funding is available towards the upfront costs of training staff and investing in IT to improve efficiency.

A total of £5 million has been set aside, to be delivered through the following grant strands:

- £2 million for training grants for any business completing customs declarations (or intending to complete customs declarations in the future).
- £3 million for IT improvement grants for customs intermediaries who complete customs declarations on behalf of importers and exporters, and that are small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) with fewer than 250 employees and annual turnover under €50 million).

Businesses may have different needs and, therefore, may be able to apply for one or both grants but must meet certain requirements depending on which one they apply for. The training grants are available to customs intermediaries and traders, and the IT grants are available for existing customs intermediaries only.

Launching the programme, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, Mel Stride, said:

"Following extensive engagement with the customs intermediaries' sector, we have listened to their concerns about how they will satisfy the extra demand for customs broker services.

"I'm really pleased we are investing [millions of pounds] to support the sector and help them expand their capacity as we prepare to leave the EU on 29 March 2019."

The deadline for applications to be received is 5 April 2019. Interested parties should apply at their earliest opportunity as funds may be fully allocated before this planned deadline.

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# Education, Employment and Training

## ESIF Call for Proposals Opens in Coventry and Warwickshire

### Fund ID: S39595

Grants from a minimum of £900,000 are available to run a project which helps to promote the development of a highly skilled workforce, particularly in the Coventry and Warwickshire LEP Skills Priority sectors.

Engagement in education, skills and lifelong learning is critical for the development of the Coventry and Warwickshire area. Developing a skilled and adaptable workforce will help to improve productivity, innovation, enterprise and competitiveness. It will also help workers develop the skills needed by business in a knowledge-based economy.

Examples of activities that may be supported include:

- Skills shortages or needs in particular sectors or local areas which are not currently being addressed by employers or individuals.
- Leadership and management training in Small and Medium size Enterprises (up to 250 employees).
- Training and support for people at all levels, in particular addressing the needs of disadvantaged groups in and out of the workplace.
- Access to learning; information about learning and skills.
- Brokerage of opportunities between learners and employers.

The total budget for the call is £3.6 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 Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership area.

The deadline for outline applications is 28 February 2019.



# Environment

## Innovate UK and Sky Team up for £2m Ocean Plastic Solutions Investment Accelerator **\*\*NEW\*\***

### Fund ID: S44105

This upcoming investment accelerator is providing simultaneous grant funding from Innovate UK (IUK) and private investment from Sky Ocean Ventures, for early stage projects undertaken by UK companies.

Up to £1 million of grant funding and £1 million of private investment is available, supporting business-led innovation to develop solutions that will tackle the environmental crisis of plastic pollution in the world's oceans.

The aim is to support new scientific or technological innovation to reduce plastics waste and deliver a more circular economy approach to plastic use (including for polymer-based textiles and elastomers). For example, this could include:

- scalable innovations along the entire plastics value chain, from material to end-of-life;
- technology-enhanced business models that foster responsible consumption and drive the circular economy model;
- step-change efficiency improvements in the recycling, clean-up and treatment of waste plastics.

A project's total costs should be between £100,000 and £200,000. For projects defined as feasibility studies or industrial research projects, IUK will fund 50% of project costs and Sky Ocean Ventures will provide the remaining 50%. This funding will support the pre-commercial development and de-risking of new technologies and business models.

For experimental development projects which are closer to market, IUK will fund 45% of project costs. Sky Ocean Ventures will cover the remaining eligible project costs. Experimental development funding can support commercially usable prototypes for demonstration and validation trials, including experimental production processes and supply chain development.

The competition is open to single UK-based small and micro companies that are looking for grant funding and wish to establish an equity relationship with Sky Ocean Ventures.

The competition will open on 2 January 2019 with a deadline for applications to be received of 13 March 2019.

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## Pocket Parks Plus Fund **\*\*NEW\*\***

### Fund ID: S44104

The Government has launched the Pocket Parks Plus fund to support local community groups to develop their own small plots of land which provide an oasis from urban life and that help improve the physical and mental health of surrounding communities.

There is a total of £1 million allocated for 2018/19 with grants of up to £15,000 for new pocket parks and £25,000 for refurbishment of existing parks split between capital and revenue. Communities are required to obtain match-funding towards the grant awarded and they need to provide evidence that a minimum of 30% of the grant applied for has been secured.

Pocket parks are defined as a piece of land of up to 0.4 hectares, although many are around 0.02 hectares – the size of a tennis court. Each pocket park will be an individual space tailored to the needs of the local area by the community group which has applied for the grant.

The funding will support communities to develop new green spaces, or improve existing ones that are in poor condition, that provide people with better quality spaces; increasing opportunities for social mixing, healthy living, relaxation, play, food growing and contact with nature.

The funding support will enable, for example, (this list is not exhaustive):

- Capital – support to prepare a site, earth-works, landscaping, tree planting, structural works etc. and put it into a good condition

for further development.

- Resource – to secure support from relevant experts (ie. landscape architects, lawyers, horticulturalists or wider green sector experts) and/or to connect with existing green space support networks.

The deadline for applications is 25 January 2019 (5pm).

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# Health and Social Welfare

## Greggs Foundation - Local Community Projects Fund

### Fund ID: S39590

Provided by Greggs Foundation and administered by seven charity committees throughout Great Britain, the Fund is available for sustainable and new or innovative approaches to supporting and improving the resilience of communities of interest in England, Scotland and Wales.

Eligible communities of interest include people who are:

- Disabled or suffering chronic illness.
- Living in poverty.
- Voluntary carers.
- Homeless.
- Isolated older people.
- Other demonstrable significant need.

Grants of up to £2,000 can be used towards projects such as sessional activities/respite support, equipment for sessional activities, trips and residential breaks.

Successful applicants should be able to demonstrate improvements against at least one of the following Key Performance Targets:

- Beneficiaries have decreased social isolation.
- Beneficiaries report improved health and wellbeing.
- Beneficiaries report improved resilience/coping mechanisms.
- Beneficiaries have improved life skills.
- Beneficiaries have improved opportunities.

Any not-for-profit organisation can apply; however, larger organisations with a turnover in excess of £300,000 are unlikely to be successful. Priority will be given to organisations that have Greggs shops or premises nearby.

The deadline for applications is 28 February 2019.

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## Smallwood Trust - Women First Fund

### Fund ID: S44100

The objective of the fund is to identify and document good practice that is achieving outcomes for women on low incomes by building their skills, confidence and aspirations to enable them to enter into employment.

The funding is for existing projects and ongoing work. Projects should be proven and able to evidence impact and good practice. This includes interventions that are not currently documented extensively or are being implemented in a new context.

It is expected that 10 to 15 projects will be awarded in this round with an average grant of £10,000 to £15,000. Funding will be awarded over one year initially.

The grants can cover revenue costs for staffing/sessional fees, travel, training, resources and other related project delivery costs. A contribution to project overhead costs can also be made.

Applications will be accepted from charities, social enterprises and other non-profit organisations that are working with women in:

- Greater Manchester
- Newcastle, Teesside and other parts of the North East
- Hull and Humberside
- Leeds and Bradford
- Sheffield
- Merseyside
- Rural communities in Kent, Cornwall, Cumbria, Dorset and Norfolk

The deadline for applications is 5pm on 4 March 2019.

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# Housing

## Lintel Trust

### Fund ID: S32173

This housing charity works with housing associations and their partners to support housing and community projects across Scotland that enable people to live independently in their homes and to play an active part in their communities.

One-off grants of up to £2,000 are available as well as interest free loans and advice on funding possibilities for projects that that address one of the following aims:

- Provision of services to older people to enable them to continue living at home.
- Provision of services promoting digital participation and access to online services to digitally excluded individuals and groups.
- Improving opportunities for socially isolated people to participate and receive the support they need to engage fully in community life.
- Improving opportunities for homeless people (with a particularly single person households) to receive the support they need to live independently in a secure home and engage fully in community life.
- Improving opportunities for people with disabilities to participate and receive the support they need to live independently and engage fully in community life.

In addition, projects must:

- Relate to providing or supporting independent living in a secure home, or
- Be run by or closely involve a housing association, or
- Aim to improve people's housing, standard of living or local community.

Scottish housing associations and co-operatives working in Scotland can apply, as can community groups supported by them.

There are four application deadlines in 2019: 22 January, 23 April, 23 July, and 22 October 2019.

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# International Cooperation

## INTERREG North-West Europe Programme Funding Workshop

### Fund ID: S40721

The INTERREG North West Europe programme supports transnational projects in the fields of innovation, low carbon, and resource and materials efficiency.

The Greater London Authority with the UK Contact Point is hosting a workshop to support UK organisations participating in the last call for projects of the Programme.

The event will provide a comprehensive overview of the funding programme, from the main strategic elements to the application process. It will also cover practical elements: from partnership development to budget preparation, and practical tips.

The session will also be the chance to discuss individual project ideas, ask questions to the National Contact Point and to see real life examples of successful projects.

Applications to the Programme must include partners from at least two of the following Member States: Belgium, France, Germany, Ireland, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

Participation in the workshop is free but registration is compulsory and there are only limited places available.

The workshop will take place at City Hall, Queen's Walk, London, SE11 2AA on **31 January 2019**, from 10am to 2pm.

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# Research and Development

## IUK Launches December Expressions of Interest for UK Aerospace Research & Technology Programme **\*\*NEW\*\***

### Fund ID: S44109

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS), Innovate UK (IUK) and the Aerospace Technology Institute (ATI) are seeking applications for innovative aerospace projects. This activity is part of the UK Aerospace Research and Technology (UKART) Programme; a joint government and industry investment for projects that will make the UK more competitive in civil aerospace.

Grant funding will be provided, for businesses and researchers, to support innovative industrial research and capital projects that will enhance UK civil aerospace. Priority areas identified within the UK Aerospace Technology Strategy include:

- Whole aircraft design and integration
- Aerostructures
- Advanced systems
- Propulsion technologies

To lead a project or work alone the applicant must:

- be a UK based business, of any size, to lead a research project;
- be a UK based business, of any size, an academic organisation or a research technology organisation (RTO) to lead a capital project;
- plan to carry out an aerospace research or technology development project in the UK.

To collaborate on a project the applicant must be a UK based business, academic organisation, charity, public sector organisation or research and technology organisation (RTO).

The total project costs and project duration should be appropriate and in proportion to the planned objectives and prioritisation within the UK Aerospace Technology Strategy.

The competition is now open and the deadline for submissions is midday on 2 January 2019.

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## Horizon 2020 Marie Sklodowska-Curie Actions - 2019 Call for Research and Innovation Staff Exchange Now Open

### Fund ID: S39690

Marie Sklodowska-Curie actions are part of the Excellent Science pillar of Horizon 2020. The actions support cross-sector mobility of researchers to prepare them for current and future societal challenges, with the overall aim of delivering excellent and innovative research training and career and knowledge-exchange opportunities throughout Europe.

One of the ways in which this is achieved is through the Research and Innovation Staff Exchange (RISE) scheme, which promotes international and cross-sector collaboration through the exchange of research and innovation staff, and the sharing of knowledge and ideas from research to market (and vice-versa). The scheme fosters a shared culture of research and innovation that welcomes and rewards creativity and entrepreneurship and helps to turn creative ideas into innovative products, services or processes.

RISE involves organisations from the academic and non-academic sectors (in particular SMEs), based in EU Member States and Horizon 2020 Associated Countries and in third countries. Support is provided for the development of partnerships in the form of a joint research and innovation project. This is aimed at knowledge sharing via international as well as intersectoral mobility, based on secondments of research and innovation staff (exchanges) with an in-built return mechanism.

The organisations forming the partnership contribute directly to the establishment of a joint research and innovation project by seconding and/or hosting eligible staff members. RISE should enable networking activities, the organisation of workshops and conferences to facilitate sharing of knowledge, new skills acquisition and career development for research and innovation staff members.

RISE proposals can focus either on one dimension of mobility (intersectoral/international), or include a combination of both. Exchanges can be for both early-stage and experienced researchers and can include administrative, managerial and technical staff directly involved in the research and innovation activities of the proposal.

The total budget available for this call is €80 million.

The deadline for applications is 2 April 2019.

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# Rural Development and Agriculture

## Welsh Government Announces £80m for Rural Development Programmes

### Fund ID: S34644

The Welsh Government is investing new funds in Glastir agreements, further investment through the Sustainable Production Grant and the continuation of the Farm Business Grant.

A new funding package will support the delivery of environmental outcomes, including on agriculture pollution and provide support to farmers facing the challenges of Brexit.

Funding of £62.9 million will extend all Glastir Advanced agreements, including underlying Glastir Entry elements where they are in place, all current Glastir Commons agreements and all current Glastir Organics contracts to 2021. There will also be a further round of Glastir Small Grants. This will help to ensure ongoing environmental outcomes and a smooth transition to the new Public Goods Scheme.

A further £16 million allocation will be made to the Sustainable Production Grant to help farmers prepare for the introduction of regulations to protect water quality from agricultural pollution and improve their nutrient management. The current Farm Business Grant will also continue and will support farmers to invest in equipment and machinery to increase their business sustainability and profitability.

The Cabinet Secretary said:

"I am pleased to be able to announce a significant package of support for farmers through the Rural Development Programme. It will help the industry face the upcoming challenges of Brexit alongside the immediate and ongoing problems associated with agriculture pollution. Importantly as well, the funding will help farmers transition to our new Land Management Programme.

"The extension of all Glastir Advanced, Commons and Organics agreements to 2021 will provide certainty for land managers and ensure the ongoing delivery of important environmental outcomes.

"As we prepare to leave the EU in just over three months, it is more important than ever that we do all we can to improve the productivity of farm businesses across Wales - the continuation of the Farm business Grant will do just that.

"We want to see a strong future for farming in Wales after we leave the European Union and are doing all we can, working with the industry, to achieve this. This funding package will maintain the lasting benefits of the current RDP, help farmers adapt and help the agricultural sector thrive in a post-Brexit world."

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# Sport, Tourism and Leisure

## National Tourism Events Sponsorship Scheme (Northern Ireland): 2019-20 Round Open

### Fund ID: S39527

The aim of Tourism NI's National Tourism Events Sponsorship Scheme is to support the delivery of its Events Strategic Vision to 2020. Paramount to this is the growth of visitor numbers and visitor spend.

The scheme offers financial assistance to support events which showcase Northern Ireland's regions and destinations, enhancing their visitors' experience. It is designed to act as a catalyst and motivator for the events industry. Applications must be of at least national significance in order to maximise the value of support from Tourism NI.

Events should have an overall minimum expenditure of £50,000 (not including monies from Tourism NI). Event sponsorship of up to £30,000 is available.

Applications are open to legally constituted organisations or individuals in Northern Ireland.

For events taking place between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020, the call for applications closes at 12 noon on 14 January 2019.

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