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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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Arts, Culture and Heritage

Whicker's World Foundation Film and TV Funding Award Now Open

Fund ID: S43649

The Whicker's World Foundation was established in memory of the late journalist and broadcaster, Alan Whicker. The Foundation supports emerging documentary filmmakers and audio producers to tell original and authored stories with honesty, professionalism and wit.

One of a number of awards which the Foundation offers has recently re-opened to applications. The Film and TV Funding Award is awarded annually to an emerging filmmaker from anywhere in the world with the most promising pitch for a director-led documentary.

£80,000 will be awarded to the best emerging filmmaker. The money will enable a project which deserves to be realised to reach as wide an audience as possible. A second award of £15,000 will be granted to contribute to a film fund for a runner-up.

The deadline for applications to be received is 31 January 2019.

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



Business Support

Tech Nation Extends Deadline for Rising Stars Programme

Fund ID: S44049

Rising Stars is a competition for innovative, early-stage tech start-ups, with a prize package designed to take successful businesses to the next level.

The programme provides an opportunity to connect start-ups with mentors, investors and influencers, and raise the profile of participant businesses.

The prizes afford opportunities to raise a business's profile at all stages of the competition.

For the winners there is a tailored/bespoke package of support worth over £4,000 per winner that includes:

- 1-2-1 mentoring with a high-profile mentor.
- Facilitated introductions to investors and corporates.
- Bespoke PR campaign.
- One-to-one BDODrive Accelerate session focused on unlocking growth potential and identifying the tangible steps a business needs to take.
- Financial contribution towards a conference.
- Pitch training and coaching.
- Networking opportunities with investors, heads of accelerators, entrepreneurs and corporate leaders.

The programme is open to ambitious UK tech start-ups looking to grow and scale-up their operations.

The deadline for applications has been extended by a fortnight, to midnight on Sunday 18 November 2018.

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Factory1 Start-up Accelerator Re-opens for Tech Innovators

Fund ID: S43135

Factory1 is an accelerator programme aimed at start-ups that are building technological innovations and solutions with potential for developing new/joint business opportunities in the fields of:

- Mobility data platform solutions
- Integrated urban mobility
- Autonomous transportation
- Maintenance of the future
- Payments and transaction processing
- Cybersecurity
- Data privacy

The programme will support start-ups over a period of four months' of business development. Support will include acceleration days in Austria & the US, €160,000 equity-free project funding, joint proof-of-concept products and mentoring by Kapsch experts.

Proof-of-concept projects that help to develop eligible products and services will be funded.

The programme is open to applications from innovative mobility start-ups from across the world.

The deadline for applications to be submitted is 12 December 2018.

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Government Announces £675m Future High Streets Fund ****NEW****

Fund ID: S44059

The government is committed to helping local areas evolve and adapt to changes affecting the success of their high streets. It wants to encourage vibrant town centres where people live, shop, use services, and spend their leisure time.

As announced in the 2018 Budget, the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) has published outline details of the upcoming Future High Streets Fund, which will support and fund plans to make high streets and town centres 'fit for the future'.

The initiative will invest in improvements to town centre infrastructure, including increasing access to high streets, reducing congestion, supporting redevelopment around high streets and enabling housing and new workspaces to be created.

The government will ask local areas to provide proposals setting out the overall vision that they wish to achieve for their high street and town or city centre and specific improvements that would contribute to that overall vision. There will be a competition for funding.

The programme will have an overall budget of £675 million. MHCLG indicatively expects the fund to contribute up to £25 million to projects per local area.

MHCLG expects that places will partner with the private sector in developing their proposals.

Later in 2018 MHCLG will launch the full Fund prospectus, with further details on the nature of projects that are eligible for funding, and assessment criteria.

The stage one application window for Expressions of Interest will take place in spring 2019.

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InspiringBusiness2018 - Extended Deadline and Increased Prize Package for Yorkshire & Humber Firms

Fund ID: S43733

James Legal is appealing for businesses in the Yorkshire & Humber region to 'be inspired' to enter its competition for more than £24,000 worth of support.

The 'InspiringBusiness2018' initiative offers support to help businesses grow to the next level. The programme is led by a series of inspiring seminars delivered by businesspeople who have 'been there, done that' and made those mistakes, and culminating in a competition to find the inspiring business of 2018.

The campaign is aimed at giving the region's substrata of businesses that underpin the local economy acknowledgment and support.

This year, working with partners in complementary fields like banking, business support, finance and marketing, the funder will be offering a focused mixture of assistance to one 'creative and driven' business, worth over £24,000.

The partners' contributions to the prize fund include, for example:

- A year's free legal support worth £5,000 from **James Legal**, including a review and re-write of policies and contracts, and access to our business legal advice service.
- Tender and bid-writing support from **The Marketplace** worth up to £6,000, starting with a detailed procurement and supply chain assessment, and, potentially, a 12-month supply of tender reports and help with identifying, completing and submitting one grant funding application.
- A free website design or online marketing support, worth £5,000 for **Mobius Media**.

Businesses in Yorkshire and the Humber that have gained some traction already, perhaps with a successful track record or on the cusp of success are eligible.

From sole traders to firms employing hundreds of people, the provider wishes to find and help companies that excel in what they do, and can demonstrate qualities such as drive, innovation, vision and creativity.

The deadline for applications to be received has been extended by two months; to 31 December 2018.

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Children & Young People

2019 Erasmus+ Knowledge Alliances and Sector Skills Alliances Calls Open

Fund ID: S39085

New Knowledge Alliances and Sector Skills Alliances Calls are now open as part of the 2019 Erasmus+ Work Programme.

Knowledge Alliances aim at strengthening Europe's innovation capacity and at fostering innovation in higher education and business. They involve a minimum of six independent organisations from at least three Programme Countries, out of which at least two higher education institutions and at least two enterprises. Higher education institutions established in a Programme Country must hold a valid Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE). An ECHE is not required for participating HEIs in Partner Countries.

Any participating organisation established in a Programme Country can apply. This organisation applies on behalf of all participating organisations involved in the project.

The maximum EU contribution awarded for a two-year Knowledge Alliance is €700,000. The maximum EU contribution awarded for a three-year Knowledge Alliance is €1 million.

Sector Skills Alliances aim at tackling skills gaps with regard to one or more occupational profiles in a specific sector. They do so by identifying existing or emerging sector specific labour market needs (demand side), and by enhancing the responsiveness of initial and continuing VET systems, at all levels, to the labour market needs (supply side).

Projects can achieve these aims by applying to one or several of the following Lots:

- Lot 1: Sector Skills Alliances for the development of sectoral approaches through transnational "Platforms of vocational excellence." Indicative total budget: €4 million. Maximum EU contribution awarded for a project (2 years): €1 million.
- Lot 2: Sector Skills Alliances for design and delivery of VET. Indicative total budget: €3.5 million. Maximum EU contribution awarded for a project (2 years): €700 000. Maximum EU contribution awarded for a project (3 years): €1 million.
- Lot 3: Sector Skills Alliances for implementing a new strategic approach (Blueprint) to sectoral cooperation on skills. Indicative total budget: €24 million. Maximum EU contribution awarded for a project (4 years): €4 million.

Any participating organisation established in a Programme Country can be the applicant. This organisation applies on behalf of all participating organisations involved in the project. The Sector Skills Alliance must cover at least four Programme Countries and include at least eight full partners, out of which at least three are companies, industry or sector representatives (eg chambers or trade associations), and at least three are education and training providers.

The deadline for applications to both Calls is 28 February 2019.

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Energy

Scottish Government Announces Cashback Scheme to Boost Energy Efficient Measures by SMEs

Fund ID: S1792

The Scottish Government is working with Zero Waste Scotland on a cashback scheme which offers interest-free loans to small businesses undertaking projects to increase their energy efficiency.

Through the SME Loan Fund, support is available to help businesses with the installation of a range of energy efficiency measures, such as lighting and heating upgrades, double glazing, insulation and other projects.

Interest-free loans of between £1,000 and to £100,000 are available. For a limited period, there is now a 15% cashback offer to further incentivise firms to implement measures that will reduce their energy use and carbon emissions.

Those who apply for a loan will receive cashback on completion of the project (to a maximum value of £10,000). The offer is only available while funds last and excludes renewable technologies (due to the Renewable Heat Incentive).

Applications will be considered from Scottish SME businesses and private sector landlords.

Scotland's minister for Business, Innovation and Energy Paul Wheelhouse, said:

"The Scottish Government is committed to supporting businesses across Scotland to improve their energy and resource efficiency as we seek also to improve the energy efficiency of Scotland's non-domestic premises.

"The SME loan 15% cashback incentive will give Scottish businesses the opportunity to reap the benefits of reduced energy costs through investment in energy efficient measures, helping to increase competitiveness and drive growth while also reducing their carbon footprint."

Applications are accepted at any time.

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Environment

IUK Announces Tackling Non-exhaust and Non-road Vehicle Air Pollution SBRI Competition ****NEW****

Fund ID: S44064

Air pollution is the most prevalent environmental risk to human health in the UK, contributing to early deaths, aggravating lung and heart conditions and even affecting mental health and cognitive performance.

The impact of exhaust emissions has been the focus of attention in recent years, however, there are other significant sources of pollution to address. Through the 'Tackling Non-exhaust and Non-road Vehicle Air Pollution' Small Business Research Initiative (SBRI) Competition, Innovate UK (IUK) will support organisations to develop new solutions to reduce air pollutant emissions.

The competition aims to promote innovative solutions, bringing forward products and services which could be widely deployed to minimise or address their impact on air quality. IUK will fund organisations to develop and demonstrate new products or services which reduce the harmful emissions from one or more of:

- road vehicle brake and tyre wear and/or road surface wear;
- non-road mobile machinery used for construction, such as excavators, bulldozers, front loaders, cranes and compressors; and
- transport refrigeration units.

The overall programme will be delivered in two phases. This phase (phase 1) is focused on supporting feasibility studies which should result in a technical and commercial specification, detailed design package and test plan for a technical solution. A decision to proceed with phase 2 will depend on the outcomes from phase 1.

A total of up to £300,000, including VAT, is allocated to phase 1 and IUK expects to fund up to six projects. Individual feasibility study research and development (R&D) contracts will be up to £50,000, including VAT.

To lead a project, applicants can be an organisation of any size. The applicant can work alone or with others from business, the research base, the public sector or the third sector as subcontractors. Universities and registered charities can apply but must demonstrate a route to market, including a plan to commercialise the results.

The competition opens on 12 November 2018 with a deadline for registrations of 9 January 2019 and a closing date for full applications of 16 January 2019.

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Export and International Trade

Open to Export Action Plan Competition - New Round Launched

Fund ID: S43498

The Open to Export Action Plan Competition encompasses an online planning tool for small businesses with ambitions to sell their goods and services overseas. Businesses are being encouraged to enter the competition for the opportunity of securing funding and additional support towards the development of a strategy for international growth after the UK leaves the European Union.

Both the winner and the other finalists will gain a package of prizes designed to accelerate their growth overseas. Ten finalists will be invited to a showcase final at the Institute of Export & International Trade's World Trade Summit in Southampton on 27 February 2019.

Winners will receive £3,000 in cash and further support to help implement their international expansion and export plans. Previous finalists have used the cash for trade missions, for changing branding to appeal internationally and for digital updates.

The winner's package also includes two free places on an Institute of Export & International Trade public training course, worth £700.

Further prizes will be announced before the deadline.

The competition is open to all UK small businesses investigating exporting for the first time or planning to export to a new country. The business needs to be registered as a UK company and employ fewer than 50 people.

The deadline for completed applications is Friday 25 January 2019.

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Housing

Funding to Support Local Community Housing Projects in Parts of England

Fund ID: S43439

Charities, Community Land Trusts and housing co-operatives based and working in these areas can apply now (partnership and consortia are encouraged to apply) for grants of between £10,000 and £50,000.

The funding is aimed at strengthening local communities by supporting the most vulnerable, find new approaches to increasing the supply of housing or will reinvent renting for both tenants and landlords.

The funding can be used core costs, staff costs for the lead partner, development and capacity building costs, volunteer expenses, activity costs, and small-scale capital costs. Building works and refurbishment costs will be considered where they are essential to the successful delivery of the project.

Funded projects will also get community and volunteering support.

The deadline for applications is 7 December 2018 (5pm).

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Research and Development

IUK Announces Thistle Assistance App to Help People with Disability Use Public Transport SBRI Competition ****NEW****

Fund ID: S44065

Innovate UK (IUK) is launching the 'Thistle Assistance App to Help People with Disability Use Public Transport' Small Business Research Initiative (SBRI) Competition to fund organisations developing a mobile app which will help people with disabilities when travelling on public transport.

The aim is to identify and understand the challenges faced by disabled people when travelling, and explore how much these affect travel plans and choices about which modes of transport to use. The initiative is also intended to develop a door-to-door journey planning and wayfinding solution.

The solution must be a mobile application that shows relevant route information in a clear way, which travel option to use, where and when to board and alight and what to do if lost. It must also allow a carer to see where the user is and communicate with them.

This is phase 1 of a potential 2-phase competition. (A decision to proceed with phase 2 will depend on the outcomes from phase 1.) In phase 1, applicants must develop a proof of concept for a multi-user interface mobile application.

A total of up to £150,000, including VAT, is allocated to phase 1. Research and development contracts will be awarded to demonstrate the technical feasibility of the proposed solution. This means planned research or critical investigation to gain new knowledge and skills for developing new products, processes or services.

IUK expects to fund up to five projects.

To lead a project, applicants can be a UK based organisation of any size, working alone or with others from business, the research base or the third sector as subcontractors. IUK would welcome bids that bring together a consortium of sector specialists. Applicants must be fully compliant with UK government privacy and data protection legislation.

The competition opens on 12 November 2018 with a deadline for registrations of 2 January 2019 and a closing date for full applications of 9 January 2019.

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Sport, Tourism and Leisure

Launch of the 2019-20 International Tourism Events Fund for Northern Ireland

Fund ID: S36772

The International Tourism Event Funding Programme is designed to support events, including national or international world events, which have the potential to have an economic impact on Northern Ireland and attract tourists, investors and international media coverage.

Funding requests of greater than £30,000 will be accepted with an aimed return of investment of 5:1. Events must have an overall minimum expenditure of £150,000.

Examples of eligible costs include marketing, venue, production, independent event evaluation, participant costs and market research.

Applications are open to legally constituted tourism and events organisations in Northern Ireland.

Aine Kearney Tourism NI Director of Business Support and Events commented:

"Northern Ireland has a proven track record as the host of many world class events and last year Tourism NI supported 12 international events and sponsored 40 national events. This year we are building on the experience theme approach to events, aimed at creating and sustaining memorable breaks in Northern Ireland.

"Events are crucial to enhancing our visitor experience, increasing visitor numbers and spend and helping to elongate the tourism season.

"We look forward to welcoming this year's applications which we hope reflect the friendliness of our people, the vibrancy of our cities, the beauty of our landscapes and our rich culture and heritage."

For events taking place between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020, the call for applications is now open until 26 November at 12 noon.

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Tourism NI Announces £200,000 Tourism Augmented Reality Challenge

Fund ID: S43563

Augmented reality (AR) technology offers ways to plan and consume visitor experiences in a seamless, interactive, and simple manner. This technology makes it possible to layer digital enhancements over an existing reality or real life scenario. For tourism, this could mean that booking a hotel, accessing information, navigating around a destination, translating written or spoken signs or conversations, and locating dining and entertainment options can all be done through an app on mobile devices.

Businesses in Northern Ireland are being invited to apply for a funding to develop AR technologies that help tourists to plan and make the most of their visits. Tourism NI is looking for proposals from technology and tourism stakeholders with innovative digital ideas, relevant to developing the use of augmented reality technologies.

This year, the prize fund has been increased to £200,000. The funder expects to support 2-5 projects. Requests for more than £100,000 will be rejected.

Tourism NI wants to see solutions with potential appeal to the wider tourism marketplace and that also consider the underlying operational and commercial models.

Tourism NI's Chief Digital Officer, Dave Vincent, said:

"We're very excited to launch this year's Tourism AR Challenge and with a substantial investment of £200,000 to develop the winning project, this will encourage developers to be even more creative and innovative in their tourism-focussed digital proposals.

"I would encourage proposals that provide a digital solution which is creatively, technically or commercially innovative and has been developed through a strong tourism-technology partnership approach."

The competition closes to applications of 19 November 2018.

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