

Funded Business Support programmes

Want to make your business more sustainable? (SEND Supply Chain Development Programme)

Free consultancy available to businesses **wanting to reduce their environmental impact or developing low carbon products or services.**

Delivered by: Stopford Energy & Environment on behalf of Keele University.

Eligibility: SME with under 250 employees and under €50 million turnover or under €43 million balance sheet and not owned by a non-SME. No B2B restrictions.

Funded by: Part of the ERDF-funded Keele University Smart Energy Network Demonstrator (SEND) programme (Ref. 32R16P00706).

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Low Carbon Business Evolution Programme (LCBEP)

Free energy efficiency review and potential Low Carbon Enterprise Grant of £2,000 - £20,000 (up to 60% funded) for the installation of energy efficient measures in buildings, processes, products and services.

Delivered by: Staffordshire County Council in partnership with Keele University and Staffordshire University.

Eligibility: SME with under 250 employees and under €50 million turnover or under €43 million balance sheet.

Funded by: This programme is part-funded with support from the ERDF Programme 2014-2020.

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Keele Research & Innovation Support Programme (KRISP)

Up to 100 hours of fully-funded innovation support for the development of a new product, process or service.

Delivered by: Keele University

Eligibility: SME with under 250 employees and under €50 million turnover or under €43 million balance sheet and not owned by a non-SME.

Funded by: This programme (Ref. 32R16P00711) is part-funded through the ERDF as part of the England 2014 to 2020 European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) Growth Programme.

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Green Bridge Supply Chain Programme

A component of the Business Growth Programme. Offers grant support of £20,000 to £150,000 towards project costs for supply chain companies operating on, or diversifying into, the green economy, demonstrating quantifiable green benefits (i.e. energy efficiency, waste management, recycling, materials sustainability and renewables).

Delivered by: Birmingham City Council

Eligibility: SME (under 250 employees, under €50 million turnover and not owned by a large company or chain) located in the Greater Birmingham and Solihull, Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire, or The Marches LEP areas. Must have been trading for more than 6 months and operate on an 80%+ B2B basis. Businesses must also be able to create 1 job per £10,000 grant.

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