

Business and Trade

Support and Advice for Businesses

Grants and Funding

There are a number of options in Dumfries and Galloway if you are seeking funding for business projects, development and sustainability.

Financial Assistance for Small Businesses

As part of its support for local businesses, Dumfries and Galloway Council offers discretionary grants of up to £5000 to support business development and sustainability amongst new start and established micro and small businesses in Dumfries and Galloway. The maximum contribution is 50% of total project costs and the application must be supported by the Business Plan.

Applicants will be expected to demonstrate viability, aspirations to develop their business, to create and / or increase full time employed positions and to provide a product and / or service which enhances the regional offering.

Grants are available to invest in Marketing and E Business initiatives, Procurement of manufacturing and other equipment, Premises and facilities improvement and expansion, Selection and procurement of specialist consultancy and training and Improvements to supply and production processes.

If you feel that you have an eligible project and wish to develop a project proposal then Business Gateway can register your interest, provide further information and an application form, assist with business and marketing planning and progress the application.

Contact Business Gateway – Dumfries and Galloway on 0844 875 0161 or visit 39 Castle Street, Dumfries.

South of Scotland Loan Scheme

Wigtown Rural Development Company (WRDC) are the Fund Administrators for SEBSED Ltd, a Company set up to manage the South of Scotland Loan Scheme (SoSLS). The SoSLS is available to businesses located in or looking to locate in the Scottish Borders or Dumfries & Galloway. The scheme is designed to support projects where there is a definite need for public sector support and where there are clear economic benefits arising if the project goes ahead. Loans of between £5,000 and £50,000 are available under the Scheme.

WRDC Loan Fund

WRDC also operates a loan fund for businesses within the Wigtownshire area. Low interest loans are available to businesses both starting and expanding. Loans of up to and including £5,000 are generally considered.

Further information on these loan schemes is available from WRDC:
Phone 01671 404500 or Email: enquiries@wrdc.co.uk

Regional Selective Assistance

The Scottish Government can provide financial assistance to new and existing businesses in Scotland. They can now offer direct financial support through Investment and Innovation Grants which could help develop your business. To find out more visit [Scottish Business Grants - Home](#).

Innovation Support

The South of Scotland Innovation Support scheme offers a wide range of support and funding to assist businesses transform how they do things, how to make more from the services they offer and how to improve the way they make things. Contact Business Gateway to be put in touch with your local Innovation Adviser and see also: www.targetinginnovation.com

Grants and Support Directory

The Grants and Support directory allows you to search for additional potential sources of assistance. The directory contains grants and support schemes from central and local government, as well as private organisations. Some programmes offer free or subsidised services ranging from advice through to practical involvement with projects. Visit www.bgateway.com/grants to search for funding.

Business Gateway advisers can also assist to identify relevant initiatives and specialist support available through partner organisations such as Scottish Enterprise.

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