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Business Support on Your Doorstep

Funding streams available across the UK August 2010



Financial instrument	Total budget	Distribution (time intervals)	Distribution (sector)	Type (grant, loan, equity, other)	Geography	Remarks
Technology Programme (TSB)	£500m for the period 2008-2013	Annual calls	R&D funding; all sectors of science and technology with the exception of defence (these are typically funded from the SBRI scheme)	Grant, up to 50% subsidy	UK only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • can fund R7D with projects up to £2m • currently most projects are submitted as feasibility studies requesting a maximum of £50,000 • very appealing to London SMEs due to the relatively small time requirement for applying and processing as well as partner eligibility requirements • current trend sees projects of lower value (fiscal) • strong London participation third to South East and East Midlands
KTP (TSB)	£50m for the period 2008-2013	Continuous calls (approximately twice a year with cut-off assessment days)	Supporting a 2-year employment of a graduate to support an SME towards a strategic activity (i.e. new product or market development)	50% funding towards employment of young graduates (capped salary maximum £28,000)	UK only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • strong London presence • became more competitive since 2007 • approximately 50% success rate
SBRI (TSB)	£20m annually since 2008	Annual calls (exceptionally twice a year for specific sectors)	Similarities to procurement; currently only initiated by the MoD and the NHS for the respective sectors; MoD and NHS issue requirements and SMEs are subsidised to meet them through intense R&D	50% funding	UK only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • below average London presence • extremely high potential mainly for the health sector • 40% success rate
KTN (TSB)	£15m annually	Some KTNs (i.e. Industrial Mathematics) provide small grants for secondment of professionals and for feasibility studies (maximum grant £10,000 for 6 month projects)	The purpose of a KTN is to support businesses "in-kind" and not through match funding; they facilitate networking events and knowledge transfer	When applicable 50% funding	UK only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • good London presence and success rates in acquiring funding where applicable

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Eurostars (TSB-EC)	£1.7m in 2010	Annual calls	Market oriented R&D across all sectors	50% funding rates	UK only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> minimal London presence due to the very low success rates and negative image of UK participation across EU-27
Apprentices (National Apprenticeship Service)	£50m approximately pa	Continuous submissions	Training and employment skills (often sector based) for young people	Depends on age; two classes 16-18 100% of costs are reimbursed and 19-24 the rate is 50%	UK only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> minimal London participation
Welcome Trust	Variable	Several calls (typically 5) per year	Support through grants of high impact R&D (market ready products and services) always focused within the wider health sector (life sciences, pharma and medical devices as well as services)	Typical grants equal to 50% of a project budget	UK only Exceptional cases assessed on an ad-hoc basis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> average London participation; very strong potential for London businesses to participate average project has a £2m-£3m
Construction waste recycling infrastructure (2008-11) (WRAP)	Approximately £78m pa	Continuous submission	Support through grants and soft loans for infrastructure, deployment, demonstration and mobilisations	Typical grant is 50% of the project's value	UK only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> zero London SME participation extremely strong potential for London SMEs in the sector
Centre for Defence Enterprise (UK MoD)	Approximately £250m pa	Continuous submission	Support through grants	Variable	UK only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> minimal London SME participation strong potential in the security/surveillance and wider ICT sectors from London SMEs
NESTA	Approximately £10m pa	Continuous submission	Support through investment / equity finance	Variable	UK only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> average London SME participation typical portfolio company received up to £250,000 of Seed-Series A finance very good potential for London SMEs pursuing private finance

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Department for Transport	Approximately £20m pa	Continuous submission subject to liaison with the DfT	Support through grant and subsidy mainly for demonstration activities or feasibility studies	Variable	UK only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • average London participation • good potential for SMEs operating in the wider transport sector
Home Office (Scientific Development Branch)	Approximately £20m pa	Continuous submission subject to liaison with the HO	Support through grant and subsidy mainly for demonstration activities or feasibility studies	Variable	UK only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • average London participation • good potential for SMEs operating in the wider security sector
Cancer Research Technologies	Approximately £10m pa	Annual calls	Support through grants mainly for specific R&D priorities within the cancer diagnosis and treatment domains (varied segments from diagnostics devices through to drug, vaccines and treatment systems)	Variable	UK only On exceptions non-UK participation is allowed provided a UK partner exists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • average London participation • very strong potential for London-based life sciences SMEs
Enteric	n/a	Continuous support	Provision of facilities, expertise and resources for bowel cancer research and development	Variable	UK only On exceptions non-UK participation is allowed provided a UK partner exists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • average London participation / partnerships • very strong potential for London-based life sciences SMEs

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UK research councils	Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC)	£15m pa approximately	Annual calls	Supports all aspects of art (i.e. fashion) and humanities (political sciences) Mainly through an academic spectrum Projects are university led with occasional industry participation	Typical grants are in the range of 50% for industry and 80% for universities	UK only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • strong London participation • average project within £200,000 • highly specialised and “closed shop” for newly established companies and professionals
	Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC)	£50m annually	Annual calls	Support all aspects from basic research through to professional transfer	Typical grants 50% for businesses and 80% for universities	UK only (with the exception of some sabbaticals)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • strong London participation • average project within £200,000
	Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC)	£50m annually	Annual calls	Supports R&D (mainly at concept level) and knowledge transfer; primarily operated by universities with businesses capitalising on yielded IP	Typical grants 50% for businesses and 80% for universities	UK only (with the exception of some sabbaticals)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • strong London participation • average project within £200,000
	Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC)	£20m annually	Annual calls	Supports scholar research; partly influenced by business;	Typical grants 100% for universities	UK only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • strong London participation • limited potential for businesses • London businesses (i.e. services) demonstrate the highest potential to participate
	Medical Research Council (MRC)	£50m annually	Annual calls	Supports mainly academic research Frequently it supports R&D through collaborative frameworks, i.e. between business and academia (includes fellowships)	Typical grants 100% for universities and businesses	UK only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • very strong London participation, mainly through universities • very strong potential for SMEs and incubation facilities

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UK research councils	Natural Environment Research Council (NERC)	£25m annually	Annual calls	Support mainly academic research Supports placement schemes of academics into businesses	Typical grants of 100% for universities and businesses	UK only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • minimal London participation • zero London business participation • good potential for London SMEs to exploit placement scheme and employ highly qualified personnel at heavily subsidised rates
	Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC)	£50m annually	Annual calls	Support mainly academic research (basic and applied) within the wider physics domain Specific schemes support academia-industry collaboration	Typical grants of 100% for universities and businesses	UK only Exceptional cases assessed on an ad-hoc basis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • minimal London participation • very strong potential for businesses in the financial services sector (i.e. trading, analytics etc.)