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1. North East Mayoral Strategic Authority

1.1 Accelerate Ashington

Accelerate Ashington is a package of support services available to local businesses currently trading and operating in Ashington. The programme consists of two elements: digital support with funded access to the introduction of digital tools for day-to-day business activity, and start-up support providing a programme of workshops covering the key skills needed to start and establish new businesses. For further information click here

1.2 Business Growth Fund

The Business Growth Fund is a £3.5 million programme of investment funded by the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF). It supports business growth across the local authority areas of Gateshead, Newcastle, North Tyneside, Northumberland, and Sunderland. The Fund is delivered by UMi and will attract £11.5 million of private sector investment with an aim to create a minimum of 268 new jobs. For further information click here

1.3 Create Growth Programme

The Create Growth Programme is designed for creative businesses with high-growth potential to become investment ready. Providing high-growth businesses between the seed and scaling stages, with the support and the investment they need to grow their business and turn their innovative creative ideas into the leading creative businesses of the future. Through a suite of business support initiatives, delivered in partnership with Creative UK and Innovate UK this tailored support for high growth creative businesses aims to develop businesses knowledge, skills and access to finance, so they are able to secure investment to enable growth, turning their innovative creative ideas into the leading creative businesses of the future. For further details click here

1.4 Culture and Creative Investment Programme

The Culture and Creative Investment Programme, delivered in partnership with Creative UK, offers a combined package of financial and business support designed to grow the creative and cultural industries in the region. The package of support includes business support, masterclasses and bootcamps, open access networking events, webinars and access to finance. The programme is open to freelancers and businesses working in the culture and creative industries in North Tyneside, Northumberland and Newcastle. For further details click here

1.5 Flexible Social Finance

Flexible Social Finance has been designed with the social sector, for the social sector with the aim to provide access to affordable and flexible, repayable finance for socially trading organisations in the North East Mayoral Strategic Authority area looking to grow their social impacts and improve self-sustainability. This fund is specifically designed to address the challenges faced by socially trading organisations who are delivering significant social impact and may struggle to secure loans from traditional sources. For further information click here

1.6 Green New Deal

The Green New Deal Fund is a low carbon investment fund established by the Mayoral Strategic Authority and managed by Amber Infrastructure Group. Business interested in applying to the Green New Deal Fund should visit the fund's website for further information. For further information click here

1.7 Invest North East England

Invest North East England is the first point of contact for businesses looking to locate and invest in our region. Working alongside the region's seven local authorities, their aim is to support new inward investment and promote the region as a prime location for businesses to locate, grow and prosper. For further details click here

1.8 Local Innovation Partnership Fund

The Local Innovation Partnerships Fund (LIPF) is a new, national programme led by UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) that will invest up to £500 million over five years to develop and scale high-potential innovation clusters across the UK. The North East has been identified in the Earmarked Strand, as one of 10 regions across the country to receive an allocation of at least £30 million funding over 5 years. For further information click here.

1.9 Northumberland Small Business Fund

The Northumberland Small Business Service is a new programme of business support to help small and micro businesses across Northumberland to start and grow. It is jointly funded by the North East MSA, the UKSPF and the Rural England Prosperity Fund. For more information click here.

1.10 North East Property Fund

A £20 million property fund aimed at supporting smaller scale North East construction and property development projects will provide an important boost for the construction industry. The North East Property Fund has been created in response to strong demand from small and medium-sized (SME) construction and property development companies who are unable to access mainstream finance from traditional sources and is hoped it will help kick start development in smaller scale property ventures across the North East. For further details click here

1.11 North East Commercial Property Investment Fund

A £35 million commercial property fund that supports developers in the North East. The North East Commercial Property Investment Fund is managed by FW Capital and backed by the North East Mayoral Strategic Authority. The fund addresses a gap in the market and will drive economic growth and create new jobs in the North East. For further details click here

1.12 The Major's Opportunity Fund

We have partnered with Community Foundation North East and Point North to deliver the Mayor's Opportunity Fund. The fund is about investing in the heart of our communities – the people and projects working every day to lift others up, tackle poverty, and provide real opportunity. A further £1.5 million investment in the fund was announced in October 2026, building on the success of the first four rounds which have supported 107 grassroots organisations delivering life-changing projects across the North East. For further information click here

2. Grant Finder Service

2.1 Access Unconquered: Adaptive Sports Grants

Grants are available for registered charities and other not-for-profit organisations across the UK for projects that open up opportunities for wounded, injured and sick (WIS) veterans and serving personnel to access and participate in adaptive sport. A maximum value of £15,000 is available, the application deadline is 4 December 2026. For further information click here.

2.2 Youth Music - Recharge Fund: Racial Equity

Grants are available to creative organisations in England that are led by communities experiencing racial injustice and work with children and young people, to support organisational development, resilience and wellbeing through long-term core funding. A maximum value of £120,000 is available, the application deadline is 4 December 2026. For further information click here.

2.3 SME Technology Adoption Accelerator

Grants are available for public, private and non-profit sector organisations, local authorities and consortia with experience in SME digital adoption or business support to deliver a pilot programme supporting digital technology adoption among UK SMEs. A maximum value of £999,000 is available, the application deadline is 11 December 2026. For further information click here.

2.4 Home Office - Support for Victims and Survivors of Child Sexual Abuse Fund 2027-29

Grants are available for voluntary and community sector organisations working in England and Wales that can support victims and survivors of child sexual abuse, and/or those caring for or supporting them. A maximum value of £1,280,000 is available, the application deadline is 18 December 2026. For further information click here.

3. The National Lottery Funding

3.1 National Lottery Awards for All England.

We fund community-led projects that tackle the climate and nature emergency, improve the environment, and help people connect with and enjoy nature locally. **Amount:** £300 to £20,000 **A decision in**: 16 weeks **Programme status:** Open to applications. For further information click here.

3.2 National Lottery Awards for All England – Environment

We fund community-led projects that improve the environment and help people connect with and enjoy nature where they live. Funding size £300 to £20,000 for up to two years. Application deadline 17 December 2025. For further information click here.

3.3 Reaching Communities England

We fund projects that strengthen communities and improve lives across England, with priority for the people and places that need it most. Amount: £20,001 to £20,000,000 A decision in: 40 weeks Programme status: Open to applications For further information click here.

3.4 The Solidarity Fund

Funding in England for projects tackling root causes of inequality. We support lasting change led by people with lived experience, with projects that can grow and last. Amount: £1,000,000 to £5,000,000 A decision in: 35 weeks Programme status: Open to applications For further information click here.

3.5 The UK Fund

Larger amounts of funding for to expand on existing work. We'll fund projects that help bring diverse communities together. We'll also fund projects that help children and young people use their voice to influence change. Application deadline – Ongoing. For further information click here.

3.6 Climate Action Fund - Food Systems

Climate Action Fund – Food Systems supports projects that strengthen our food system and reduce food insecurity for people and communities. For further information click here.

3.7 Community Power Fund

Funding for organisations that are helping to build community power. For further information click here.

4. Government Grant Service

4.1 Trees, woodlands and forestry - Woodland Creation Planning Grant

The Woodland Creation Planning Grant (WCPG) offers funding of up to £30,500 for the production of a UKFS-compliant woodland creation design plan. Landowners, land managers and public bodies can apply. WCPG is open for applications year-round. The 'Find a grant' tool requires a 'closing date' to be specified, however 31 March 2027 reflects the period WCPG funding is currently confirmed until, rather than a known closure date. The scheme was re-launched in autumn 2020 to enable more people to apply and help proposals move more quickly through the Environmental Impact Assessment process and future planting and establishment grant funding. For further information click here.

Funding organisation: Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs / Forestry Commission - Nature for Climate Fund
Who can apply: Personal / Individual, Public Sector, Non-profit, Private Sector
How much you can get: From £1,500 to £30,500
Total size of grant scheme £708,607
Opening date: 1 December 2015, 12:01am (Midnight)
Closing date: 31 March 2030, 11:59pm (Midnight)

4.2 Electric vehicle ChargePoint grant for residential landlords

This grant provides landlords with support towards the cost of the purchase and installation of electric vehicle changepoints at residential properties. For further information click here.

Funding organisation: Office for Zero Emission Vehicles
Who can apply: Personal / Individual, Public Sector, Non-profit, Private Sector, Local authority
How much you can get: From £1 to £100,000
Total size of grant scheme £100,000
Opening date: 1 April 2022, 12:01am (Midnight)
Closing date: 31 March 2027, 11:59pm (Midnight)

4.3 Life Sciences Transformational R&D Investment Fund (TRIF) Pilot

The Life Sciences Transformational R&D Investment Fund Pilot offers capital grants to support large-scale R&D projects in the UK life sciences sector (eligible projects must exceed £100 million in total costs). It aims to boost research and development within the UK's Life Sciences sector by supporting large-scale investments focused on innovation and strengthening health resilience, as well as projects with the potential to generate economic benefits. This fund complements the separate Life Sciences Innovative Manufacturing Fund (LSIMF). For further information click here.

Funding organisation: Department for Science, Innovation and Technology
Who can apply: Private Sector
How much you can get: From £5 million to £25 million
Total size of grant scheme £50 million
Opening date: 25 September 2025, 12:01am (Midnight)
Closing date: 31 March 2028, 11:59pm (Midnight)

4.4 Youth Jobs Grant

The Youth Jobs Grant is part of the Youth Guarantee and provides financial support to employers to encourage the recruitment of young people who may otherwise find it difficult to enter the labour market. It is intended to complement, not replace, existing recruitment activity. Eligible employers may receive up to £3,000 per job outcome, paid in stages and subject to meeting all scheme conditions. For further information click here.

Funding organisation: Department for Work and Pensions
Who can apply: Personal / Individual, Non-profit, Private Sector
How much you can get: From £3,000 to £25 million
Total size of grant scheme £60 million
Opening date: 30 June 2026, 9:00am
Closing date: 31 October 2028, 11:59pm (Midnight)

4.5 Transferable Audio-Visual Equipment on Rail Replacement Coaches

The Department for Transport is providing up to £2 million in grant funding to support coach operators in delivering accessible journey information on rail replacement services. From the 1st of August 2026, these services will be required to provide clear, audible and visible information, including next stop announcements, in line with the Public Service Vehicle (Accessible Information) Regulations. The grant will reimburse up to 75% of the cost of purchasing transferable audio-visual equipment, helping operators meet these requirements and provide passengers, particularly disabled passengers, with greater confidence, independence and consistency when travelling during disruption. The scheme will run for six months, or until funding is fully allocated. For further information click here.

Funding organisation: The Department for Transport
Who can apply: Private Sector
How much you can get: From £1 to £99,999
Total size of grant scheme £1.85 million
Opening date: 6 July 2026, 12:00pm (Midday)
Closing date: 18 December 2026, 12:00pm (Midday)

4.6 Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) in Schools Grant Scheme

The Department for Education (DfE) are pleased to announce that the Schools Water Strategy is now inviting applications for the Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) in Schools Grant Scheme. The aim of the SuDS in Schools grant is to reduce surface water flood risk in the school estate. This is a match funded scheme and therefore, at the DfE's discretion and where the scheme criteria allow, the DfE can grant fund up to 50% of the total project costs. The full application guidance set out below provides details of the eligibility criteria, project objectives, Key Performance Indicators (KPI's) and how to apply, alongside dates and supporting information. For further information click here.

Funding organisation: Department for Education (DfE)
Who can apply: Public Sector, Non-profit, Private Sector, Local authority
How much you can get: From £10,000 to £1 million
Total size of grant scheme £5 million
Opening date: 24 August 2026, 1:00pm
Closing date: 2 November 2026, 5:00pm

Looking for funding?

The North East Growth Hub

The North East Growth Hub can help you find funding and finance and access business support in the North East. Their team of experts are equipped to support you and your business, regardless of your business size or stage and has access to funding, grants and loans to support businesses. For further information click here.

Northumberland County 4 Community

Northumberland County 4 Community is a user-friendly and professional community funding database for Northumberland which has already helped secure millions of pounds worth of support to the area.

It is an online funding database and a step-by step process which enables you to identify and select funding schemes and awards that are appropriate to your project, and:

- a convenient one-stop-shop of funding information.
- an information source with thousands of funding schemes including grants, loans and awards from local, regional, and national UK government, charitable trusts, and corporate sponsors.
- content ranging from modest community funds at one end of the spectrum to major, multilevel initiatives at the other.

To access Northumberland County 4 Community, you must register some basic details. Northumberland County Council funds this service, and partners and community users can access this free of charge. Registration will give you immediate, free, and unrestricted access to the comprehensive database of funding opportunities and business advice services. You can browse or search for funding, generate reports, access news items in full and set up alerts to receive updates regarding suitable funding opportunities.

To register as a user - click here or scan the QR barcode below: Northumberland County 4 Community

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