



Scale Up 4 Growth

Frequently Asked Questions

Am I eligible for the Scale Up 4 Growth (S4G) programme?

The grant scheme is aimed at small to medium sized enterprises (SMEs) who can demonstrate 'high growth potential': the potential to generate growth in job creation or turnover in order to achieve their growth ambitions.

The project activity and outcomes should be based in the following regions: BANES; Bristol; Gloucestershire; North Somerset; Somerset; South Gloucestershire; South Wales and Swindon & Wiltshire.

The business should have between 5 and 249 employees and a turnover of less than or equal to €50 million or a balance sheet total less than or equal to €43 million.

For further information, please see our Guidance for Applicants.

When is the deadline for the grant applications?

12:00 (Midday) on Thursday 29 February 2024 is the deadline for submitting your application.

What types of costs can I use an S4G grant for?

Our Guidance for Applicants details all eligible and ineligible costs. Please check what is eligible before submitting a full grant application and ensure you only include eligible costs in your application.

Can I use my own or staff time (or other benefits in kind) to contribute to the 50% matched element of the grant?

No, unfortunately you cannot use staff time to contribute to the matched element. Please see our Guidance for Applicants for more details of eligible costs.

Staff time in the form of a UWE Bristol internship may be eligible, please contact us for more information.

What size can my grant be?

Eligible businesses can apply for grants of between £10,000 and £15,000, which will fund 50% of project costs. Businesses will need to demonstrate their potential and ability to generate new jobs in the region or increase turnover to achieve their growth ambitions.

How long do I have to complete my project?

If your grant application is successful and once due diligence checks have been undertaken, you will be able to begin your project and you will have until 30 June 2024 to complete it and defray all project costs.



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What is the cash flow profile? Will there be an upfront payment?

Before your project starts, we will ask for evidence that you have the funding mechanisms in place to manage your cash flow across the life of your project, as claims are made retrospectively after project expenditure has been incurred by you.

Payments are made monthly in arrears based on your submission of a mandatory monthly report which will include details of costs incurred and associated evidence.

Can other public monies I have secured (InnovateUK, Research Councils, etc) be used to fund my project contribution?

No. A key reason for the existence of the Scale Up 4 Growth programme is the encouragement of growth in the economy through private sector investment. As a result, other public monies are not eligible for match funding.

What is the time frame for the due diligence checks and will I be liable for additional costs associated with the process?

The due diligence time frame is dependent on the type of business and grant size. There are no additional costs associated.

Is there anything I need to be aware of with regard to VAT?

If your company is VAT registered the S4G fund will reimburse up to 50% of your **net** costs.