

State Financial Support
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Arts Council	Schemes to support over 50 venues, 200 festivals and 400 arts organisations in 2013 .	Arts organisations, artists, and groups (i.e. a non-profit organisation or community group or those working in the health and education sector) may apply for financial support from the Arts Council.	Budget for 2013: €60.7 million	Micro, Small	Various	Grant, Bursary, Award	Various. A listing of upcoming closing dates for Arts Council financial support programmes is on Art Council website	The 'Find Funding Tool' helps search through the different types of funding available, in order to match specific needs with the right funding programme see http://www.artscouncil.ie/en/availablefunding.aspx
BIM	Marine Environmental Protection Measures	Apply for funding for projects to improve the management of inshore fisheries stocks and provide solutions to identified environmental issues associated with the industry			40 to 100% grant aid	Grant	Next Call April 2013	http://www.bim.ie/schemes/marineenvironmentprotectionmeasures/
BIM	Seafood environmental management & cert grant aid programme	This scheme provides a framework of support for the Irish seafood industry intent on achieving 3rd party audited standards for wild capture fisheries		Micro, Small		Grant	Next Call April 2013	http://www.bim.ie/schemes/seafoodenvironmentalmanagementcertificationgrantaidscheme/
BIM	Marine tourism Vessel safety scheme	Grant aid for the purchase and installation of safety items		Micro, Small	40% of expend up to €3k max	Grant	Monthly assess	http://www.bim.ie/schemes/marinetourismvesselsafetyscheme/
BIM	Fleet Safety Scheme	Scheme to improve the overall safety standards on board Irish fishing vessels.		Micro, Small	40% of grant aid for purchase of equipment. Max. grant varies by vessel size	Grant	Monthly assess	http://www.bim.ie/schemes/fleetsafetyscheme/
BIM	Special Assistance to Young Fisherman Scheme	This scheme assists new entrants into the fishing industry in acquiring ownership of their first whitefish fishing vessel		Micro	15% acquisition costs of the vessel (max 50K)	Grant	Monthly assess	http://www.bim.ie/schemes/special-assistance-for-young-fisherman-scheme/
BIM	Lobster-V-Notching Shellfish Discard and Live Return Reduction Scheme	Grant funding to further improve the overall management and sustainability of Ireland's lobster stocks		Micro, Small		Grant	Next Call April 2013	http://www.bim.ie/schemes/lobsterv-notchingshellfishdiscardlivereturnreduction/
BIM	Commercial Aquaculture Development Scheme	The scheme is designed to promote the commercial development of aquaculture on a basis which is financially, technically and environmentally sustainable		Micro, Small, Medium	40% of eligible investment costs	Grant	next call in 2013 (prov)	http://www.bim.ie/schemes/bimcommercialaquaculturedevelopmentsscheme/
BIM	Aquaculture Innovation & technology Scheme	Scheme to promote investment in innovative technology and trialling such technology under commercial conditions		Micro, Small, Medium	40% of eligible investment	Grant	next call in 2013 (prov)	http://www.bim.ie/schemes/aquacultureinnovationandtechnologyscheme/
BIM	Seafood Value adding Scheme	Grant funding to convert commodity seafood to value added products		Micro, Small, Medium	40% of project costs Min expend 12.5 K to max spend 30K	Grant	next call in 2013 (prov)	http://www.bim.ie/schemes/valueadding/

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BIM	Seafood Business Processing Investment Scheme	Grant aid to develop seafood processing business through capital expenditure		Small, Medium	Max 25% of eligible costs	Grant	next call 2013 (prov)	http://www.bim.ie/schemes/seafoodprocessingbusinessinvestmentscheme/
BIM	Seafood Category Management Scheme	Funds projects that deal with key category issues under the category management plan		Small, Medium	Grant aid to 40% max	Grant	Assess monthly	http://www.bim.ie/schemes/seafoodcategorymanagementscheme/
Bord Bia	Marketing Assistance Programme	Provides enterprises with assistance towards improving their marketing capabilities	954K (est) This is a demand led fund -2013	Small Medium	50% of eligible expend. 60% available under Bord Bia Origin Green Prog.	Grants	Call for 2013 closed 28/02/13	http://www.bordbiavantage.ie/marketingbusiness/marketing/pages/map.aspx
CEB	Priming Grant Note Measure I and Measure II supports	Awarded within the first 18 months of setting up the business	Total 7.5m approx. for all 3 grant schemes	Micro	Lesser of 50% of the investment or €150,000[1] . Max of €15,000 per full time job created	Grant (but part may be in form of repayable grant)	Expect available in 2013	http://www.enterpriseboards.ie/Business_supports/FINANCIAL.aspx
CEB	Business Expansion Grant Note Measure I and Measure II supports	Awarded in growth phase, after the initial 18 month start-up period	Total 7.5m approx. for all 3 grant schemes	Micro	As per Priming Grant	Grant (but part may be in form of repayable grant)	Expect available in 2013	http://www.enterpriseboards.ie/Business_supports/FINANCIAL.aspx
CEB	Feasibility/Innovation Grant Note Measure I and Measure II supports	Feasibility/Innovation Grants are designed to assist the promoter with researching market demand for a product or service and examining it's sustainability.	Total 7.5m approx. for all 3 grant schemes	Micro	The maximum Feasibility / Innovation Grant payable for the South and East Region must not exceed 50% of the investment or €20,000 whichever is the lesser. The maximum Feasibility / Innovation Grant payable for the BMW Region must not exceed 60% of the investment or €20,000 whichever is the lesser.	Grant	Expect available in 2013	http://www.enterpriseboards.ie/Business_supports/FINANCIAL.aspx
Crafts Council or Ireland	Continuing Professional Development Fund	Fund covers Crafts Councils' registered clients who wish to pursue continued professional development	€10,000 in 2013	Micro Small, Medium	Max €500 per individual Larger amounts can be awarded to groups	Award	Closing date 28th March, 2013	http://www.ccoi.ie/directory/listing.php?listing_ID=3019
Crafts Council or Ireland	Funded Master classes through the Leonardo Da Vinci Lifelong Learning Programme	Funded Master class in wool at Bergerie Nationale, France	Total Leonardo fund for 3 masterclasses is €23,000	Micro Small, Medium	N/A	Support	Applications available from 7th Feb, 2013, Closing date 1st March, 2013	http://www.ccoi.ie/directory/listing.php?listing_ID=3015

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Crafts Council or Ireland	Funded Master classes through the Leonardo Da Vinci Lifelong Learning Programme	Funded Master class in ceramics at the Crafts Council of Ireland's Ceramics Skills and Design Course, Kilkenny	Total Leonardo fund for 3 masterclasses is €23,000	Micro, Small, Medium	N/A	Support	Applications available from 4 th March, 2013, closing date 26 th March, 2013	To be announced: www.ccoi.ie
Crafts Council or Ireland	Future Makers	Future Makers Awards & Supports for the next generation of makers to receive funding for research, training, residencies, materials and exhibition opportunities in 2013	€23,000	Micro, Small, Medium	Various	Support/Award		http://www.futuremakers.ie/
Crafts Council or Ireland	International Fair Fund	Assists selected applicants by part funding the costs of exhibiting at international shows	€25,000	Micro Small, Medium	Various	Support	Dates TBC	www.ccoi.ie
Crafts Council or Ireland	Guilds, Associations, Networks & Societies	Assists the Crafts Councils' networks to do research, fund fairs, craft trails etc.	€40,000	Micro Small, Medium	Various	50% of Costs	Closing date 28th March, 2013	http://www.ccoi.ie/directory/listing.php?listing_ID=3018
Crafts Council or Ireland	External Exhibitions Fund	Supports well-planned, high-quality independent craft-based exhibitions featuring Irish craft in Ireland or abroad	€15,000	Micro Small, Medium	Various	Support	Closing date 30th August, 2013	www.ccoi.ie
Culture Ireland	Regular Grants (for travel expenses for showing work abroad)	Offer support to Irish artists, arts organisations and international presenters to present work by Irish artists at significant international venues and festivals	€3.1 million for 2013	Individual Artists, Micro, Small, Medium	Does not include fees, production costs, publicity or copyright/royalties	Grant	Regular grants awarded 3 times this year. Next deadline April 15th.	http://www.cultureireland.ie/funding/schemes/regular
Culture Ireland	Showcase Grants (for travel expenses for showing work abroad)	Offer for a combined showcase and artform delegation to key industry events	About 7-8 showcases per year out of annual Culture Ireland budget	Individual Artists, Micro, Small, Medium	Does not include fees, production costs, publicity or copyright/royalties	Grant	Online applications available when next showcase announced in 2013	http://www.cultureireland.ie/funding/schemes/showcases
Culture Ireland	EU Presidency (Special initiative- EU Culture Programme)	Offer to expand the reach of Irish culture to new audiences in conjunction with Ireland's EU Presidency	€1.5 million – will end at end of June 2013 as presidency just for 6 months	Individual Artists, Micro, Small, Medium	Does not include fees, production costs, publicity or copyright/royalties	Grant	Programme finalised but open for one off specific applications as presidency finishes end of June 2013	http://www.cultureireland.ie/funding/schemes/special-initiatives
DES/Skillnets	Training Networks Programme 2013	Skillnets is a state funded, enterprise-led support body dedicated to the promotion and facilitation of training and upskilling as key elements in sustaining Ireland's national competitiveness. We support and fund networks of private enterprises to engage in training under the Training Networks Programme (TNP). These networks, now referred to as 'Skillnets', are led and managed by the enterprises themselves to design, manage and deliver specific training programmes across a broad range of industry and service sectors nationwide	€8.3m.	Micro/Small/Medium/Large	Max. 50% grant per network	Grant	Live (52 networks funded in 2013)	http://www.skillnets.ie/networks

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DES/Skillnets	Training Networks Programme (New Funding for New Networks 2013)	Skillnets are currently inviting applications to establish new training networks of private sector companies, under the Training Networks Programme, in 2013	€500K	Micro/SmallMedium/Large	Max. 50% grant per network	Grant	Open – networks or business groups can submit an application form by April 30th 2013. Successful applicants will be funded from June 1st	http://www.skillnets.ie/funding
DES/Skillnets	Finuas	The Finuas programme was launched in February 2009 and is dedicated to supporting the international financial services (IFS) sector through investment in the specialist skills and expertise of its workforce. Three Finuas networks are supporting companies in addressing existing skills gaps to sustain growth, maximise exports and to develop new capacity in high value skills for the sector.	€800K	Micro/SmallMedium/Large	Max. 50% grant per network	Grant	Live (3 networks funded in 2013)	http://www.skillnets.ie/finuas-networks-programme
DES/Skillnets	ManagementWorks	ManagementWorks is a pilot training network programme which helps firms to improve their business performance by providing a range of subsidised, tailored programmes which are supported by professional business mentors. The purpose is to assist SME firms to enhance management capacity and grow in terms of their sales, output and employment	€600K	Micro/Small/Medium	Max. 50% grant per network	Grant	Live (2012-2013 pilot)	http://www.managementworks.ie/
DJEI	Credit Guarantee Scheme	To provide additional bank lending to address barriers relating to inadequate collateral and/or lack of understanding of the business	€450m over 3yrs	Micro, Small, Medium	€1m per firm	Credit / Debt	Live	http://www.djei.ie/enterprise/smes/creditguarantee.htm
DJEI	Micro Enterprise Loan Fund	Microfinance Ireland will provide loans to enterprises with commercially viable proposals that do not meet the conventional risk criteria applied by the commercial banks	€40m over 5 years	Micro	€25 K	Capital/Credit / Debt	Live	http://www.microfinanceireland.ie
EI	Seed & Venture Capital Programme	The 2007-2012 Seed & VC Scheme was launched to improve access to finance for SMEs and to further develop the Seed & VC industry in Ireland	€175m	Small, Medium			The details of individual VC Funds are on the EI website. These Funds are managed commercially by the private sector	http://www.enterpriseireland.com/en/Invest-in-Emerging-Companies/Investors/Seed-Venture-Capital-Scheme/
EI	Development Capital Fund	To increase the availability of risk capital to established Irish companies and to close the equity gap experienced by SMEs. The fund will also seek to leverage private sector investment.	€50m€25m max to a Fund manager	Small, Medium		Equity/Debt	The details of individual funds will be put on the EI website as they are announced	http://www.enterpriseireland.ie/en/Invest-in-Emerging-Companies/Investors/Development-Capital-Fund/
EI	HPSU Feasibility Study Grant	To assist a new start-up company or individual entrepreneur to investigate the viability of a new export orientated business or proposition		Micro	50% of eligible expend up to €15K	Grant	Open all year	http://www.enterpriseireland.ie/en/Funding-Supports/Company/HPSU-Funding/HPSU-Feasibility-Study-Grant.html
EI	Innovative HPSU Fund (Equity)	EI offers equity investment to HPSU clients, on a co-funded basis to support the implementation of company business plans		Micro	Level of invest. set by EI and cannot exceed 50% of the invest rnd.	Equity	open	http://www.enterpriseireland.ie/en/Funding-Supports/Company/HPSU-Funding/Innovative-HPSU-fund.html
EI	Mentor Grant	Used to support the cost of Mentor assignment		Micro/Small/Medium	€1750 max	Grant	open	http://www.enterpriseireland.ie/en/Funding-Supports/Company/HPSU-Funding/Mentor-Grant.html

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EI	Job Expansion Fund	Funding to support the recruitment of new employees		Small/Medium	€150k max/15k Max per job	Grant	Closed	
EI	Innovation Voucher	Funding towards collaborating with registered college or knowledge provider to explore a business opp or technical problem		Micro/Small	\$5 K	Grant	New 50-50 co-funded Fast Track system: open	http://www.enterpriseireland.ie/en/Funding-Supports/Company/HPSU-Funding/Innovation-Voucher.html
EI	New Frontiers Entrepreneur Development Programme	National Incubation programme that offers successful applications a package of supports to help accelerate business growth and equip individual with the skills to start/grow the company		Micro	€15k	Grant	Live	www.enterprise-ireland.com
EI	Competitive Feasibility Fund	Fund to assist a new start up company or individual entrepreneur to investigate the viability of a new significant growth orientated business	€200K	Micro	€25k max (50% of eligible expend)	Grant	Individual calls for expressions of interest are made on a periodic basis	
EI	Going Global Grant	A competitive fund which is focused on locally trading companies that have successfully established businesses in Ireland, and wish to explore opportunities to internationalise their business as a route to growth		Small/Medium/Large	€25 K max (50% of eligible expend)	Grant	Closed	http://www.enterpriseireland.ie/en/Funding-Supports/Company/Eestablish-SME-Funding/Going-Global-Fund.html
EI	Internationalisation Grant	Grant to support the costs of researching and exploring new international business opportunities		Small/Medium	€35K max 50% of eligible expend	Grant	Open all year	http://www.enterpriseireland.ie/en/funding-supports/Company/Eestablish-SME-Funding/Internationalisation-Grant-.html
EI	New Geographic Mkt Research Grant	Grant to support the undertaking of an intensive 6 month research assignment in new geographic mkt.		Small/Medium	50K to 80K based on new geog. Market (50-70% of eligible expend.)	Grant	Open all year	http://www.enterpriseireland.ie/en/Funding-Supports/Company/Eestablish-SME-Funding/New-Market-Research-Programme.html
EI	Technical Feasibility Study Grant	Grant to investigate the feasibility of developing a new product process, technology or service offering. Can also be used to develop FP7 proposal		Small/Medium/Large	€35K max (50% of eligible expend)	Grant	Open all year	http://www.enterpriseireland.ie/en/Funding-Supports/Company/Eestablish-SME-Funding/Feasibility-Study.html
EI	R&D Fund Small Projects	Fund supports product, process or service R&D projects where the spend is less than €150K		Small/Medium/Large	50% of cost of R&D project Rate varies by company size	Grant	Monthly calls	http://www.enterpriseireland.ie/en/Funding-Supports/Company/Eestablish-SME-Funding/R-D-Fund-Small-Projects-.html
EI	R&D Fund Large Projects	The R&D Fund exists to support projects which have the potential to develop novel products and services with a clear competitive advantage in their target market		Small/Medium/Large	€650K max 50% of cost of R&D project Rate varies by company size Rate varies by company size	Grant	Monthly calls	http://www.enterpriseireland.ie/en/Funding-Supports/Company/Eestablish-SME-Funding/R-D-Fund-Large-Projects-.html

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EI	Innovation Partnership Grant Programme	Financial support to companies who engage in collaborative research projects with Irish universities/ IOTs		Small/Medium/Large	€200K (80% of costs)(100K max for HPSU/Early stage	Grant		http://www.enterpriseireland.ie/EI_Corporate/en/Research-Innovation/Companies/IPP-Brochure.pdf
EI	Strategic Consultancy Grant	Grant to support cost of planning or implementing a new strategic development initiative		Small/Medium	35K Max (50% of costs)	Grant	Open all year	http://www.enterpriseireland.ie/en/Funding-Supports/Company/Eestablish-SME-Funding/Strategic-Consultancy-Grant.html
EI	Key Manager Grant	Support the costs of hiring a new key manager whose skills are critical to the future growth of the company		Small/Medium	80K max for one year	Grant	Open all year	http://www.enterpriseireland.ie/en/Funding-Supports/Company/Eestablish-SME-Funding/Key-Manager.html
EI	Tailored Company Expansion Package	Tailored support for companies undertaking ambitious expansion strategy		Small/Medium/Large		Grant	Open call	http://www.enterpriseireland.ie/en/Funding-Supports/Company/Eestablish-SME-Funding/Tailored-Company-Expansion-Packages-.html
EI	Internationalisation (Large Companies)	Grant to support the costs of researching and exploring a new market for existing product		Large	50% of eligible funding up to €35k max	Grant	Open all year	http://www.enterprise-ireland.com/en/funding-supports/Company/Large-Company-Funding/Internationalisation-Grant-Large-Companies-.html
EI	New Geographic Market Research Grant (Large)			Large	60 – 80 K depend on market being researched	Grant		http://www.enterprise-ireland.com/en/Funding-Supports/Company/Large-Company-Funding/New-Market-Research-Programme.shortcut.html
EI	Competitive Start Fund			Micro	€50k max 10% equity stake	Equity	Individual calls for expressions of interest are made on a periodic basis across a particular theme	www.enterprise-ireland.com
EI/NPRF	Innovation Fund Ireland	To increase the availability of risk capital to established Irish companies and to close the equity gap experienced by SMEs. The fund will also seek to leverage private sector investment	€250m to jointly commit to international VC funds that will establish a presence and invest in Ireland	Innovative Irish SMEs	N/A		The details of individual VC Funds are on the EI website. These Funds are managed commercially by the private sector	www.innovationfundireland.com
Intertrade Ireland	Acumen	Sales & marketing programme to help SMEs grow their business on an all-Ireland basis by targeting new cross-border markets. Funding available for market research or hiring sales staff incl. graduate	€720k	Small, Medium	Eligibility Criteria: Co must be either manufacturing or tradable service. Less than 250 employees. An indigenous company. Turnover	Funding towards consultancy or recruitment of a part time or full time sales resource	Open	http://www.intertradeireland.com/acumen/supportoptions/market_research/
Intertrade Ireland	Fusion	All-island technology transfer programme in partnership with a 3rd level institution	€2.1m	Small Medium	An 18-month project up to €52,800, 12-month up to €37,000 (includes academic contribution)	Grant	Open	http://www.intertradeireland.com/fusion/

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Intertrade Ireland	Innova	To support businesses to form a strategic cross border innovation partnership to get products, services or process off the ground	€1.634m	Small, Medium, Large	€285,000 per partnership claimed quarterly in arrears	Grant	new programme commencing 2013	http://www.intertradeireland.com/innova/
Intertrade Ireland	Trade Accelerator Vouchers	To provide financial support towards professional advice (Financial/Legal). Can also be used for market research to scope potential business in opposite jurisdiction (payment is not made directly to the company)	€45k	Small	€1,200 per voucher. Only one "active" voucher at a time	Grant	Open	http://www.intertradeireland.com/businessfundingservices/fundingandprogrammeinformation/tradeacceleratorvouchers/
Intertrade Ireland	Business Angel Finance	High Net Worth individuals or syndicates invest up to €1 million for usually between 3 – 7 years in return for equity stake	NIL	Micro, Small, Medium	Private investors provide funding up to €1m	Equity stake by private investors (angels) not ITI	Open	http://www.intertradeireland.com/equity-old/businessangelfinance/ or www.hban.org
Intertrade Ireland	Elevate	Sales Development: Providing financial/mentoring assistance to help identify cross-border markets/customers across the island and win new business (payment is not made directly to the company)	€330k	Preference given to Micros	Up to €5000	Grant	Open	http://www.intertradeireland.com/elevate/
Irish Film Board	Development Funding Loans	Funding is provided in the form of interest free loans to be repaid under different development categories - Screenplay - Project - Animation - International - Partnership (not yet available)	c. €1 million		€50,000	Interest free loan, (gets repaid when product goes into production)	Recurring deadline on last day of each month	http://www.irishfilmboard.ie/funding_programmes/Development/34
Irish Film Board	Production Funding Loans	Funding provided as limited-recourse loans under different production categories - Fiction: Irish - Fiction: Creative co-production - Fiction: International - - - Completion Documentary Animation	c. €4 million	Micro, Small, (mainly micro)	€600,000 (€300,000 if co-funded European project)	Limited-recourse loan	Recurring deadline on last day of each month (unless otherwise advertised)	http://www.irishfilmboard.ie/funding_programmes/Production/35
Irish Film Board	Distribution Funding	Funding available in form of non-repayable grants under different distribution categories - Marketing support - Direct Distribution[3] - Print provision theatrical - International publicity (not yet available) - International publicity (not yet available)	€300,000	Micro, Small, (mainly micro)	Max: €70,000 Min. €15,000 (mainly at lower end)	Grant	If received by last day of month, application will be considered within 4 weeks	http://www.irishfilmboard.ie/funding_programmes/Distribution/36
Irish Film Board	Short Film Schemes	Funding available for various types of short films - signatures - virtual cinema - reality bites - frameworks - gearrscannáin	€600,000	Micro, Small, (mainly micro)	Various (as advertised)	Grant	Various	http://www.irishfilmboard.ie/funding_programmes/short_film_schemes/
LEADER partnerships	LEADER programmes	Funds distributed through Local Action Groups to community groups and individuals.	Initial fund €425. Now stands at 314m due to increased co-financing rate of 85% from EU.	Micro initially €48m, now €35.5m since co-financing rate changed. Remainder of funds for projects e.g. Farm enterprise support measure to support farmers for non-farm	Varies depends on measure.	Grant	Open	http://leaderpartnership.ie/about/
Marine Institute	Marine Research Sub-programme of NDP 2007 – 2013	Designed to address issues or opportunities faced by industry, to integrate the existing research base with market and commercial opportunities and to focus on research that will deliver sustainable growth and environmental benefits	Each year the Institute applies for funding for existing commitments and then seek additional funding	Micro, Small, Medium	Max 75% of costs	Grant	NDP 2007 – 2013	http://www.marine.ie/home/funding/MarineNDP2007_2013/

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NPRF	SME Equity Fund	The Fund will provide equity financing for: · Restructuring · Management Buyouts · Buyins · Acquisition Finance · Growth	€300m - €350m	Medium	€2m -€50m			http://www.nprf.ie/Publications/2013/NPRFAnnouncesNewSMEFunds.pdf
NPRF	SME Turn-around Fund	The Fund will invest in business that are experiencing significant operating issues and may have associated financial distress. Business may have significant revenues but could be loss making and at the point of insolvency and require financial restructuring.	€100m	Medium	Max €50m			http://www.nprf.ie/Publications/2013/NPRFAnnouncesNewSMEFunds.pdf
NPRF	SME Credit Fund	The Fund will provide debt financing to performing businesses. The fund will provide new loans, refinance existing loans and acquire loans from lenders exiting the market. It is expected that new loans will have a maturity between 5-7yrs and be secured on the borrowers assets.	€450m	Medium	€5m -€50m			http://www.nprf.ie/Publications/2013/NPRFAnnouncesNewSMEFunds.pdf
Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland	Renewable Energy Research & Development programme.	Open to proposals that further the technical development and/or improve the policy environment leading to increased development in renewable energy and low carbon technologies	€1 million (not all fund providing for SMEs)	Micro, Small, Medium	Between 25% and 100% of eligible costs. 100% only in cases where public good	Grant	Open	http://www.seai.ie/Grants/Renewable_Energy_RD_D/
Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland	Ocean Energy Prototype Development Fund	Provides support for the development and deployment of Ocean Energy devices and systems	€5 million	Micro, Small, Medium	Evaluated on a case by case basis	Grant	Open	http://www.seai.ie/Renewables/Ocean_Energy/Prototype_Development_Fund/
Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland	Accelerated Capital Allowances	The ACA is a tax incentive for companies paying corporation tax and aims to encourage investment in energy efficient equipment	No Max	Small, Medium, Large	List of products produced	Tax incentive	Open	http://www.seai.ie/Your_Business/Accelerated_Capital_Allowance/
Údarás na Gaeltachta	Feasibility Study Grants	Grant aid is available to groups, organisations, businesses or individuals to allow them assess the viability of a business idea.	Based on overall budget allocated to Údarás	Micro, Small, Medium	€15,000 or 50% of the expenditure	Grant	Open	http://www.udas.ie/en/forbairt-fiontraoichta/cunamhairgid/deontas-staidear-feidearthachta/
Údarás na Gaeltachta	R & D Grants	Grants are available to assist businesses develop innovative products, processes and services which will lead to an enhancement of their ability to perform in increasingly competitive markets	Based on overall budget allocated to Údarás. EI Administer this R & D fund	Micro, Small, Medium	If over €10,000, go to EI	Grant	Open	http://www.udas.ie/en/forbairt-fiontraoichta/cunamhairgid/deontas-taighde-agus-forbartha/
Údarás na Gaeltachta	Capital Grant	Capital grants to enterprises seeking aid for an initial capital expenditure	Based on overall budget allocated to Údarás	Micro, Small, Medium	Max 35% funding rate. Regional Aid Guidelines	Grant	Open	http://www.udas.ie/en/forbairt-fiontraoichta/cunamhairgid/deontas-caipitil/
Údarás na Gaeltachta	Employment Grants	Assistance towards job creation costs for businesses on an initial investment project	Based on overall budget allocated to Údarás	Micro, Small, Medium	Max €8 - €10,000	Grant	Open	http://www.udas.ie/en/forbairt-fiontraoichta/cunamhairgid/deontas-fostaiochta/
Údarás na Gaeltachta	Training Grant	Assistance for training programmes that train or retrain employees	Based on overall budget allocated to Údarás	Micro, Small, Medium	Depends on size of company, general or specific training. Training Aid Guidelines	Grant	Open	http://www.udas.ie/en/forbairt-fiontraoichta/cunamhairgid/deontas-oliuna/
Údarás na Gaeltachta	Equity Investment Scheme	Údarás can take an equity stake in small and medium enterprises in the start-up and expansion phases where this is of strategic importance to the development of the enterprise	Based on overall budget allocated to Údarás	Small, Medium	Depends on a number of factors e.g. business plan	Equity shares – preference or ordinary	Open	http://www.udas.ie/en/forbairt-fiontraoichta/cunamhairgid/intheistiu-scaireanna/
Údarás na Gaeltachta	Innovation Voucher Initiative	The voucher can be exchanged for advice and expertise from participating knowledge providers	Údarás in conjunction with EI for this scheme	Micro, Small	€5,000. Only one “active” voucher at any time per company	Voucher	Open	http://www.udas.ie/en/forbairt-fiontraoichta/cunamhairgid/dearbhain-nualaiochta/
Údarás na Gaeltachta	Trade Fair Participation Scheme	Provides support towards the cost of the first time participation in a particular trade fair or exhibition	Based on overall budget allocated to Údarás	Micro, Small, Medium	Max 50% of the expenditure	Grant	Open	http://www.udas.ie/en/forbairt-fiontraoichta/cunamhairgid/deontas-don-rannphairtiocht-in-aontai-tradala/
Údarás na Gaeltachta	Consultancy Services Grant	Provides assistance to SME for the provision of expert advice to assist in the long term development of the enterprise	Based on overall budget allocated to Údarás	Micro, Small, Medium	Max €20,000	Grant	Open	http://www.udas.ie/en/forbairt-fiontraoichta/cunamhairgid/deontas-do-sheirbhis-comhairleoireachta/
Údarás na Gaeltachta	Development of Market Research Skills Scheme	Aims to develop the market development skills of SMEs by providing support towards internal costs which they may incur when researching new markets for products and services	Based on overall budget allocated to Údarás	Micro, Small, Medium	De Minimis Aid rule ¹	Grant	Open	Open (and will continue into 2013)

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Dept/Agency	Scheme	Description	Fund Size	Target Firms	Limits	Funding Type	Status	Link to further details
WDC	Business Investment Fund	Provides loans and equity to high growth enterprises. It has already funded projects in areas such as biotechnology, medical devices, ICT, high tech manufacturing, food and tourism.	€32m Revolving Fund	Small, Medium	Average first round investment €200/€330k. Max investment in a single enterprise up to €1m (can invest more)	Equity, loans	Open	http://www.wdc.ie/wdc-investment-fund/
WDC	Strategic Investment Fund	The Strategic Investment Fund which targets flagship projects and initiatives that would have a major impact on the region, such as Knock Airport.	€32m Revolving Fund	Small, Medium		Loans	Open	http://www.wdc.ie/wdc-investment-fund/
WDC	Local Investment Fund	The Local Investment Fund provides loans to community enterprise groups and has invested in projects ranging from childcare, eldercare, community sports and recreational facilities and community enterprise space.	€32m Revolving Fund	Community Enterprise Groups	Normally less than €100k (can lend more)	Loans	Open	http://www.wdc.ie/wdc-investment-fund/
WDC	Micro Loan Fund for Creative Industries	A pilot initiative over 3 years that will be used to grow and develop micro-enterprises in the creative industries sector	€1 million, over 3 years	Micro, Small, Medium	€5,000 to €25,000	Loans	Open, (Competitive calls on a quarterly basis)	http://www.wdc.ie/microfundci/