

## **SECTION 4**

# **ASSISTANCE PROGRAMMES**

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## **SECTION 4.1**

### **BUSINESS START UP**

This section deals with types of assistance available to enterprises wishing to establish a new business or to develop a business idea.

Some level of funding is generally applicable to all types of business.

Funding is available from £250 - £50,000 dependant on circumstances.

**Section 4.1.1 – Financial Assistance**

**Section 4.1.2 – Non Financial Assistance**

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### 4.1.1. BUSINESS START UPS – FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Name of Funder	Name of Programme	Assistance Type	Description	Level of Funding/Assistance	Criteria	Contacts
THE PRINCE'S TRUST	N/A	Loans Grants Bursaries Mentoring Training	Offers loans and bursaries to small start-up businesses that have exhausted all other sources of funding.	Low interest loan up to £5,000  Test marketing grants up to £250  Bursaries up to £1,500 (£3,000 where there are 2 or more partners)  Up to 3 years voluntary business mentoring  Support including IT training, logo design, web site design, specialist advice	Applicable to persons who: 1) Are aged 18-30 2) Are unemployed, under-employed, or of limited means. 3) Are able to demonstrate inability to raise finance from other sources. 4) Have completed a business training course & have a viable business plan	Tel: 028 90745454 Email:webinfo@princestrust.org.uk <a href="http://www.princestrust.org.uk">www.princestrust.org.uk</a>
LIVEWIRE BUSINESS START UP AWARDS	YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR AWARDS	Awards	Yearly competition with cash prizes for 'in-kind' support to owner-managers aged 16-30.	Cash prize - £10,000 – Young Entrepreneur of the Year.  Closing date – 31 <sup>st</sup> January, 2005.	Business must be in first year of trading	Tel: 028 90553800 <a href="http://www.shell-livewire.org">www.shell-livewire.org</a>
LOCAL ENTERPRISE AGENCIES	GRANT FOR START UP BUSINESSES	Grants	Provision of grants to start up businesses.	£400 for a full time business.  £250 for a part time business.	Small businesses – employing less than 10 people	Contact: Local Enterprise Agency Dungannon Cookstown Magherafelt

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**4.1.1. BUSINESS START UPS – FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

<b>Name of Funder</b>	<b>Name of Programme</b>	<b>Assistance Type</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Level of Funding/Assistance</b>	<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Contacts</b>
ORTUS	ORTUS LOAN	Loan	Business development loan for start-up and existing businesses.	Loan between £5,000 and £20,000 Exceptional circumstances - £50,000	Only available in disadvantaged areas of Belfast	Tel: 028 90311002 <a href="http://www.ortus.org">www.ortus.org</a>
INI	REVENUE GRANT	Grant	Specific assistance to start up businesses	Negotiated with Invest NI client executive via application/business plan	Manufacturing and trade able services with growth or export potential	Invest NI Local Office Omagh Tel: 028 822457563
NESTA	NESTA INVENTION & INNOVATION PROGRAMME	Grant	To assist people to turn ideas into products, services or techniques with social and commercial benefit by providing a wide-ranging package of support	Between £5,000 to £50,000, exceptional cases may attract £100,000. Between 50 and 100 projects will be supported each year.	Applicants must be resident in the UK, or the organisation must be based in the UK. NESTA will assess the project with regard to creativity and innovation, commercial and social potential, extending or crossing boundaries, sustainability, value for money and feasibility.	Judith Riley – NESTA. TEL: 020 76459538

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**4.1.1. BUSINESS START UPS – FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

<b>Name of Funder</b>	<b>Name of Programme</b>	<b>Assistance Type</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Level of Funding/Assistance</b>	<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Contacts</b>
EIB – EUROPEAN INVESTMENT BANK	GLOBAL LOAN	Loans	Discounted interest rates on loans provided through an intermediary bank and financing institutions for a fixed period.	Variable.	Capital investment projects for SME's; particularly start-ups and technology orientated businesses.  Available to Local Authorities and Firms with less than 500 employees.	<a href="http://www.eib.org">www.eib.org</a>
The Carbon Trust	Venture Capital	Investment	Venture capital of up £1,500,000 available to early-stage businesses working in low carbon technologies.	Between £250,000 and £1,500,000 for UK based proposals	The project must be economically viable, and the business itself must meet further criteria set out by the Carbon Trust.	Tel: 020 71707000  <a href="http://www.thecarbontrust.co.uk">www.thecarbontrust.co.uk</a>

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**4.1.2 BUSINESS START UPS – NON FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

<b>Name of Funder</b>	<b>Name of Programme</b>	<b>Assistance Type</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Level of Funding/Assistance</b>	<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Contacts</b>
INI in association with LOCAL ENTERPRISE AGENCIES	GO-FOR-IT START A BUSINESS PROGRAMME	Advisory	Provides a package of support to those interested in setting up a business.  Provision of professional advice during the pre-start planning stages.	3 key components: 1) A free business advisory service.  2) A free training course – consisting of 10 modules e.g. sales & marketing, finance management.  3) A free financial planning service – to explore all potential sources of funding.	Small businesses – employing less than 10 people	Contact: Local Enterprise Agency Dungannon Cookstown Coalisland Magherafelt
INI	COMMUNITY BUSINESS START UP PROGRAMME	Advisory	Provides a package of training, advice and funding to community and voluntary groups who are committed to starting a business. A Community Business Advisor provides support for projects in the first 2 years of the business trading.	Open to:  New or established local community groups.  Established voluntary organisations.	Businesses must: 1) be located in a disadvantaged area. 2) provide a service that directly benefits those in a disadvantaged area. 3) employ residents from a designated disadvantaged area.	Bridgene Johnson Tel: 028 90490511 Email: <a href="mailto:bridgene.johnson@investni.com">bridgene.johnson@investni.com</a> <a href="http://www.investni.com">www.investni.com</a>
INI	BUSINESS NETWORKS FOR WOMEN	Advisory	Access to information on a range of business issues eg starting a business	Assistance from instructors, mentors, facilitators, advisors.	Women wishing to start up a business.	Esther Baird Dungannon Enterprise Centre Tel: 028 87723489

## **SECTION 4.2**

### **PROCESS & PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT – Capability Building**

This section deals with assistance available to companies/individuals undertaking the development of new products for the market place or new processes aimed at improving the businesses capability.

Current government focus is on encouraging innovation and building an entrepreneurial ethos in Northern Ireland aimed specifically at research, design and technology development. As a result support is available at all stages of development of the product/process from initial design stages to completion.

Mainly available to companies/individuals involved in manufacturing or internationally tradable services including ICT companies.

Assistance is available from £0 - £2,000,000

**Section 4.2.1 – Financial Assistance**

**Section 4.2.2 – Non Financial Assistance**

**4.2.1 PROCESS & PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT – FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

<b>Name of Funder</b>	<b>Name of Programme</b>	<b>Assistance Type</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Level of Funding/Assistance</b>	<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Contacts</b>
INI	PRODUCT/ PROCESS DEVELOPMENT SCHEME	Grants	Grants available to support smaller NI businesses in developing new market led products & more efficient manufacturing/production processes and assist in the drawing up and completion of a project plan.	Grant of up to 40% of eligible costs.  Max grant - £35,000. Offered only as part of an overall package after submission of a business plan.	Small NI Businesses with eligible projects	Ian Wilkinson Tel: 028 92623261 <a href="mailto:ian.wilkinson@investni.com">ian.wilkinson@investni.com</a> <a href="http://www.investni.com">www.investni.com</a>
INI	COMPETE	Grants	Grant funding for the development of innovative & high technology products & processes to stage of commercial manufacture.	Phase 1 – Project Definition 50% of eligible costs to a max of £15,000.  Phase 2 – Project Development 40% of eligible costs to a max of £250,000.	Only available to Invest NI companies.	John McLeavey Tel: 028 92623114 <a href="http://www.investni.com">www.investni.com</a> email: <a href="mailto:competeadmin@investni.com">competeadmin@investni.com</a>

**4.2.1 PROCESS & PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT – FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Contd.)**

Name of Funder	Name of Programme	Assistance Type	Description	Level of Funding/Assistance	Criteria	Contacts
INI	COMPETE – FAST TRACK	Grants	Accelerated appraisal process for near market ICT R & D projects where quick deployment of new technologies is necessary to maintain competitive advantage in the market.	£2m available each year to support Northern Ireland ICT Companies.  Individual support negotiated on a project by project basis with INI.	INI ICT Client Companies	John McAleavey Tel: 028 92623114 <a href="http://www.investni.com">www.investni.com</a> email: <a href="mailto:competeadmin@investni.com">competeadmin@investni.com</a>
INI	INNOVATION SERVICE PROGRAMME	Grants & Advisory	Assistance towards identifying the correct areas of focus for innovation e.g. service, product or process and assists in the implementation.  Provision of workshops for management team.	Percentage of consultancy support costs are funded, dependant upon number of employees within the company.  Workshops cost £25-£75 per delegate.	Invest NI clients	Denise Clement Tel: 028 9069 8403 <a href="mailto:Denise.clement@investni.com">Denise.clement@investni.com</a> <a href="http://www.investni.com">www.investni.com</a>
INI	SMART AWARD SCHEME / SMART MICRO	Grants	UK competition to help small businesses develop new products & processes to the benefit of the national economy.	75% on first £60,000 of eligible costs up to a max of £45,000 for larger projects.  £10,000 assistance for smaller projects for Smart Micro awards.	Small companies with less than 50 employees, with a limitation on turnover.  A proposal must be submitted and meet further selection criteria.	Simon Bamford Tel: 028 92623162 Email: <a href="mailto:simon.bamford@investni.com">simon.bamford@investni.com</a> <a href="http://www.investni.com">www.investni.com</a>

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**4.2.1 PROCESS & PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT – FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Contd.)**

<b>Name of Funder</b>	<b>Name of Programme</b>	<b>Assistance Type</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Level of Funding/Assistance</b>	<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Contacts</b>
INI	START	Discretionary grants, loans or investments	Assistance towards pre-competitive industrial research & development.	Rate of assistance will not exceed 50% of eligible costs for a first time user.  Support for additional programmes at 40%.  Max £2m per project	Northern Ireland based companies.	The Start Team Tel: 028 92623193 <a href="http://www.investni.com">www.investni.com</a>
INI	RTD NETWORKING PROGRAMME	Grants	Enables local companies & research organisations to access state of the art technologies, expertise and international R&D contacts.	Up to 40% of eligible project costs.  Academia may receive a max grant of up to 60% for collaborative projects.	N.I. companies & research organisations.	Dr Robert Bunn Tel: 028 90735867 <a href="http://www.investni.com">www.investni.com</a> email: <a href="mailto:Europe@investni.com">Europe@investni.com</a>
INI	LINK PROGRAMME	Grants	Promotes partnership in pre-commercial research between businesses and research base.  Operates through a number of programmes each addressing an area of technology or sector.	Government provides up to 50% funding for a LINK project, which is matched by industry.	UK research based organisations and any UK based businesses.	Simon Banford Tel: 028 9262 3162 <a href="http://www.investni.com">www.investni.com</a>

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**4.2.1 PROCESS & PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT – FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Contd.)**

<b>Name of Funder</b>	<b>Name of Programme</b>	<b>Assistance Type</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Level of Funding/Assistance</b>	<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Contacts</b>
INI	PRODUCTIVITY / EFFICIENCY	Grants / Advisory	Advice and financial assistance to implement world class techniques such as 6 sigma and balanced scorecards, to improve capability to be competitive.	Assessed on a project by project basis, dependent on size and complexity of the operation.	Invest NI clients	Lynne Williams Tel: 028 9069 8407 <a href="mailto:Lynne.williams@investni.com">Lynne.williams@investni.com</a> <a href="http://www.investni.com">www.investni.com</a>
INI	KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER PARTNERSHIP	Grants	Placement of graduates in host companies to work on a project central to their needs, drawing on knowledge and expertise from the knowledge base partner.  Project lasts one to three years	Generally a graduate will cost £16000 - £18000 per year for companies < 250 employees.	All businesses based in Northern Ireland	Queens University, Belfast. Tel: 028 90 335444 Email: <a href="mailto:ktp@qub.ac.uk">ktp@qub.ac.uk</a>
INI	BUSINESS HEALTH CHECK	Advisory	Use of situational analysis to review business' current performance against others in the local and foreign markets. Identifies opportunities for improvement.	Fully funded	Invest NI clients	Bronagh Doyle Tel 028 9069 8405 <a href="mailto:Bronagh.doyle@investni.com">Bronagh.doyle@investni.com</a> <a href="http://www.investni.com">www.investni.com</a>

**4.2.1 PROCESS & PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT – FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Contd.)**

Name of Funder	Name of Programme	Assistance Type	Description	Level of Funding/Assistance	Criteria	Contacts
INI	DESIGN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME	Advisory	<p>To enable businesses to better understand design and its potential, evaluate their design strengths and weaknesses and develop skills to exploit new product opportunities.</p> <p>Assists businesses to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. respond to new market opportunities.</li> <li>2. develop business strategies.</li> <li>3. generate new product ideas.</li> <li>4. create design management tools.</li> </ol>	<p>2 full day sessions at the beginning.</p> <p>4 afternoon/evening sessions.</p> <p>Reunion after 6 months.</p>	Businesses based in NI.	<p>Design Group Tel: 028 90239090 Email: <a href="mailto:design@investni.com">design@investni.com</a> <a href="http://www.investni.com">www.investni.com</a></p>
INI	CONSULTANTS REGISTER	Advisory	To provide INI client companies with an appropriate list of Invest NI registered consultants that can provide technical services.		INI Client companies.	<p>Linda Shaw Tel: 028 92623223 Email: <a href="mailto:Linda.shaw@investni.com">Linda.shaw@investni.com</a> <a href="http://www.investni.com">www.investni.com</a></p>

**4.2.1 PROCESS & PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT – FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Contd.)**

<b>Name of Funder</b>	<b>Name of Programme</b>	<b>Assistance Type</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Level of Funding/Assistance</b>	<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Contacts</b>
INI	DESIGN AWARENESS	Advisory	Ongoing programme of initiatives and events to promote & demonstrate the strategic importance of how design can solve problems, add value etc		Businesses and Designers based in NI.	Design Group Tel: 028 90239090 Email: <a href="mailto:design@investni.com">design@investni.com</a> <a href="http://www.investni.com">www.investni.com</a>
INI	DEFENCE DIVERSIFICATION AGENCY	Advisory	Enables companies to gain fast access to a comprehensive body of knowledge and expertise, comprising world-class scientists and technologists.	Access to a wide range of services, e.g. consultancy to implement new technology, testing & evaluation facilities, design & development advice for new products & processes.		Tim Brundle Tel: 028 90737889 Email: <a href="mailto:tbrundle@dda.gov.uk">tbrundle@dda.gov.uk</a> <a href="http://www.dda.gov.uk">www.dda.gov.uk</a>

## **SECTION 4.3**

### **MARKETING**

This section deals with companies/individuals who require assistance with all aspects of marketing from initial market research and assessment to entry into new markets as well as development of in-house marketing functions.

Mainly aimed at manufacturing companies or companies with an export potential. Special provisions are made for companies wishing to enter new markets.

Funding is available from £100 to up to 60% of relevant costs.

**Section 4.3.1 – Financial Assistance**

**Section 4.3.2 – Non Financial Assistance**

### 4.3.1 MARKETING – FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Name of Funder	Name of Programme	Assistance Type	Description	Level of Funding/Assistance	Criteria	Contacts
INI	MARKETING GRANTS	Grants	Offers assistance to companies in promoting their product/business and assists in the development and implementation of a strategic and structured plan for marketing.	Funding available at a rate of 40% of costs.  No upper limits but application must fit in with overall package offered and approved via a detailed business plan.	Applies to INI clients with export potential through manufacturing or internationally tradable services.	Specific client executives allocated to company. Local office network of Invest NI
INI	PASSPORT TO EXPORT PROGRAMME - MARKET VISITS	Grants	Assistance is available in many forms and in particular supports new and inexperienced exporters as well as providing guidance to existing exporters wishing to expand into more diverse markets.  Provides companies with a cost effective way of visiting overseas markets.	50% of the cost of air fare for 1 company representative.  Up to £100 per night for accommodation.	Available to all INI clients or manufacturing and internationally tradeable services in NI.	Christine Brown Tel: 028 90490401 <a href="mailto:christine.brown@investni.com">christine.brown@investni.com</a> <a href="http://www.investni.com">www.investni.com</a>
INI	MARKETING GRANTS - EMIS (External Marketing Incentive Scheme)	Grants	Provides assistance to small established businesses willing to achieve growth through new markets.	External marketing incentive grant £5,000. Each case is assessed individually.	Available to all manufacturing and internationally tradable services in NI.  Must be an established business operating for at least one year.	<a href="http://www.investni.com">www.investni.com</a> Local office network invest NI.

**4.3.1 MARKETING – FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Contd.)**

Name of Funder	Name of Programme	Assistance Type	Description	Level of Funding/Assistance	Criteria	Contacts
INI	PASSPORT TO EXPORT PROGRAMME  TRADE FAIRS	Grants	Provides companies with opportunities to benefit from a group presence at major trade fairs or exhibitions.	Assistance towards the costs of attending trade fairs.  Up to 50% of costs funded.	Only available to Invest NI clients nominated by their client executive.	Christine Brown Tel: 028 90490401 <a href="mailto:christine.brown@investni.com">christine.brown@investni.com</a> <a href="http://www.investni.com">www.investni.com</a>
INI	PASSPORT TO EXPORT MARKET PROGRAMME  RESEARCH	Grants	Provides assistance with all aspects of market research and provides access to a wealth of published information including Report databases, Introduction seminars, Supplier databases, Market Intelligence	Consultancy and advisory funding through seminars, meetings and guidance.	Available to all INI clients or manufacturing and internationally tradeable services in NI.	<a href="http://www.investni.com">www.investni.com</a>
Chamber of Commerce	MARKETING RESEARCH GRANT	Grant	Financial assistance for UK Companies wishing to research specific overseas markets.	Maximum amount available for any one project is £20,000. Total maximum amount available to an eligible company is £60,000.	The project must be of UK origin, and already being sold by the company, not a new product. The product must be manufactured and exported from the UK.	<a href="http://www.chamberonline.co.uk">www.chamberonline.co.uk</a>
Prince's Trust	TEST MARKETING GRANT	Grant	Provides financial assistance to people aged between 18 and 30 years, who have a viable business idea.	Level of grant will be assessed by the Trust	Applicants must be aged between 18 and 30 years, and either unemployed, or under employed. Applicants must have some business training	Jarlath Quinn. Tel: 028 82253238

### 3.2. MARKETING – NON FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Name of Funder	Name of Programme	Assistance Type	Description	Level of Funding/Assistance	Criteria	Contacts
INI	PASSPORT TO EXPORT - CAPABILITY PROGRAMMES	Advisory	Provides a series of specialist workshops designed to help inexperienced exporters develop and strengthen their export skills.	Consultancy and advice through attendance at seminars etc at reduced rate of £50 per day.	Applies to INI clients with export potential through manufacturing or internationally tradable services.	<a href="http://www.investni.com">www.investni.com</a> Marry Clarke TEL: 028 90698058
INI	PASSPORT TO EXPORT -IN MARKET SUPPORT	Advisory	Provision of market research, practical advice and guidance from experienced trade advisors based in key export markets including Middle East, Asia and USA.  Nominal charge will apply	Up to 10 days consultancy provided for maximum of 2 projects in any 12 months.	Eligibility flexible	<a href="http://www.investni.com">www.investni.com</a>
INI	DESIGN KNOWLEDGE	Advisory	Offers access to many consumer market & design related resources e.g. design networks throughout GB, ROI and Europe, analysis and information on colours and lifestyle trends.	Businesses and Designers based in Northern Ireland	Businesses and Designers in NI.	Design Group Tel: 028 90239090 Email: <a href="mailto:design@investni.com">design@investni.com</a> <a href="http://www.investni.com">www.investni.com</a>
INI	EUROPEAN BUSINESS INFORMATION CENTRE	Advisory	Provides access to a wide range of European databases plus information on European tenders and legislation.	Advisory only – research assistance.	INI companies.	<a href="http://www.investni.com">www.investni.com</a>  TEL: 028 90698135

## **SECTION 4.4**

### **IT & MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS**

This section deals with assisting companies with all requirements of Management Information & Information Technology Systems including installation of information systems, broadband technologies, website design and portals of e-business. It is aimed at encouraging and developing the Northern Ireland business sector to be more competitive through the use of information and new technology.

Mainly available to Invest NI clients.

Funding is available from £1000 - £56,000

**Section 4.4.1 – Financial Assistance**

**Section 4.4.2 – Non Financial Assistance**

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**4.4.1 IT & MIS – FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

<b>Name of Funder</b>	<b>Name of Programme</b>	<b>Assistance Type</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Level of Funding/Assistance</b>	<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Contacts</b>
INI	MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SCHEME	Grants	Improvement of MIS through the use of information and communications technology.  Assistance with purchases of software, software implementation and training.	40% assistance to maximum project cost of £140,000.	Invest NI clients. Project viability.	Stephen McArdle Tel: 028 9262 3280 <a href="mailto:Stephen.mcardle@investni.com">Stephen.mcardle@investni.com</a> <a href="mailto:business@investni.com">business@investni.com</a>
Local Enterprise Agencies	MICRO BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME	Grants/Training programmes	Offers businesses a choice of training programmes i.e. IT training, mentoring.  Access to a grant of up to £400 for the purchase of computer software.	50% of costs involved in purchasing software – up to £490.	Open to existing Ledaer + Small business/farmers in the Cookstown and Dungannon council areas.	Contact: Local Enterprise Agency Dungannon: 028 87723489 Cookstown: 028 86763660
INI	LEGAL ADVISORY SERVICE	Grants	Help companies to benefit from professional legal advice for matters of a commercial or company law nature e.g. intellectual property exploitation, patent searches.	50% support to maximum of £1,200 inclusive of VAT.	INI client co's.	Kathy McConville Tel: 028 9049 0486 <a href="mailto:Kathy.mccoynville@investni.com">Kathy.mccoynville@investni.com</a> <a href="http://www.investni.com">www.investni.com</a>

**4.4.2 IT & MIS – NON FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Name of Funder	Name of Programme	Assistance Type	Description	Level of Funding/Assistance	Criteria	Contacts
INI	E BUSINESS SERVICE	Consultancy	<p>Aimed at helping companies identify and quantify the potential benefits of embracing technology by focusing on key business objectives or opportunities.</p> <p>Assistance with quantifying benefits, redesigning processes to embrace the technology and preparing a plan to go forward.</p> <p>Maximum benefit with minimum disruption.</p>	<p>One day workshop for senior management for initial diagnostics and analysis of requirements.</p> <p>Maps out courses of action.</p> <p>Further consultancy support available at a maximum of 40% of daily rate for maximum of 20 days.</p>	INI client companies only.	<p>Stephen McArdle Tel: 028 9262 3280 <a href="mailto:stephen.mcardle@investni.com">stephen.mcardle@investni.com</a> <a href="http://www.investni.com">www.investni.com</a></p>
INI	ICT ADVISORS	Advisory	<p>Assistance to help businesses exploit the correct technologies to increase competitiveness e.g. e-commerce, website design, system implementation.</p>	Advice free of charge.	INI client companies only.	<p>James Magee Tel: 082 8224 5763 <a href="mailto:James.magee@investni.com">James.magee@investni.com</a> <a href="http://www.investni.com">www.investni.com</a></p>
INI	BROADBAND ADVISORS	Advisory	<p>Advice on all aspects of broadband. Business visits available.</p>	Advice free of charge.	All Northern Ireland businesses.	<p>Tel: 0800 515 319 <a href="mailto:broadband@investni.com">broadband@investni.com</a></p>

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**4.4.2 IT & MIS – NON FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Contd.)**

<b>Name of Funder</b>	<b>Name of Programme</b>	<b>Assistance Type</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Level of Funding/Assistance</b>	<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Contacts</b>
INI	E-solutions centre	Advisory	Advisory services available to encourage the adoption of ICT in small & medium-sized companies.	Free access to demonstration centre with a range of the latest ICT technologies and impartial advice.	All businesses located in Northern Ireland	James Magee Tel: 082 8224 5763 <a href="mailto:James.magee@investni.com">James.magee@investni.com</a> <a href="http://www.investni.com">www.investni.com</a>

## **SECTION 4.5**

### **MANAGEMENT & TRAINING**

This section deals with the assistance available in respect of management & training from recruitment, consultancy and training to subsidised placement of skilled individuals. It is aimed at improving management resources of businesses in Northern Ireland and helps to tackle the associated costs of introducing new skills and strategies into developing companies.

Generally programmes/schemes which offer financial assistance are restricted to Invest NI clients. However some smaller schemes are open to all businesses operating in Northern Ireland.

Funding is available from £60 – £24,000

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**4.5.1. MANAGEMENT & TRAINING – FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

<b>Name of Funder</b>	<b>Name of Programme</b>	<b>Assistance Type</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Level of Funding/Assistance</b>	<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Contacts</b>
INI	MANAGEMENT SALARY GRANT	Grants	Assistance towards first year salary costs on recruitment of new manager.	Max of 40% grant towards 1 <sup>st</sup> year salary costs of a new manager.  Max grant of £24,000.	Invest NI clients.	<a href="http://www.investni.com">www.investni.com</a>
INI	BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AGENT PROGRAMME	Grants	Provides companies with a dedicated management resource to help them to compete in global markets.  Business Improvement Agent will help the company develop a rolling plan of continuous improvement activities.	Support will be provided for 3 years at 50%, 30% & 20% respectively for basic salary costs of up to £40,000 per annum.	For medium sized Invest NI clients who are committed to becoming internationally competitive.	Denise Clement Tel: 028 90698403 Email: <a href="mailto:denise.clement@investni.com">denise.clement@investni.com</a> <a href="http://www.investni.com">www.investni.com</a>
INI	BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT TRAINING PROGRAMME (Formerly COMPANY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME)	Grants	Helps companies to improve business performance by providing practical & financial support to raise the skills levels of managers & workforces.	Financial support for training including fees, salary costs, travel, subsistence, materials and mentoring.  No maximum funding – 50% of costs eligible.	Companies involved in manufacturing or tradable services that are engaged in exporting or import substitution, & hotels & licensed guest inns certified by N.I.T.B.	Karen Donnelly Tel: 028 90698398 <a href="mailto:Karen.donnelly@investni.com">Karen.donnelly@investni.com</a> <a href="http://www.investni.com">www.investni.com</a>

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Name of Funder	Name of Programme	Assistance Type	Description	Level of Funding/Assistance	Criteria	Contacts
INI	CONSULTANCY	Grants	Support towards providing one to one assistance from external practitioners for specific people management related issues e.g. recruitment, HR strategy, benchmarking, and provide solutions	Costs are dependant on number of employees;  Under 250 employees: 50%, up to £7,500 plus vat  Over 250 employees: 40%, up to £7,500 plus vat.	Invest NI clients.	Karen Donnelly Tel: 028 90698398 <a href="mailto:Karen.donnelly@investni.com">Karen.donnelly@investni.com</a> <a href="http://www.investni.com">www.investni.com</a>
INI	STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME	Grants / Advisory	Assistance towards improving the strategic management skills of a business and development of a strategic plan for implementation.  Provision of workshops for training purposes.	Up to 75% consultancy support costs are funded.  Workshops costs are dependant upon number of employees;  Under 25 - £25 per delegate 26-250 - £50 per delegate Over 250 - £75 per delegate	Invest NI clients. A Business Health Check is recommended first.	Denzil Morrow Tel: 028 9069 8391 <a href="mailto:Denzil.morrow@ini.com">Denzil.morrow@ini.com</a> <a href="http://www.investni.com">www.investni.com</a>
DEL	DISABLEMENT ADVISORY SERVICES	Grants Training schemes	A specialist placement and assessment service for people with disabilities.	Job introduction scheme: Grant payable for 6 week trial. Assistance with travel to work, cost of transport, special aids/equipment, communication service for hearing impaired, adaptation of premises & equipment, support worker. Grants available for approved extra costs	Business must have workers with disabilities	Dungannon Jobs & Benefits Office Tel: 87754870 <a href="mailto:Dungannon.jc@delni.gov.uk">Dungannon.jc@delni.gov.uk</a>

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<b>Name of Funder</b>	<b>Name of Programme</b>	<b>Assistance Type</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Level of Funding/Assistance</b>	<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Contacts</b>
INI	SECTORAL DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE	Various	To encourage a NVQ training infrastructure through advice, training plans, training, and grant assistance towards training costs of such employees.	Various types of assistance available from the sector training councils e.g. CITB, Electrical Training Trust, Engineering Training Council.		For a full list of Sector Training Councils – contact Cavanagh Kelly
INI	SHELL TECHNOLOGY ENTERPRISE PROGRAMME (STEP)	Grants	Placement of a second or penultimate year university student in a small company to carry out a specific project over an 8 week summer vacation period, with the help from the local business support team.	Student to receive £180/week. A small admin fee may be added	All small businesses in NI	<a href="http://www.step.org.uk">www.step.org.uk</a>
INI	BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES	Business Development Courses	Programmes including Marketing Awareness Programme, Export Awareness Programme, Cost Reduction Programme, CE Marking Programme.	Business Development courses sponsored by INI – full details on website.	Usually INI client company's.	<a href="http://www.investni.com">www.investni.com</a>

**4.5.2. MANAGEMENT & TRAINING – NON FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Name of Funder	Name of Programme	Assistance Type	Description	Level of Funding/Assistance	Criteria	Contacts
INI	EXPLORERS	Training programme	<p>Offers companies a low cost, low risk opportunity to get into exporting or to develop new markets overseas.</p> <p>A suitable, selected graduate will carry out an agreed project over 9 months.</p> <p>Programmes start October, November and February, with 80 places available annually.</p>	<p>Cost: - to join - £4,800 + vat for each Explorer.</p> <p>Project budget must be provided – usually between £5,000 &amp; £10,000.</p>	<p>First time exporters. Particularly suitable to SME's not yet in a position to export overseas.</p>	<p>Denzil Morrow Tel: 028 90698391 Email: <a href="mailto:denzil.morrow@investni.com">denzil.morrow@investni.com</a> Karena Vaughan Tel: 028 90789000 Email: <a href="mailto:k.vaughan@edgeplc.com">k.vaughan@edgeplc.com</a></p>
INI	CONNECTIONS	Training Programme	<p>Offers companies a low cost, low risk opportunity to get into exporting or to develop new markets in GB &amp; Republic of Ireland.</p> <p>A suitable, selected graduate will carry out an agreed project over 9 months.</p> <p>Programmes start in October and November, with 40 places available annually</p>	<p>Cost: - to join - £4,800 + vat for each Explorer Project budget must be provided – usually between £4,000 &amp; £6,000.</p>	<p>First time exporters. Particularly suitable to SME's not yet in a position to export overseas.</p>	<p>Denzil Morrow Tel: 028 90698391 Email: <a href="mailto:denzil.morrow@investni.com">denzil.morrow@investni.com</a> Vincent Curran Tel: 028 9078 9000 <a href="mailto:v.curran@edgeplc.com">v.curran@edgeplc.com</a></p>

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DEL	PREMIERE GRADUATE	Training programme	A graduate development programme which enhances graduate employment in management. Over a 14-16 week period.	From February 2006, the bursary towards the costs of this programme increased.  Graduates starting from February - £4,600	Organisation must: 1. Provide a clearly defined management project. 2. Provide a mentor to oversee & support the completion of the project.	<a href="http://www.premiereprogramme.com">www.premiereprogramme.com</a>  TEL: 028 90260409
Premiere	PREMIERE PLUS	Training Programme	Graduate development programme for the Food Sector. Initial 12 week training programme, then 17 week business improvement project, which is based at the employer's place of business.	The employer must contribute a weekly wage to the graduate based on the current minimum wage	The employer must provide a mentor and a parity consultant.	<a href="http://www.premiereprogramme.com">www.premiereprogramme.com</a>  TEL: 028 90260409
INI	BUSINESS TO BUSINESS BRIDGE	Mentoring/training/advice	Allows small businesses with growth potential to access resources of large, well established companies.	Mentoring Support.	Open to all INI clients. Most suitable to those with 10 > 100 employees	Business in the community Tel: 028 90410410

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Name of Funder	Name of Programme	Assistance Type	Description	Level of Funding/Assistance	Criteria	Contacts
INI	NORTHSTAR	Advisory	Advice sessions with experienced business people on a range of management issues e.g. marketing, production and mentoring service	Mentoring support. Invest NI pays travel expenses, and participation fee of £450	INI clients and companies	Alan Ritchie Tel: 028 90698396 <a href="mailto:Alan.ritchie@investni.com">Alan.ritchie@investni.com</a> <a href="http://www.investni.com">www.investni.com</a>
INI	RAPID ADVANCEMENT PROGRAMME	Training programme	A 32 week programme for unemployed non-IT graduates.  Programme of placements and classroom sessions.	Companies with fewer than 50 employees pay £1500 per placement. Companies with over 50 employees pay £2000 per placement.		BIC Systems Tel: 028 90532200
DEL	JOBSKILLS	Training Programmes	To encourage trainees, 16-18 years old to achieve NVQ's whilst being placed with an employer.	Amount paid by the employer is negotiated individually with DEL.	Any business in Northern Ireland.	Tel: 028 90257777 <a href="http://www.tea-ni.org.uk">www.tea-ni.org.uk</a>
DEL	NEW DEAL	Training Programmes	Support for 18 year olds + who have been unemployed for 6 months.	Employer receives £60/week for 18-24 year olds & £75/week for over 25 year olds.	Any business in Northern Ireland.	Tel: 028 90257777 <a href="http://www.tea-ni.org.uk">www.tea-ni.org.uk</a>

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INI	AWARENESS WORKSHOPS	Advisory	External consultancy companies provide action learning in topics such as employment problems, recruitment, managing for effective performance and motivating staff.	Practical workshops  Costs per delegate: Under 25 employees - £25 25 – 250 employees - £50 Over 250 employees - £75	Workshops are limited to 12 delegates, no more than 2 from each company.	<a href="http://www.investni.com">www.investni.com</a> 028 90 239090

## **SECTION 4.6**

### **FINANCE & FUNDING**

This section outlines funding available for companies who may find it difficult to raise finance for current or new developments. It is aimed at tackling the needs of entrepreneurs who have a viable business plan/concept.

Some form of assistance is available for all types of business, but it generally targets small, medium-sized enterprises or manufacturing companies and companies with an export potential.

Funding is available from £500 - £ No upper limit

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Name of Funder	Name of Programme	Assistance Type	Description	Level of Funding/Assistance	Criteria	Contacts
INI	EQUITY	Equity	Provision of capital support to companys for eligible projects.  Not widely available.	Assessed on project by project basis through a detailed business plan.  Ordinary and/or preference shares considered.	Manufacturing & tradeable services with export potential.  Financing should not be available elsewhere on reasonable terms. Project viability will be assessed.	Tel: 028 9023 9090 028 8224 4763 <a href="http://www.investni.com">www.investni.com</a>
EMERGING BUSINESS TRUST (EBT)	EQUITY	Loans	Fund to provide finance for early stage and expansion of small companies particularly in the technology sector.	Assistance between £30k-£150k.	Small business in manufacturing or tradeable services. Growth potential  Located in designated disadvantaged areas of NI. Capability of demonstrating project viability.	<a href="http://www.emergingbusinessrust.com">www.emergingbusinessrust.com</a>
INTERTRADE – IRELAND	EQUITY NETWORK	Advisory	Offers impartial advice and value added advisory services for companies seeking to access private equity to accelerate business growth.	Free impartial advice and access to database of suitable private equity providers.	Companies with high growth prospects.	

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INI	NITECH FUND	Investments	Venture capital fund to finance the commercialisation of technology.	Staged investments between £20,000 & £200,000. Max total invest of £250,000.	New or existing SME's & public sector researchers.	NiTech growth fund Tel: 028 90244424 Email: <a href="mailto:nitechgrowthfund@ANGLETechnology.com">nitechgrowthfund@ANGLETechnology.com</a> <a href="http://www.investni.com">www.investni.com</a>
IntertradeIreland	'HALO' BUSINES ANGELS NETWORK	Financial support/Advisory	For entrepreneurs needing finance and expert advice.  Matches business needs with equity investors with expertise and experience to best contribute to the project.	Capital between £20,000 & £200,000	For SME's who may be averse to raising bank loan finance and require capital injection.	Desmond Oliver Tel: 028 90331136 Email: <a href="mailto:doliver@investmentbelfast.com">doliver@investmentbelfast.com</a> <a href="http://www.haloni.com">www.haloni.com</a>

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Name of Funder	Name of Programme	Assistance Type	Description	Level of Funding/Assistance	Criteria	Contacts
INI	LOANS	Loans	Provision of loan finance at competitive interest rates over a predetermined period where funding is not available from another source.	Assessed on project by project basis though detailed business plan.	Manufacturing & tradeable services with support potential.  Financing should not be available elsewhere on reasonable terms. Capability of demonstrating project viability	Tel: 028 9023 9090 028 8224 4763 <a href="http://www.investni.com">www.investni.com</a>
EIB – EUROPEAN INVESTMENT BANK	GLOBAL LOAN	Loans	Discounted interest rates on loans provided through an intermediary bank and financing institutions for a fixed period.	Variable.	Capital investment projects for SME's; particularly start-ups and technology orientated businesses.  Available to Local Authorities and Firms with less than 500 employees.	<a href="http://www.eib.org">www.eib.org</a>
EIB	INDIVIDUAL LOANS	Loans	Discounted interest rates on loans obtained directly from EIB over periods of up to 20 years.	Up to 50% of project costs for projects exceeding €25 million.	Possibility in both public and private sector.	<a href="http://www.eib.org">www.eib.org</a>

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Enterprise Northern Ireland	ENI LOAN FUND	Loan	Loan available to small start-up businesses in each local council area through the local Enterprise Agency.	Between £500 and £10,000. Interest rates are currently between 7.5% and 10%. However, interest rates and criteria can change regularly with this loan, and applicants are therefore advised to check with the Enterprise Agency prior to make their application.	Applicants should be start-up businesses, but should check the criteria prior to making an application.	Contact: Local Enterprise Agency Dungannon: 028 87723489 Cookstown: 028 86763660
Arts Council of NI	BUSINESS SUPPORT PROGRAMME	Grant	Available to Arts Organisations in Northern Ireland to aid business development through the provision of training	Between £100 and £100,000 dependant upon type of organisation and duration of the training programme.	Eligible applicants include; Limited companies, registered charities and organisations which cannot distribute profits. Commercial organisations for projects of primarily sectoral benefit. Organisations in receipt of Arts Council or Lottery funding.	Arts Council of NI. TEL: 028 9038 5200

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LOCAL ENTERPRISE AGNECIES	ENTERPRISE NI LOAN FUND	Loans	To provide access to the capital needed in order to launch a new business or expand an existing one.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Loans available from £500 upwards.</li> <li>- Up to £10,000 available to new businesses.</li> <li>- Up to £20,000 available to established businesses.</li> <li>- No arrangement fee.</li> <li>- Flexible repayment terms.</li> <li>- Competitive interest rate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Those starting or operating a small business</li> <li>- Business Plan must be submitted with application</li> </ul>	Contact: Local Enterprise Agency Dungannon: 028 87723489 Cookstown: 028 86763660 Coalisland: 028 87747215
The Princes Trust	PRINCES TRUST GRANT	Grant	To help disadvantaged young people set up in business by offering advice and finance	Maximum of £5,000 for partnerships, and maximum of £4,000 for individuals. In addition there is a test marketing grant of up to £250 and a start up grant of upto £1,500 in special circumstances.	Applicants should be aged between 18 and 30 years, and unemployed or in part time or low wage employment. Some business training is preferred, but the applicant must be able to demonstrate their expertise in the chosen area. Most ideas are considered, however, there are exclusions.	Jarlath Quinn – The Princes Trust c/o NIE. TEL: 028 82253238

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Name of Funder	Name of Programme	Assistance Type	Description	Level of Funding/Assistance	Criteria	Contacts
Charity Bank Ltd	CHARITY BANK	LOAN	Loans and mortgage loans for charitable organisations, voluntary organisations, community businesses, social enterprises.	Up to £350,000. Interest will be added, usually at a rate of between 5% and 7%. Successful applicants will be charged administration costs, of between 0.5% and 1% of the loan amount.	The funds must be required for charitable purpose. Applicant should be either charitable organisations, voluntary organisations, community businesses or social enterprises.	Charity Bank Ltd. TEL: 01732 520029 <a href="http://www.charitybank.org">www.charitybank.org</a>
Bank of Ireland	BOI VENTURE CAPITAL	Venture Capital	Investment in strong growth companies throughout Ireland.	Maximum initial investment of €1,250,000.	Growth potential of the business and management are the key criteria for investment by the Bank. Start up businesses must have strong management team and economic commitment to the venture. Further specific criteria.	Bank Of Ireland – Brendan Vaughan. TEL: 00353 16041754 <a href="http://www.bank-of-ireland.co.uk">www.bank-of-ireland.co.uk</a>
ASPIRE		Loans	Provides micro loans to the self-employed and micro businesses at commercial interest rates to be used for working capital and purchase of equipment.	Loans from £200-£5,000 Repeat borrowers – up to £15,000	Self-employed & micro businesses.  Business must be trading for at least 6 months, and employ no more than 10 people.	ASPIRE Tel: 028 90246245 <a href="http://www.aspireloans.com">www.aspireloans.com</a>

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The Big Lottery Fund	LIVING LANDMARKS	Grants	Aimed at inspiring communities to work together and produce landmarks. Projects that will transform, revitalise and regenerate communities.	Up to 75% of the total project costs, to a maximum of £25m. Applicant must provide at least 25% of funding. Qualifying projects include property construction, land and property and leasehold purchase.	Criteria is stringent, and the grant has limited availability. Further details available from The Big Lottery Fund  <b><u>THIS GRANT IS NOT CURRENTLY AVAILABLE</u></b>	Big Lottery Fund. TEL: 028 90551455 <a href="http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk">www.biglotteryfund.org.uk</a>
ORTUS	ORTUS BUSINESS LOAN	Loans	Business development loan for businesses with export potential.	Loan £5,000 – £20,000	Only available in disadvantaged areas of Belfast	Tel: 028 90311002 <a href="http://www.ortus.org">www.ortus.org</a>
EU	PEACE II EXTENDED-POSITIVE ACTION FOR WOMEN	Grant	Financial assistance to improve women's access to and participation in the labour market, avail of labour market opportunities and to improve entrepreneurship among women.	Dependant upon the type of activity.	Applicants should be; Women wishing to enter or re-enter the labour market, women with an interest in developing their own business idea, or other groups agencies and sectors affected by the conflict and with an interest in improving women's access to work.	Department for Employment & Learning. TEL: 028 90257566

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Implemented by DETI & INI	PEACE II EXTENDED 1.1 BUSINESS COMPETITIVENESS AND DEVELOPMENT	Grant	Financial assistance for investment and regeneration projects which support the economic transition of Northern Ireland to a more stable, peaceful and prosperous society	Up to 50% of project costs	Eligible activities include investment and regeneration projects to stimulate or develop business opportunities for Community Economic Development Organisations (CEDA's) and Social Economy Organisations (SEO's), and actions designed to stimulate investment and job potential in deprived disadvantaged areas.	Ailish Quinn – ADM/CPA TEL: 00353 4771340  Elaine Brown-INI TEL: 028 90239090 <a href="http://www.investni.com">www.investni.com</a>
Arts Council of NI	EQUIPMENT PROGRAMME	Grant	Financial assistance available to arts organisations to purchase equipment to enable them to fulfil their potential.	Minimum grant is £5,000, with no maximum, however, applicants are required to fund a minimum of 25% project costs from other sources.	Wide range of eligible applicants and activities, further information available on request.	Arts Council of Northern Ireland. TEL: 028 90385200
Northern Ireland Film & Television Commission	COMPANY DEVELOPMENT FUND	Grant	Financial assistance available to Northern Ireland based independent production companies in order to assist growth.	Stage 1: 50% of total costs, or a maximum of £3,000. Stage 2: 40% of overall budget costs or a maximum of £80,000	2 stage programme, with specific criteria for each stage. Further information available from NI FTC	Elsie Brown, NITFC. TEL: 028 90232444 <a href="http://www.niftc.co.uk">www.niftc.co.uk</a>

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Ulster Community Investment Trust	UCIT LOAN FINANCE	Loan	Loan finance offered to the community economic sector in Northern Ireland and the border counties, aiming to create jobs, contribute to the self sufficiency of Northern Ireland, and attract investment funds.	Flexible, approximately £25,000 to £500,000.	Applicants must be organisations established to create jobs, not for individual profit, and serve the needs of particular geographical area. Must also be committed to being self sufficient.	UCIT. TEL: 028 90315003 <a href="http://www.ucitltd.com">www.ucitltd.com</a>
LOCAL ENTERPRISE AGENCIES	SEED CAPITAL LOANS	Loans	Provision of low interest loans.	Max loan of £2,000	For start up and established businesses.	Contact: Local Enterprise Agency Dungannon: 028 87723489 Cookstown: 028 86763660
NIHE	DISABLED FACILITIES GRANT	Grant	Grant to make the home of a disabled person suitable for his/her needs.	Maximum of £25,000, however applicants may be asked to make a contribution	Owners, occupiers, land lords and tenants may apply, providing there is normally a person with a disability living in the property.  All work to be carried out must be recommended by an occupational therapist.	Tel: 028 9024 0588 <a href="http://www.nihe.gov.uk">www.nihe.gov.uk</a>

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NIHE	RENOVATION GRANT	Grant	Grant to assist owners or buyers of property for renovation works	<p>Maximum of £25,000, each application individually assessed by NIHE.</p> <p>Grant is means tested and applicants may be required to make a contribution</p>	<p>Applicants must be over 18, and own or intend to own a property, alone or jointly.</p> <p>The property must meet specific criteria, and works must be carried out by approved contractor.</p>	<p>Tel: 028 9024 0588</p> <p><a href="http://www.nihe.gov.uk">www.nihe.gov.uk</a></p>
NIHE	REPAIRS GRANT	Grant	Grant to assist with costs of repairs to dwellings in poor physical condition.	<p>Maximum of £7,500. Each application individually assessed by NIHE.</p> <p>Grant is means tested and applicants may be required to make a contribution</p>	<p>A statutory notice from local council must have been issued.</p> <p>Applicants should be either landlords or agents, however, some private tenants will be eligible.</p>	<p>Tel: 028 9024 0588</p> <p><a href="http://www.nihe.gov.uk">www.nihe.gov.uk</a></p>

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Name of Funder	Name of Programme	Assistance Type	Description	Level of Funding/Assistance	Criteria	Contacts
NIHE	REPLACEMENT GRANT	Grant	Grant to replace unfit, isolated dwellings situated in rural areas, where renovation is less suitable.	Maximum of £31,500. Each application individually assessed by NIHE.  Grant is means tested and applicants may be required to make a contribution	Applicant must be owner-occupier or a landlord, and over the age of 18 years. If the property is vacant, the applicant must have an urgent housing need and have strong economic ties to the area.  The land and property itself must also meet further criteria.	Tel: 028 9024 0588  <a href="http://www.nihe.gov.uk">www.nihe.gov.uk</a>
Viridian Growth Fund	VIRIDIAN GROWTH FUND	Equity Investments and Loans	Equity Investments and Grants are available to Companies in Northern Ireland to fulfil their growth potential.	Between £50,000 and £250,000.	Business should be based in Northern Ireland. The activities of the business should be in manufacturing or tradeable services.	<a href="http://www.clarendon-fm.co.uk">www.clarendon-fm.co.uk</a>
Northern Ireland Events Company	EVENTS GROWTH FUND	Grant	Awards are available for organisers of events based in Northern Ireland, which have the potential to grow into major or international events	Up to 80% of costs, but likely to be around 50%, to a maximum of £30,000	Projects must cost a minimum of £10,000. Priority will be given to some events, and all projects must meet specific criteria	NIEC Tel: 028 90666661  <a href="http://www.nievents.co.uk">www.nievents.co.uk</a>

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NEIC, DCA&L, & NIE	MAJOR EVENTS FUND	Grant	Awards are available for organisers of major events in Northern Ireland which will attract international media coverage.	Up to 50% of costs, but likely to be around 30%	At least 50% of costs must be met by the applicant, however, some costs are excluded, so check accepted fees with NIEC. The event itself must meet particular criteria.	NEIC Tel: 028 90666661  <a href="http://www.nievents.co.uk">www.nievents.co.uk</a>
Arts Council of NI, Heritage Fund, New Opportunities Fund, Sports Council for NI	AWARDS FOR ALL	Grant	Awards for local groups for projects which involve people in their communities, to enjoy a wide range of activities such as sport, education, environment and the arts.	Between £500 and £5,000 is available. Priority will be given to groups with an annual income under £15,000	General running costs, loan payments, and foreign trips are among the costs which are not eligible. Projects cannot benefit only 1 individual.	Awards For All. Tel: 0845 6002040  <a href="http://www.awardsforall.org.uk">www.awardsforall.org.uk</a>
Big Lottery Fund Active Lifestyles	SMALL GRANTS	Grant	Small grants to support local activities which seek to promote active lifestyles in Northern Ireland.	1 grant of up to £1,000 per organisation, or 2 grants in any 12 month period, as long as they do not total more than £1,000.	Any activity will be considered, but it must promote participation in physical activity.	Tel: 028 90559090

## 4.6 FINANCE & FUNDING

Name of Funder	Name of Programme	Assistance Type	Description	Level of Funding/Assistance	Criteria	Contacts
Big Lottery Fund	THE PEOPLE'S MILLIONS	Grant	Grants are available to voluntary & community groups, local authorities, schools, health bodies and social enterprises, for projects that will help transform the local environment and make the community a better place to live.	A one-year grant of up to £50,000	The application must be made by one of the groups listed. The project must help transform the local environment.  <b>This grant is not currently open for applications, but will re-open in Spring 2006.</b>	<a href="http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk">www.biglotteryfund.org.uk</a>
Emerging Business Trust	EMERGING BUSINESS TRUST LOAN	Loan	Loans and equity available to businesses located in the designated disadvantaged areas of Northern Ireland.	Between £5,000 and £25,000, repayable over 3 to five years, at a rate of 7%. Loans are discretionary.	The business must demonstrate financial viability and ability to repay the loan, and must be based in one of the designated disadvantaged areas in NI. Loans can fund start up or expansion.	EBT. Tel: 028 90311660  <a href="http://www.emergingbusinessstrust.com">www.emergingbusinessstrust.com</a>
DTI in partnership with banks	SMALL FIRMS LOAN GUARANTEE	Loan	Loans are available to SME's who are unable to obtain a conventional loan due to lack of assets.	The DTI provides a guarantee of 75% of the total loan, for which the borrower pays a 2% premium on the balance of the loan. Up to £250,000 can be guaranteed over up to 10 years.	Annual turnover of the business must not exceed £5.6m. Business must be trading for less than 5 years. Some sectoral restrictions apply.	<a href="http://www.dti.gov.uk">www.dti.gov.uk</a>

## **SECTION 4.7**

### **CROSS BORDER INITIATIVES & EU FUNDING**

Under the terms of the Good Friday agreement and before, charities and government bodies have been set up whose common aims are to promote economic regeneration/development and enhance competitiveness in a north/south context through consultation, co-operation and action on an “all-island” basis. These organisations focus on forging links between all sides of the community on both sides of the border to maximise the potential for economic development on an island basis. IntertradeIreland and Co-operation Ireland have both benefited from European Funding to help administer their aims.

All companies in Northern and Southern Ireland are eligible for support but priority is given to border counties with projects which specifically target cross border community development.

Some grants and loans in this section are only available to Micro-Enterprises. A micro-enterprise is a Company with fewer than 10 employees (including the owner), and with a turn over of less than €20,000.

Funding is available from £1000 - £65,000

#### 4.7.1 CROSS BORDER INITIATIVES & EU FUNDING

Name of Funder	Name of Programme	Assistance Type	Description	Level of Funding/Assistance	Criteria	Contacts
Enterprise NI	TRADELINKS PROGRAMME	Grant	Financial and other assistance available to micro-enterprises in Northern Ireland and the border counties of the Republic of Ireland.	Dependant upon type of assistance, trading support maximum of £500, innovating support is a maximum of £1,000. All funding is discretionary.	Applicants must be a micro-enterprise based in Northern Ireland or the border counties of ROI	Cookstown Enterprise Centre. TEL: 028 867 63660
INTER TRADE IRELAND	ACUMEN	Grants	Provision of tailored consultancy to assist SME's to develop & expand cross border trade.	Consultancy support – 50% consultancy over 6-12 mths.  Max assistance - £3,000.	SME's involved in manufacturing & tradable services.	Michael McElroy Tel: 028 82250404 <a href="http://www.acumenprogramme.com">www.acumenprogramme.com</a>
INTER TRADE IRELAND	ACUMEN	Grants	Provision of sales salary support to assist SME's to develop & expand cross border trade.	Sales Salary support – 50% of 1st year's salary up to €17,000/£12,000		
INTER TRADE IRELAND	FUSION	Grants	A 3 way partnership between companies, third level institutes and graduate.  To enable knowledge and technology transfer across the island.	50% of graduates salary over 2 years – up to £11,000 per year.  100% associated costs i.e. training & travel costs.  100% university/college fees. Max project funding - £65,000.	SME's with a particular technology related development need.	Catherine McCaghey Tel: 028 30260700 <a href="http://www.intertradeireland.com">www.intertradeireland.com</a>

#### 4.7.1 CROSS BORDER INITIATIVES & EU FUNDING

Name of Funder	Name of Programme	Assistance Type	Description	Level of Funding/Assistance	Criteria	Contacts
IFI	FLAGSHIP PROGRAMME	Grants	Support is available for major projects with a potential to make a significant contribution to the economic and social revitalisation to their area and which have a symbolic significance for the island as a whole	Assessed on an individual project basis.  No upper limit of funding	Companies within NI and the Republic of Ireland.	International Fund for Ireland. <a href="mailto:MmcKeague@aol.com">MmcKeague@aol.com</a> www.internationalfundforireland.com
INTERTRADE IRELAND	SUPPLIER EDUCATION PROGRAMME	Advisory	Provision of advice and guidance in the area of bidding for and servicing public sector contracts.	Programme including: 2 x 1 day workshops Optional mentoring (in-house) Remote assistance	SME's throughout NI and Republic of Ireland	Dave McClements Tel: 028 90245454
INTERTRADE IRELAND	MICROTRADE PROGRAMME	Advisory	Advice and support for micro-enterprises interested in exploring all-island trade and co-operation.	Series of major all-island networking events for micro-enterprises.  Support programme for businesses tendering for contracts on a cross-border basis.	Micro-enterprises (1-10 employees).	Dominic Mullan/Maria McCormick Microtrade office Tel: 00353 14948414

**4.7.2 CROSS BORDER – INITIATIVES & EU FUNDING (Contd.)**

Name of Funder	Name of Programme	Assistance Type	Description	Level of Funding/Assistance	Criteria	Contacts
INI, INTER TRADE IRELAND AND ENTERPRISE IRELAND	GO SOURCE	Advisory	For suppliers keen to tackle Ireland's public procurement market. Advice and guidance to companies tendering in Ireland and Northern Ireland.	Provides advice on how to tender successfully, pitfalls to avoid, and products and services in demand.  Provides a directory of 500 public sector organisations with contact details for key purchasers.  Links to commercial websites offering up to date information on live tenders on the island of Ireland.	Companies within NI and the Republic of Ireland.	InterTradeIreland Tel: 028 30834110 <a href="http://www.intertradeireland.com">www.intertradeireland.com</a> INI Tel: 028 9023 9090 <a href="http://www.investni.com">www.investni.com</a>
INTER TRADE IRELAND	FOCUS	Support	For SME's to develop cross boarder trade, providing sales and marketing consultancy expertise, and the full time employment of appropriately qualified graduate for a 12 month period.	Offers SME's the opportunity to employ a high quality graduate or diploma holder for a 12 month period focused on the delivery of cross-border business development goals.  Companies are given the following; £20,000 towards the Graduate salary £7,000 Graduate travel and subsistence £3,000 for graduate equipment Companies are required to fund 50% of the graduate's salary.	SME's with less than 250 employees and 75% ownership within Ireland.  SME's must have a tangible opportunity in cross boarder market place, which is defined and deliverable within the 12 month period.  Senior managers within the SME must be committed to the project, and there must be management resources available.	InterTradeIreland Tel: 028 30834110 <a href="http://www.intertradeireland.com">www.intertradeireland.com</a> INI Tel: 028 9023 9090 <a href="http://www.investni.com">www.investni.com</a>

## **SECTION 4.8**

### **RURAL / AGRICULTURAL**

This section outlines some of the programmes that are available for rural/agricultural projects from identifying markets for agricultural produce, quality schemes to helping farming families identify and train in new skills and opportunities.

In general schemes apply only to farming groups/individuals.

Funding is available from £250 - £150,000

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**4.8.1. RURAL/AGRICULTURAL**

<b>Name of Funder</b>	<b>Name of Programme</b>	<b>Assistance Type</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Level of Funding/Assistance</b>	<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Contacts</b>
DARD	EU MARKETING OF QUALITY AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS	Grants	Helps to identify new markets and new processing methods. Grants towards recruitment costs and salaries of key staff for new ventures.	50% of actual costs incurred on items approved for support to a max of £150,000 - (25% EU grant, 25% DARD grant)  Total grant payable on project must not exceed 50% of eligible costs or £150,000.	Those engaged in the marketing of the produce of agriculture (including horticulture) or of products derived from such produce. <b>Scheme ends 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2006.</b> <b>Further information available from DARD</b>	Cathy Moore Tel: 028 90524288/5037 <a href="mailto:cathy.moore@dardni.gov.uk">cathy.moore@dardni.gov.uk</a> <a href="http://www.dardni.gov.uk">www.dardni.gov.uk</a>
LEADER + DARD	MICRO BUSINESS SUPPORT PROGRAMME	Grants	Provides funding to local action groups to support rural development & regeneration throughout NI.  Each LEADER group receives funding which is distributed to other organisations that in turn implement programmes/projects.	Capital grants of 50% of eligible costs available up to a maximum of £490 towards the purchase of either computer equipment or software.	Aimed at: Farm families Youth Women Long term unemployed in rural areas	East Tyrone Rural For Cookstown & Dungannon Tel: 028 86764714 <a href="http://www.easttyronerural.co.uk">www.easttyronerural.co.uk</a>

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**4.8.1. RURAL/AGRICULTURAL (Contd.)**

<b>Name of Funder</b>	<b>Name of Programme</b>	<b>Assistance Type</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Level of Funding/Assistance</b>	<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Contacts</b>
DARD	EU AGRICULTURAL PROCESSING AND MARKETING GRANTS	Grants	Aims to help farmers, growers and processors improve their marketing and commercial expertise, by providing capital investment to erect new buildings, refurbish old old premises, and buy new equipment.	Grant of 40% of project costs (35% this grant, 5% other grant funding) up to a max of £500,000. 5%  NB: This grant is likely to close by July 2006.	Applicants must be within specified sectors such as Redmeat, Pigmeat Poultrymeat and Eggs among others. The project must also meet further criteria.	Delores McCarron Tel: 028 90524840 <a href="http://www.dardni.gov.uk">www.dardni.gov.uk</a>
FAMILY FARM DEVELOPMENT LIMITED/ DARD	NEW OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAMME FOR FARMING FAMILIES	Grants	Grants towards a recognised qualification and to assist with farm relief, child care and elder care.	Up to £250 towards a recognised qualification.  Up to £250 towards costs of back-up farm support, child/elder care while participant on course.	Farmers and their close family members in the Dungannon/Cookstown and Omagh/Strabane areas.	The Milestone Centre, Carrickmore Tel: 028 80761719
FAMILY DEVELOPMENT FARM LIMITED/ DARD	CHANGE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME	Advisory	Basic 3 night course.  To assist farmers by helping identify opportunities for additional income and training needs.	To provide an action plan which will detail the way forward for the farmer considering his/her opportunities or skills.	Farmers and their family members in the Dungannon/Cookstown areas. Omagh/Strabane area- currently closed but may re-open.	The Milestone Centre, Carrickmore Tel: 028 80761719

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**4.8.2 RURAL/AGRICULTURAL (Contd.)**

<b>Name of Funder</b>	<b>Name of Programme</b>	<b>Assistance Type</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Level of Funding/Assistance</b>	<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Contacts</b>
DARD	DIVERSIFICATION CHALLENGE	Advisory	Provides training to improve the abilities of farm families wishing to establish new rural enterprises.	Business Planning - to train participants how to prepare an Outline Business Plan	Farming families in NI	Gary Fraser – Rural Enterprise Adviser Tel: 028 87754786
Northern Ireland Programme for Building Sustainable Prosperity – Administered by Rural NI	BEEF QUALITY INITIATIVE	Grant	Assistance for beef cattle producers to improve breeding stock and adopt modern production management practices. Grant is in 2 stages – 1 <sup>st</sup> stage is herd breeding plan, 2 <sup>nd</sup> stage is the implementation of the programme.	Allowance for attendance at the breeding plan programme, and subsequent reporting. In the second stage, 40% (up to £5,000) of the purchase price of an elite bull, and assistance with implementation of the programme. Other assistance also available.	Both parts of the initiative must be completed.	Rural NI Tel: 028 9446699  <a href="http://www.ruralni.gov.uk">www.ruralni.gov.uk</a>
DARD	FARM NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT SCHEME	Grant	Financial assistance for farmers for equipment and facilities of the storage of slurry and silage.	Between 40% and 60% on the first £85,000 of eligible costs. Projects must cost a minimum of £1,000.	Applicants must be an agricultural business in NI. There are additional criteria for the type of work planned.	DARD Tel: 028 82251020
DARD	NEW ENTRANTS SCHEME	Subsidy	Financial assistance by way of a subsidy towards interest paid on a loan taken out to carry out agricultural activities for young farmers in NI.	Up to £17,000 over 5 years, provided as an interest rate subsidy on a loan taken out to carry out activities agreed in applicant's business plan.	Farmer must be under 40 years of age, and meet certain educational requirements.	Tel: 028 71319900  <a href="http://www.dardni.gov.uk">www.dardni.gov.uk</a>

## **SECTION 4.9**

### **TOURISM**

This section outlines some of the funding available for operators in the tourism industry. The main providers of assistance in this area are the NITB and INI. Assistance is available for capability support, capital support and financial support. It is generally aimed at increasing the quality of tourist facilities on the island of Ireland and the quality of the provider through skills development and training.

Assistance is available for operators in the Tourism industry only.

Funding is negotiable on an individual basis.

### 4.9.1 TOURISM

Name of Funder	Name of Programme	Assistance Type	Description	Level of Funding/Assistance	Criteria	Contacts
NITB	TOURISM DEVELOPMENT SCHEME	Grants	Financial assistance for a wide range of capital projects which add value to the NI tourism base.  Accommodation projects are excluded (supported through INI).	Private up to 25% of eligible costs, supported. Public up to 40% of eligible costs.  Annual fund of £1.5m available.	Key priorities:- 1. Displacement 2. Additionality  This grant is closed for review until April 2006.	Andy Best Tel: 028 90231221 Email: <a href="mailto:info@nitb.com">info@nitb.com</a> <a href="http://www.nitb.com">www.nitb.com</a>
Lough Neagh Partnership	LOUGH NEAGH STRATEGIC FUND	Grant	Financial Assistance available to public, private, community and voluntary organisations in the wetlands area of Lough Neagh, for projects that will help develop the area in an economic, environmental and socially sustainable way.	Public and Private sector projects – funding up to 50% of eligible costs  Community and Voluntary sector projects – up to 75% of eligible costs.  <u>Closing date for applications is 09/06/06</u>	Applicants must operate in the public, private, community or voluntary sectors, and projects must develop the Lough Neagh area. Projects must be based in the Lough Neagh wetlands area and will be assessed according to the Building Sustainability Prosperity Programme. Applicants must contribute a minimum of 5% of project costs	Lough Neagh Partnership Ltd. TEL: 028 79417941

**4.9.1 TOURISM**

<b>Name of Funder</b>	<b>Name of Programme</b>	<b>Assistance Type</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Level of Funding/Assistance</b>	<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Contacts</b>
INI	SUPPORT FOR TOURISM 2004-2007	Capital Grants	Support for tourist accommodation businesses with clearly defined strategy for growth.	Level of support and type of assistance negotiated on individual project basis.  INI client executive will help formulate a package of support.	Business must be registered with NITB. General principles for support: (i) Quality (ii) Individuality (iii) Displacement (iv) Accessibility (v) Environmental sustainability	Tel: 028 9054 1995 <a href="http://www.investni.com/tourism">www.investni.com/tourism</a>
INI	SUPPORT FOR TOURISM 2004-2007	Capability (Strategic and Process Development )	Offers an extensive range of capability programmes available for eligible businesses including Research & Development, marketing, IT, training and others.	INI Client executive will help formulate a package of financial assistance.	Applies to all tourist businesses with eligible project.	Tel: 028 9054 1995 <a href="http://www.investni.com/tourism">www.investni.com/tourism</a>

## **SECTION 4.10**

### **ENVIRONMENTAL**

The growing pressures on our environment and the public support for the preservation of our heritage have provided the basis for government schemes which encourage a greater respect for our history and a cleaner environment for the future. In the main assistance is available in the form of advice and consultancy aimed at identifying the areas where energy saving measures can be made and where new technologies could be introduced. Financial assistance is available for restoration and urban development programmes aimed at tackling derelict buildings or deprived areas respectively.

Assistance is available for all business types.

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Name of Funder	Name of Programme	Assistance Type	Description	Level of Funding/Assistance	Criteria	Contacts
INI	ACTION ENERGY LOAN	Loans	Loans to SME's planning relevant energy saving measures.	Interest free loans between £5,000 and £200,000	Trading in NI for at least 12 months. < 250 employees Turnover not exceeding £25m Annual balance sheet not exceeding £17m	Michael Bailie Tel: 028 92623029 Email: <a href="mailto:energy@investni.com">energy@investni.com</a> <a href="http://www.investni.com">www.investni.com</a>
INI/IRTU	ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT SUPPORT SCHEME	Grants	Provides assistance to examine a company's impact on its environment.	66% grant towards cost of up to 15 days consultancy  Max grant £5,000	All companies & organisations operating commercially in NI Company must undertake to formulate and implement findings.	<a href="http://www.nics.gov.uk/irtu/econ/eass">www.nics.gov.uk/irtu/econ/eass</a>
INI	GREEN TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVE	Loans	Interest free environmental loans scheme which aims to help NI businesses to implement environmental initiatives and reduce operating costs.  Aims to support investment in capital equipment.	Loan up to £50,000.  Loan to be repaid within 3 years.  Applications considered 3 times a year.	SME's who: 1) are operating in NI have been trading for at least a year. 2) have no more than 250 employees.	Tel: 028 92623279 Closing date for current round:

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Name of Funder	Name of Programme	Assistance Type	Description	Level of Funding/Assistance	Criteria	Contacts
INI	ENVIROWISE	Advisory	Programme to promote better environmental performance and increase competitiveness of UK industry & commerce	Environmental help-line Environmental performance guides Good practice guides New technology for environmental improvement Tomorrows technology for environmental improvement		Sam McCloskey Tel: 028 90659797 Email: <a href="mailto:sam.mccloskey@wyg.com">sam.mccloskey@wyg.com</a> <a href="http://www.envirowise.gov.uk">www.envirowise.gov.uk</a>
INI & CARBON TRUST	ACTION ENERGY SURVEYS	Advisory	Free consultancy help to identify areas within your business with potential energy saving opportunities.  Provision of action plan for implementation of energy saving measures.	Level of assistance given will depend on the businesses annual energy bill.  Annual site energy bill < £500,000 – up to 4 days assistance given.  Annual site energy bill > £500,000 – up to 10 days assistance.	No specific criteria	Tel: 0800 585794 <a href="http://www.actionenergy.org.uk">www.actionenergy.org.uk</a>
INI & CARBON TRUST	ACTION ENERGY DESIGN ADVICE	Advisory	Free consultancy service offering professional and independent design advice on the construction of energy efficient and environmentally friendly buildings.	Assistance assessed on a project by project basis.	No specific criteria	Tel: 0800 585794 <a href="http://www.actionenergy.org.uk">www.actionenergy.org.uk</a>

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<b>Name of Funder</b>	<b>Name of Programme</b>	<b>Assistance Type</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Level of Funding/Assistance</b>	<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Contacts</b>
INI	ENERGY EFFICIENCY ADVICE	Advisory	Free advice and technical services identify solutions to specify energy efficiency problems and encouraging best practice e.g. Insulation, Boiler efficiency, waste heat recovery/conversion.	Free site visit can be arranged by one of INI's engineers.	All Northern Ireland businesses.	Sam Knox Tel: 9262 3029 <a href="mailto:energy@investni.com">energy@investni.com</a>
INI	WATER & EFFLUENT ADVICE CENTRE	Advisory	Provision of advice and information on water conservation, cleaner technologies and effluent treatment.		Business based in NI	Invest NI Tel: 028 90239090 <a href="http://www.investni.com">www.investni.com</a>
DOE	HISTORIC BUILDINGS GRANT	Grants	Assistance towards the repair and maintenance of certain items which constitute the historic fabric of the building.	Secular buildings: Grade A35%, Grade B+ 20%, Grade B20%  Ecclesiastical buildings: Grade A & B+ 33.3%  Listed buildings in commercial ownership:- 5%		Tel: 028 90543034 Email: <a href="mailto:hbgrants@doeni.gov.uk">hbgrants@doeni.gov.uk</a>
Clear Skies	RENEWABLE ENERGY GRANT	Grant	Householders and not-for-profit community organisations can receive grants for renewable energy installations, including, solar thermal, wind turbines and wood fuelled boiler systems.	For householders, between £400 - £5,000.  Not-for-profit community organisations up to £100,000	Applicants must be a householder or not-for-profit community organisation. See website for further information.  This grant is not currently open for applications.	Clearskies TEL: 08702 430930 <a href="http://www.clearskies.org">www.clearskies.org</a> <a href="mailto:info@clearskies.org">info@clearskies.org</a>

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**4.10.2. ENVIRONMENTAL (Contd.)**

<b>Name of Funder</b>	<b>Name of Programme</b>	<b>Assistance Type</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Level of Funding/Assistance</b>	<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Contacts</b>
BOC Foundation	BOC FOUNDATION FOR THE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME	Grant	Grants available to UK businesses who may have a project that tackles certain aspects of environmental degradation and pollution.	Generally between £20,000 and £100,000, but no fixed limits	The project must be undertaken in the UK and address some aspect of environmental pollution. Project should usually range from between 18 to 30 months duration, and should be capable of attracting financial support from other sponsors.	BOC Foundation. TEL: 01403 820021
Energy Saving Trust	SMALL SCALE PHOTOVOLTAIC GRANT SCHEME	Grant	Financial assistance for individuals and organisations to encourage them to use photovoltaic (solar) energy in their dwellings and premises	Up to 50% of eligible costs	Wide variety of Applicants welcome, see website for further information.	Energy Saving Trust. TEL: 0845 6021425 <a href="http://www.est.org.uk">www.est.org.uk</a>

**4.10.2. ENVIRONMENTAL (Contd.)**

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Name of Funder	Name of Programme	Assistance Type	Description	Level of Funding/Assistance	Criteria	Contacts
DSD	URBAN DEVELOPMENT GRANT	Grants	For the development of vacant, derelict or under-used land or buildings.	40% of costs for refurbishment schemes for owner/occupier  Up to 30% of costs for new build schemes.  Maximum 40% development costs for speculative schemes.	Available in deprived areas of Belfast and Londonderry.  Now extended to include Dungannon, Ballymoney, Larne, Lurgan & Strabane. The project must be situated in the commercial core of the town, and be derelict or underused. Further criteria details available upon request.	Tel: 028 90251928 – Belfast Tel; 028 71319900 – Londonderry Email: <a href="mailto:bro@dsdni.gov.uk">bro@dsdni.gov.uk</a> <a href="http://www.dsdni.gov.uk">www.dsdni.gov.uk</a>
The Carbon Trust	ENERGY EFFICIENCY LOANS	Loan	Interest-Free loans are available to install or improve energy efficient equipment.	Up to £200,000, repayable over 4 years.	Applicants must be small or medium size business. The equipment which is to be installed must meet be approved by The Carbon Trust. Initial eligibility checklist must be submitted prior to full application.	Tel: 0800 0852005  <a href="http://www.thecarbontrust.co.uk">www.thecarbontrust.co.uk</a>
Invest NI	GREEN TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVE	Loan	Interest-Free loans are available to purchase equipment that will save energy costs and have an environmental benefit.	Up to £50,000, repayable over 3 years. Up to £50,000, repayable over 3 years.	Applicants must be able to demonstrate that the equipment meets the criteria set out by Invest NI. Applicant must not employ more than 250.	Tel: 028 90698808 028 90698808  <a href="http://www.investni.com">www.investni.com</a>

### .10.2. ENVIRONMENTAL (Contd.)

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Name of Funder	Name of Programme	Assistance Type	Description	Level of Funding/Assistance	Criteria	Contacts
EAGGF – Administered by DARD	Organic Farming Scheme	Grant	Financial Assistance to assist farmers and growers to convert to organic farming	Dependant upon land type and year of operation. Year 1 farmers and growers will receive highest assistance, of between £25 and £650	Applicants must be the owner or tenant of the land, and meet further criteria for production. Eligible land can include Dairy Farming, Livestock breeding, and grazing and meadows.	DARD Tel: 028 90524567
INI/NIE	Small Business Energy Saving Scheme	Grant	Financial assistance to help small and medium size businesses install specific energy saving equipment	Between £1,000 and £5,000, up to 25% of costs of equipment.	Applicants must be SME's in NI, and installing eligible energy saving technologies, which includes heat recovery equipment and high efficiency electric motors	INI, Tel: 028 90698868
Environment and Renewable Energy Fund	EREF Household Programme	Grant	Financial assistance for householders to install energy saving systems	Many areas of technology supported, including wind turbines and solar electricity water heating	Varies depending on technology installed, and size of unit	Household Programme, Tel: 0800 0234077