



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR FUNDING (EOI) - Businesses

We invite expressions of interest (EOI) from **businesses** seeking grant funding to support the Scottish Borders.

This form helps us, and our partner services understand your needs and match them to relevant funding opportunities. These may be funds we administer or independent grant funds. Please note:

- 1 Projects which have a completed project idea, including budget and all appropriate permissions are eligible to complete an EOI.
 - o If you do not have the above information in place, please contact communityengagement@scotborders.gov.uk to discuss your project.
- 1 If suitable funding isn't available, we will signpost you to alternative support or funding opportunities.
- 1 Submitting an EOI does not guarantee funding for your project.
- 1 We aim to respond to all EOIs within 21 days.

Please complete and return this form to eois@scotborders.gov.uk

Section 1: Your Organisation

Name of Organisation	
Type of Organisation	<input type="checkbox"/> Social Enterprise <input type="checkbox"/> Community Interest Company <input type="checkbox"/> Trust/ Development Company <input type="checkbox"/> Business / Enterprise / Private Sector <input type="checkbox"/> Other – Please state:
VAT Registration Number	
Registered Address (if any)	
Key Contact	
Key Contact Email	
Key Contact Number	

1a. Please describe what your business does (max. 200 words)

It is important to have a short, succinct, and powerful explanation of what your business does.

- a. In one or two sentences, what is your business's mission? What are you trying to achieve? Why do you exist?*
- b. Summarise your main activities/ services that you provide. What makes you unique?*
- c. Use data and numbers to support the work you do, i.e., how many clients do you have?*
- d. Avoid industry jargon! Assume that the reader will have zero knowledge of your geographical area and sector.*

Section 2: Your Project

Project Title <i>(Keep to 5 words or less (if possible), catchy, and informative)</i>	
Project Location	
Start Date <i>(When applying for funding, be aware of when you would receive funds if successful. Funders are unlikely to fund projects that have already started or backdate funding.)</i>	
End Date	28th February 2027

2a. Please give a brief description of your business idea and how you decided it would be profitable/needed. (max. 350 words)

Clear, concise, and compelling project description.

- a. *The name of your project and a brief statement of its purpose*
- b. *Explain the problem or need you are addressing, use data and/ or anecdotes where possible.*
- c. *List your aims and objectives – ensure these are clear and measurable!*
- d. *Describe the key activities that will take place, include timelines and responsible parties where relevant.*
- e. *Who will benefit? Be detailed about demographics where appropriate and the number of people.*
- f. *Detail your project outcomes and the impact – how will this project make a difference?*

2b. Please describe how your proposed project intends to leave a legacy (max. 250 words)

What do you see the long-term impact of the funding being? How do you anticipate it will benefit your business longer term? Would you require additional funding beyond this grant?

- a. Provide a clear overview of your financial plans, including your anticipated ongoing costs.*
- b. Explain the funding sources you will tap into to cover any costs.*
- c. Describe how you will ensure the project will be financially sustainable post-grant.*
- d. Explain the long-term benefits of the project.*
- e. Describe how you will monitor and evaluate project progress and impact over time.*

Section 3: Finance

3a. Please provide details of your planned expenditure in the table below.

- Please note, "Amount Required" is the total funding required for your project, "Amount Requested" is the amount of funding being requested through this Expression of Interest.
- Salary costs **MUST** display hourly wage and hours per week.

Item	Amount Required (£)	Amount Requested (£)
Total		

3b. Please confirm that all staffing expenses related to the project adhere to Fair Work First guidance, policies, and practices. (See [Fair Work First](#) for guidance)

Yes No

3c. Please detail (if applicable) any match-funding associated with the costs detailed above. (This includes contributions from other funders and your organisation's own reserves. This does not include in-kind support).

Source of Income	Amount (£)

Section 4: Additional Information

4a. Have you checked with the relevant department if your project requires planning permissions?

Your activity should be ready to start with all necessary planning consents, statutory requirements, and match funding in place.

- Planning approved
- Planning application submitted
- Intending to submit planning application
- Project does not require planning permission

4b. If your work involves children, young people, or vulnerable adults, do you have a policy document which sets out how you will keep them safe? *(If your work involves children, young people, or vulnerable adults, we need to know that you have policies in place to keep them safe. We might also ask to see these. If this doesn't apply to your work, please select N/A).*

YES NO NA

4c. Please tick the box to acknowledge that you give permission for us to hold your data for grant-making purposes.

Yes

4d. Have you spoken to South of Scotland Enterprise about support for your project? *(please note, this is not mandatory for the progression of your EOI)*

Yes
No

Section 5: Supporting Information

If your application is to be taken forward for funding, supporting information will be required. It is worth evaluating what you have ready, so you are prepared for the submission deadline.

Likely to be mandatory:

- a. Constitution / Set of Rules / Articles
- b. Bank Statements
- c. Annual Accounts
- d. Financial Quotes

Items to consider:

- a. Business Plan - **this is a requirement for all Business applications**
- b. Planning Status
- c. VAT Status
- d. Policies, e.g., Child Protection, Safeguarding, Equality
- e. Multiple financial quotes if applying for a high value item.
- f. Lease agreement

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Notes

1. EOI forms are welcome at any time.
1. Please note that we do not award retrospective grants.
1. Individual grant schemes have their own deadlines and funding may not be available from schemes, but Council Officers will do their best to find potential funding sources for all EOIs received.
1. Please note that submission of an EOI does not guarantee funding.