

Investing in the Future

Application Form Social Housing Enterprise Programme

Education, Training & Business Start Up Grants



Criteria

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Background

In September 2015 the Housing Executive introduced the Social Housing Enterprise Strategy. As part of the strategy it was agreed that financial investment may be awarded to individuals or groups living or working in NIHE estates to enable development of personal or organisational capacity to improve develop economic activity in the area.

Eligibility

- As an individual applicant you must be a resident in a defined Housing Executive estate or involved in a social economy initiative in a NIHE neighbourhood.
- As an organisation you must be contributing to the social economy of Housing Executive neighbourhood

Demonstrate

You must be able to prove that an award will achieve one or more of the following objectives

- (i) Increase your personal capacity or that of a group to contribute to the local social economy
- (ii) Develop new services that contribute to the local (neighbourhood) economy
- (iii) Increase technical skills/knowledge of an individual or group to develop/deliver their own or their communities social economy activities

Examples of what may be considered for support

- (i) Contribution to course fees/skills training
- (ii) Business start-up equipment - Subject to further conditions ie match funding or engagement with local enterprise agencies
- (iii) Market research with economic / business relevance
- (iv) Business start-up activities e.g. proof of concept

Priority will be given to applicants that clearly demonstrate that there will be both personal and social economy benefit.

Examples of what will not be considered

- (i) Travel to interview/work fares
- (ii) Clothing for interviews
- (iii) Driving license costs

The above are general statements of principle if applying for an award please note the overall aim of the Social Investments in Social Housing Communities Strategy is to improve/develop services/capacity/ economic activity in Housing Executive areas. To this end we will consider applications from individuals and organisations/groups that can demonstrate how their personal development or that of the organisation/ group will contribute to the local social economy the application form provides opportunity to provide information on how you can meet this objective.

Applications may be submitted by an organisation for multiple persons, but depending on the availability and number of applications submitted this will be awarded accordingly.

Applicants must provide relevant quotes for equipment and/or services with this application.

This criteria is not exhaustive and the Housing Executive has the right to enhance / change the criteria as listed above.

Assessment of applications

- Applications will be assessed on the basis that there is a fit with the Social Housing Enterprise Strategy, that the objectives referred to above are met and that the proposed activities are suitable for public sector financial support.

Applicants must be emailed to socialinvestments@nihe.gov.uk

Funds are limited and all applications which meet the criteria will not necessarily be funded.

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PLEASE COMPLETE ALL APPROPRIATE SECTIONS, OTHERWISE THIS APPLICATION WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

Part 1 - Personal Details

1.1 Name

1.2 Are you applying as an (tick box):- Individual Group

1.3 If an individual, what is your current status:

Employed (please detail)

Unemployed In Education Other (please detail)

1.4 Organisation Name (if applicable)

1.5 Address

Postcode

1.6 Telephone Number:- Landline Mobile

1.7 Email address

1.8 Website

1.9 If a group, what is your legal status

Charity, limited by guarantee Constituted

Other (please detail)

1.10 Are you registered with companies' house? Yes No

Part 2 - Purpose of Grant

2.1 What is the purpose of your grant/application? (max 60 words)

Education Training Business start up Other

Please specify below

2.2 Do you live/work in a Housing Executive estate or is your group based in a Housing Executive estate?

Yes (please detail - max 60 words)

No (please state how NIHE residents/estate will benefit if your application is successful - max 60 words)

2.3 If applying for an educational/training grant please provide exact details what this grant will be used for and list costs.

Item or activity	Total cost requested from the Social Housing Enterprise Investment Scheme	List any finance or funds already secured towards the overall cost of the project relating to this item	Please provide details of quotes obtained i.e. supplier name
	£	£	
	£	£	
	£	£	
	£	£	
	£	£	
Total	£	£	

2.4 If applying for a business start up grant, please provide exact details what this will be used for and list costs.

Item or activity	Total cost requested from the Social Housing Enterprise Investment Scheme	List any finance or funds already secured towards the overall cost of the project relating to this item	Please provide details of quotes obtained i.e. supplier name
	£	£	
	£	£	
	£	£	
	£	£	
	£	£	
Total	£	£	

Part 2 - Purpose of Grant (cont.)

2.5 Have you made contact with your local council with the 'Go For It' Programme or your local enterprise agency for assistance?

Yes (please detail)

No

2.6 Do you have a social enterprise in mind or already established? (*max 200 words*)

Yes (please detail)

No

2.7 Do you have a business plan?

Yes (please attach)

No

2.8 Please detail the expected benefits for you/your group/Housing Executive community if such an award is made? (*max 200 words*)

2.9 Please detail any other funding or other resources including in kind support for your initiative? (*max 200 words*)

Yes (please detail)

No

Part 3 - Additional Details

3.1 If applying as a group and are successful we may require some or all of the following documents. **We do not require these at this stage.** (please tick if you have these)

A copy of your governing documents i.e. constitution, Articles of Association etc.

A list of your organisational Committee / Board Members

A copy of your organisation's business plan, relating to the social enterprise

A copy of your most recent audited accounts

Cash flow projections

A copy of your organisations Public Liability Insurance

Bank details

HOWEVER WE DO REQUIRE AT THIS STAGE

Relevant quotes (these must be attached with this application)

3.2 If applying as an individual we will require the following documents
(These MUST be submitted with this application)

Proof of identity i.e. passport, driving licence (copy)

Proof of address (i.e. utility bill)

Relevant quotes (these must be attached with this application)

If successful we may require you to have your bank stamp the Bank Details form

Name (please print)

Position in organisation (if applicable)

Date

Signature

Applications and supporting documents must be emailed to **socialinvestments@nihe.gov.uk**