



GUIDELINES

YTKO – SME Coaching and Consultancy Grant

- As part of a Grant Scheme (The Dorset Business Growth Partnership) funded by European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and run by The Dorset Growth Hub, funding may be available to assist your business with **a grant contributing to additional growth and job creation, a new product/service offering, an improved operating process, or to develop leadership and management skills.**
- This grant offers up to 25% cashback grant on eligible revenue expenditure.
- Only one grant can be applied for and issued per business as part of the Dorset Business Growth Partnership Project. Other grants include Start-Up Grants and Digital Capability Grants.
- In order to be eligible, you will have engaged with our programme and received a minimum of 3 hours support in the form of 1-2-1 diagnostic and information meeting, workshop, and/or seminar.
- You will need to be able to demonstrate that a grant will assist your business to grow in the next 6 months from an existing sustainable position. Growth can be demonstrated in a number of ways such as planned job creation, increase in turnover, introducing new products or services to market, leadership and management development, or improving business processes. You will be required to provide supporting financial information (see below).
- **Application is by sending an email to eastdorset@getsetforgrowth.com or by telephoning 0800 756 0811 to set up a meeting with our Finance Advisor, Mike Slaughter.**
- Any claims for **project costs must be in the future** following the contractual signed agreement date. No retrospective claiming will be eligible.
- **Grants must be claimed in full within a three-month agreement period.** This starts from the contractual start date agreed by both parties.

This Project Grant can be used for:

- Leadership and Management Development
- Consultancy Services:
 - Legal Consultancy Services
 - Translation Services
 - Marketing Consultancy Services
 - Recruitment/HR Consultancy Services
 - IP and Trademarking Consultancy
 - BID Consultancy Services
 - Business Growth Consultancy
 - Strategic Planning Consultancy
 - Compliance Consultancy
 - IT Consultancy

This Project Grant cannot be used for:

- Depreciation
 - Repayment of debts
 - Gifts and donations
 - Land purchases
 - Internal transfers
 - Wage subsidy
 - Stock and consumables
 - General running costs of the business
 - Previously incurred expenses
 - Working capital
 - Vehicles and highly portable equipment
 - Asset purchase using asset finance
 - Planning permission
 - Legal expenses/fees
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- Please also note that some sectors are not eligible for support on this programme due to Central Government Legislation. These sectors include: *Fishery & Aquaculture, *Primary production, processing and marketing of agricultural products, *Coal, Steel and shipbuilding sectors, *Synthetic Fibres, *Generalised School Age Education, *Banking and Insurance Companies, * Nuclear related activity (*please follow the link for full eligibility guidelines)
- https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/760264/ESIF-GN-1-003_ERDF_Eligibility_Guidance_v9.pdf
- Some Retail activities are also subject to ineligibility. Due to any ineligibility, we can only accept those who are eligible into our grant programme.