



### Hampshire, UK, Sources of Business Funding

Scheme	What it offers / key features	Availability / Status / Notes
<b>Solent Growth Hub</b>	A single point of access to a variety of funding and support options for businesses in the Solent area. They are also developing a long-term action plan to help local businesses recover and build resilience.	<a href="https://www.southampton.gov.uk/business-licensing/support-for-business/resources/">https://www.southampton.gov.uk/business-licensing/support-for-business/resources/</a>
<b>Let's Do Business Finance (LDBF)</b>	Providing <i>Start Up Loans</i> (up to £25,000) to new businesses (under 3 years trading) across the Southeast of England, explicitly including Hampshire. Also provide <i>Business Loans</i> from £25,000 up to £150,000 and are accredited for the British Business Bank's Growth Guarantee Scheme. They have also been accredited for the <i>Community ENABLE Funding</i> programme, enabling more lending to smaller/underserved businesses in the Southeast, including Hampshire.	They are a Community Development Financial Institution and Responsible Finance Provider. <a href="https://www.letsdobusinessfinance.co.uk/">https://www.letsdobusinessfinance.co.uk/</a>
<b>Portsmouth Match Fund</b>	A grant for small and micro businesses that contributes 20-50% of project costs, minimum £2,000 up to £5,000. Could aid digital, product development, equipment, training, etc.	Officially launched; check whether it's open now. It's a grant rather than equity or a loan. Applications for Round 4 close at midnight on 12 <sup>th</sup> October 2025. <a href="https://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/services/business/business-support/portsmouth-match-fund/">https://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/services/business/business-support/portsmouth-match-fund/</a>

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<b>Basingstoke &amp; Deane Business Investment Fund</b>	A fund intended to help local micro and small businesses invest in equipment, production methods or innovations to boost productivity. A mixture of capital and revenue funding.	That particular fund is currently <i>closed</i> to new applications. Therefore, availability depends on the council's cycles. ( <a href="http://basingstoke.gov.uk">basingstoke.gov.uk</a> )
<b>District Council Local Business Support Schemes</b>	Several Hampshire councils have run discrete business investment/loan funds or matched-fund loan/grant programmes. Research your local council's website to see what services and benefits they offer to businesses within their jurisdiction.	Examples: Basingstoke & Deane Business Investment Fund and Portsmouth match funding schemes are included above. East Hampshire rural/REPF capital grants. These are usually smaller, time-limited and run in rounds. As these are often intermittent, you may need to check the website regularly for updates.
<b>Enterprise Zone (EZ<sup>3</sup> – in Hampshire)</b>	While it's not direct capital grants/loans, being in an Enterprise Zone can provide benefits, incentives, lower business rates/easier planning/infrastructure advantages. Enhances the attractiveness of the investment.	Examples: Basing View (Basingstoke) Whitehill & Bordon Tech Forest (East Hampshire)  ( <a href="https://www.hants.gov.uk/business/EZ3-enterprise-zone">https://www.hants.gov.uk/business/EZ3-enterprise-zone</a> )
<b>Havant Business Support Fund</b>	A local fund (by a local MP plus the Solent LEP) that has provided investment to local businesses.	Currently closed; keep checking the website for updates. ( <a href="#">Alan Mak</a> )