

# Grants for Research and Development



Supporting Essex businesses to carry out research and development projects

**Do you have the ambition** to start up an innovative new business, or have you recently done so ?

**Did you know that there is DTI funding available through the East of England Development Agency (EEDA)** to support research & development (R&D) projects in small and medium sized businesses ?

**Do you have projects that**, without such support, would not be able to proceed ?

**Would these projects lead to** technologically innovative products or processes ?

**Would your business benefit** from some advice and potentially practical help with how you might best secure this funding ?

## What's available ?

The Essex Innovation Network, through the support of Essex County Council and EEDA, is seeking to increase significantly the number of Essex businesses that secure this grant funding.

Funding is available for small and medium sized businesses, subject to a successful application to EEDA, to share the financial costs of projects that involve the following:

- The development of a simple, low-cost prototype of a new product or process that involves technological innovation or novelty;
- The investigation of the technical and commercial feasibility of innovative technology; or
- The development of a pre-production prototype of a new product or process, that involves a significant technological advance

Through a variety of workshops, seminars and one to one consultations, the Essex Innovation Network is now looking to work with Essex businesses that feel that this grant funding might be appropriate for them, now or in the future.

Whether you are a small or medium sized business, or a new or established venture, there may be funding available to support your project.

## How do I find out more ?

To find out more about Grants for Research & Development go to: [www.eeda.org.uk/192\\_43.asp](http://www.eeda.org.uk/192_43.asp)

To find out what support and advice is available locally to Essex businesses please contact:

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# Essex Innovation Network

Providing practical solutions today, for tomorrow's innovative businesses



Building on a long and proud history of innovation in the county, the Essex Innovation Network is a partnership of agencies, business groups and universities whose collective aim is to make Essex one of the best places to develop new ideas and grow innovative companies.

The Network provides a full range of services, activities and facilities to enable new and existing businesses to exploit the full potential of their new ideas and creativity.

[www.essexinnovation.co.uk](http://www.essexinnovation.co.uk)

**New Ideas Programme** - a range of free high quality business support aimed at budding entrepreneurs.

**Developing Innovative Businesses Programme** - free support for existing early stage and established businesses.

**Business incubation premises** - a network of incubator premises in Essex including the Essex Technology & Innovation Centre, Ongar.

**Assistance with accessing research & development funding** - in partnership with the East of England Development Agency (EEDA).

**Seminars/workshops and events** - the Network organises a range of seminars, workshops and events to help Essex companies access vital information.