

Alternative Support Providers for businesses - Foundational Economy Innovation Fund.

We have collated a (non exhaustive) list of support providers that may be able to help your business, regardless of the outcome of your application to the Foundational Economy Innovation Fund.

General Business Support:

[The Growth Hub "Here For Business" website](#) covers the support available to businesses to help with energy price rises and wider costs

[The Business Growth Hub](#) provides comprehensive support to businesses based in Greater Manchester. [You can find a full list of their services here](#)

[The King's Trust](#) – Business support for young people

[Our Business GM](#) - support for the social economy

[10 GM](#)- support and grants for the Voluntary, Community, Faith and Social Enterprise sector in their respective localities across Greater Manchester

Innovation support:

[Innovate UK](#) - The UK's innovation agency, helping companies to grow through the development of new products, processes and services.

[GM Business Growth Hub | Innovation Navigator](#) - Supporting businesses to navigate the and accelerate innovation.

Membership organisations:

[The Federation of Small Businesses](#) - A paid membership organisation with resources and discounts available to help small businesses.

[The Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce](#) - A paid membership organisation based in Greater Manchester, with resources and support available to members.

[The Federation of Independant retailers](#) - A paid membership organisation to support independant retailers.

[British Independent Retailers Association](#) - A paid membership organisation to support independent retailers.

Energy and Net Zero support

[Carbon Reduction Grant | GC Business Growth Hub – The Growth Company provides](#) Energy Efficiency Grants of between £1,000 and £2,500 via the Business Growth Hub, to help with up to 50% of the costs of your energy efficiency improvements.

[Journey to Net Zero | GC Business Growth Hub – Is fully funded online programme exclusively for SMEs in Greater Manchester that want to get on the path to net zero.](#)

[Bee Net Zero | The journey to becoming Net Zero](#) will help guide you through the steps you can take and support available to become a Net Zero business. This includes business advisors, webinars and peer groups and a list of ‘approved’ suppliers.

[The Energy Innovation Agency](#) - Business and innovation support for low carbon innovators. They also have an innovator library to help you find services to transition to net-zero.

Funding pots:

[Community Funding | RBH](#) provide grants to community groups and charities for community projects.

[The National Lottery](#) runs a number of grant programmes you may be eligible for

[The Government Community Funding Tool](#) can help you identify sources of funding for community projects in your area

[Made Smarter](#) provides grants and support for manufactures to incorporate industrial digital technology into their businesses, you can register online to free to get advice and there is funded support available

[The Key Fund](#) - Small funding and social investment support for Social Enterprises.

Other Resources:

[STAR Procurement](#) - Procurement and tendering support for businesses looking to supply to Knowsley, Rochdale, St Helens, Stockport, Tameside, and Trafford Councils

[Training and employment schemes](#) - A list of resources provided by the department of education to help you find the right training for your employees.

[GM Reflect](#) is a single competency framework designed to recognise and strengthen the skills and knowledge of the **GM early education workforce**, support integrated working, and provide access to further training and professional development across the GM multi-agency early years workforce.