** SUMMARY OF CURRENT BUSINESS SUPPORT PROGRAMMES 05/01/2021**

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| **START** | **GROW** | **RECOVER** | **INNOVATE** |
| [Enterprise for Success](https://www.enterpriseforsuccess.co.uk/)  [Birmingham City University Enterprise for Success workshops](https://bcuadvantage.co.uk/event/e4s-workshop-1-analysing-your-growth-journey-purpose-vision-and-values/)  [Enterprising Worcestershire](https://www.business-central.co.uk/eworcestershire/)  [NWedR Start-up Grant](https://www.nwedr.org.uk/invest/business-support/grants-and-funding/pre-start-and-early-stage-business/)  [Peer to Peer Network from Greater Birmingham & Solihull LEP Growth Hub](https://www.gbslepgrowthhub.co.uk/programmes/peer-networks)  [Peer to Peer Network from Worcestershire LEP](https://www.business-central.co.uk/wbc-business-blog-december-2020/) | [Elevate Programme Worcs](https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20800/elevate_worcestershire)  [Manufacturing Growth Programme](https://www.business-central.co.uk/manufacturing-growth-programme-grant-scheme/)  [NWedR Booster Grant](https://www.nwedr.org.uk/invest/business-support/grants-and-funding/booster-grant/)  [Small Business Leadership Programme](https://www.business-central.co.uk/small-business-support-schemes-small-business-leadership-programme/)  [Peer to Peer Network from Greater Birmingham & Solihull LEP Growth Hub](https://www.gbslepgrowthhub.co.uk/programmes/peer-networks)  [Peer to Peer Network from Worcestershire LEP](https://www.business-central.co.uk/wbc-business-blog-december-2020/) | [Sustain & Grow](https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20808/here2help_business_sustain_and_grow_grants)  [Elevate Programme Worcs](https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20800/elevate_worcestershire)  [Adapt Business Support](https://hwchamber.co.uk/here2help-business-adapt-business-support-for-worcestershire-businesses/) | [Proof of Concept](https://www.business-central.co.uk/proof-of-concept/)  [Low Carbon Growth Support Project](https://www.sustainabilitywestmidlands.org.uk/news/the-low-carbon-growth-support-project/)  [WINN](https://winn-hub.com/) |

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| **RELOCATE** | **RECRUIT** | **UP-SKILL** | **SPECIALIST SUPPORT PROGRAMMES** |
| [Property Investment Programme](https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20139/support_for_business/1045/apply_for_property_investment_programme_pip_grant_scheme_part_of_the_erdf/3) | [Wyre Forest Apprenticeship Grant](https://www.wyreforestdc.gov.uk/business-and-work/apprenticeships.aspx)  [Bromsgrove Apprenticeship Grant](https://www.nwedr.org.uk/invest/business-support/training-skills-and-employment/apprenticeships/)  [Redditch Apprenticeship Grant](https://www.nwedr.org.uk/invest/business-support/training-skills-and-employment/apprenticeships/)  [Develop Graduate Programme](https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20810/here2help_business_develop_-_graduate_programme)  [Kickstart](https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20829/here2_help_business_kickstart_scheme) | [Skills Support for the Workforce](https://www.serco-ese.com/skills-support-for-the-workforce/regions/worcestershire) | Additional Restrictions Grant For more information on eligibility criteria and application forms for the above two grants, click here for [Redditch businesses](https://www.redditchbc.gov.uk/news/2020/businesses-affected-by-restrictions-urged-to-apply-for-coronavirus-support-grants.aspx), [Bromsgrove businesses](https://www.bromsgrove.gov.uk/news/2020/businesses-affected-by-coronavirus-restrictions-urged-to-apply-for-grants.aspx) [Wyre Forest businesses](http://www.wyreforestdc.gov.uk/arg).  [Agricultural & Horticultural Business Grants](https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20812/here2help_business_agriculture_and_horticulture_business_grants)  [Low Carbon Opportunities Programme](https://www.business-central.co.uk/locop/)  [Business Energy Efficiency Programme](https://www.business-central.co.uk/beep/)  [Low Carbon Growth Support Project](https://www.sustainabilitywestmidlands.org.uk/news/the-low-carbon-growth-support-project/)  [Peer to Peer Network from Greater Birmingham & Solihull LEP Growth Hub](https://www.gbslepgrowthhub.co.uk/programmes/peer-networks)  [Peer to Peer Network from Worcestershire LEP](https://www.business-central.co.uk/wbc-business-blog-december-2020/) |

**ALPHABETICAL SUMMARY OF PROGRAMMES HIGHLIGHTED ABOVE**

| PROGRAMME | ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA | | SUPPORT | STATUS | Notes |
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| AGE OF BUSINESS | SECTOR |  |
| [Agricultural & Horticultural Business Grants](https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20812/here2help_business_agriculture_and_horticulture_business_grants) | No restrictions | Farmers  Growers  Horticultural Producers  Micro & Small Processing Businesses | Grants between £2,000 and £10,000 to cover 50% of eligible costs including investments in new technology and conversion of buildings for processing activities | Live  Referrals to Worcestershire County Council | Worcestershire county council’s Here to Help grants  No specified deadline |
| [Business Energy Efficiency Programme](https://www.business-central.co.uk/beep/) | No restrictions  Must have minimum energy spend of £2,000 | Predominantly B2B, ERDF exclusions apply | Energy efficiency assessment  Grants up to £20,000 to cover 40% of costs of investments to improve energy usage | Live  Referrals to WCC | Live  40% grant towards the total cost of a project aimed to improve energy efficiency and reduce carbon emissions |
| [Birmingham City University Enterprise for Success workshop series](https://bcuadvantage.co.uk/event/e4s-workshop-1-analysing-your-growth-journey-purpose-vision-and-values/) | Start-up and new businesses | SMEs | Workshops covering the essentials of leadership strategy and marketing strategy for start-ups / new businesses. | Register now – workshops in February 2021 | Series of 4 x half day free workshops in February 2021 |
| [Covid-19 Response Grant](https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20811/here2help_business_covid-19_response_grants) | Trading over 12 months | Manufacturing  Information Technology (cyber security / digital / creative)  Business & Professional Services  Agri-technology  Construction  Transport & Logistics | Capital grants up to £100,000 for eligible projects:  Support for coronavirus R&D;  Be a supplier to the NHS or other Covid-19 vital service;  Manufacture of products to tackle the coronavirus outbreak | Live  Referrals to Worcestershire County Council | Live – no confirmed end date |
| [Develop Graduate Programme](https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20810/here2help_business_develop_-_graduate_programme) | Trading over 12 months | Manufacturing  Information Technology (cyber security / digital / creative)  Business & Professional Services  Agri-technology  Construction  Transport & Logistics | Up to £10,000 grant to cover 50% of graduate salary costs for a one year period. | Live  Referrals to Worcestershire County Council | Live |
| [Elevate](https://www.business-central.co.uk/elevate/) | Minimum 3 years trading and employ at least 5 people | Predominantly B2B (70%), ERDF exclusions apply | Programme of bespoke specialist growth support, peer to peer learning. Delivered in cohorts. Graduates can access grants up to £20,000 covering 40% of costs | Live  Referrals to Worcestershire County Council |  |
| [Enterprise for Success](https://www.enterpriseforsuccess.co.uk/) | Pre-start and up to 1 year’s trading | All | Workshops, 1:2:1 sessions with a business advisor | All output is North Worcestershire allocated until 2022. However, businesses can access as delivery is currently online. | Live until 2022 |
| [Kickstart](https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20829/here2_help_business_kickstart_scheme) | No restrictions | No restrictions | Funding for employers to create 6 month job placements for young people. Funding for 25 hours per week at national minimum wage plus £1,500 per placement. Employers NI & automatic enrolment contributions also covered. | First placements expected November 2020.  Worcestershire County Council is acting as an intermediary for those businesses with less than 30 placements. | Live - No deadline |
| [Low Carbon Growth Support Project](https://www.sustainabilitywestmidlands.org.uk/news/the-low-carbon-growth-support-project/) | No restrictions | ERDF exclusions apply | Energy efficiency audit  Grants up to £25,000 covering 40% of eligible costs (50% for consultancy) | Live  Referrals to Sustainability West Midlands | Live - No deadline |
| [Low Carbon Opportunities Programme](https://www.business-central.co.uk/locop/) | No restrictions | ERDF exclusions apply | Low Carbon Innovation assist or  Renewable energy generation assist  Grants up to £100k (capital) or up to £50k (revenue) covering 40% of eligible costs | Live  Referrals to Worcestershire County Council | No deadline |
| [Manufacturing Growth Programme](https://www.business-central.co.uk/manufacturing-growth-programme-grant-scheme/) | No restrictions | Manufacturing | Growth planning  Grants between £660 - £1650 to cover 33% of consultancy costs | Live  Referrals to Catherine Bray 07900 538 610 | Live |
| [Wyre Forest Apprenticeship Grant](https://www.wyreforestdc.gov.uk/business-and-work/apprenticeships.aspx)  [Bromsgrove Apprenticeship Grant](https://www.nwedr.org.uk/invest/business-support/training-skills-and-employment/apprenticeships/)  [Redditch Apprenticeship Grant](https://www.nwedr.org.uk/invest/business-support/training-skills-and-employment/apprenticeships/) | No restrictions | Eligible sectors in Wyre Forest, no restrictions in Bromsgrove or Redditch | £1,500 grant after 3 months employment. Apprentice must be resident in the district | Live  Referrals to [Georgina Harris](mailto:georgina.harris@nwedr.org.uk) | Live |
| [NWedR Booster Grant](https://www.nwedr.org.uk/invest/business-support/grants-and-funding/booster-grant/) | 2 years plus trading | All | £2,500 grant covering 50% of eligible costs | Live  Referrals to [Georgina Harris](mailto:georgina.harris@nwedr.org.uk) | 2020 funds fully allocated in Bromsgrove.  Funds renew in April 2021. Redditch and Wyre Forest still open. |
| [NWedR Start-up Grant](https://www.nwedr.org.uk/invest/business-support/grants-and-funding/pre-start-and-early-stage-business/) | Pre-start to 18 months | B2C  Must participate in recognised support programme | £500 grant covering 50% of eligible costs | Live  Referrals to [Georgina Harris](mailto:georgina.harris@nwedr.org.uk) | 2020 funds fully allocated in Bromsgrove. Funds renew in April 2021. Redditch and Wyre Forest still open. |
| [Peer to Peer Network from Greater Birmingham & Solihull LEP growth Hub](https://www.gbslepgrowthhub.co.uk/programmes/peer-networks)  [Peer to Peer Network from Worcestershire LEP](https://www.business-central.co.uk/wbc-business-blog-december-2020/) | Business needs to be at least one year old | The programme is available to any SME business that has:  • Operated for at least one year  • At least five employees  • A turnover of at least £100,000  • An aspiration to improve  Ideally, participants should also have:  • The potential to scale up  • The ability or potential to export | Interactive action learning  • Trained facilitators  • Small groups  • Flexible topic selection  • One to one coaching | Live now – apply online through websites | Peer Networks is a national peer-to-peer networking programme for SME leaders.  Businesses in North Worcestershire can access the Peer to Peer Network from either of our two Local Enterprise Partnerships Growth Hubs:  GBSLEP  Worcestershire LEP |

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| [Proof of Concept](https://www.business-central.co.uk/proof-of-concept/) | No restrictions | Predominantly B2B  ERDF restrictions apply | Grants up to £30,000 covering 40% of eligible costs | Referrals to WCC from website | Live |
| [Property Investment Programme](https://www.gbslepgrowthhub.co.uk/programmes/property-investment-programme-pip) | No restrictions | ERDF restrictions apply | Grants up to €200k to cover 50% of eligible costs | Pending  Referrals to Birmingham City Council  Ashfaq Ashraf 0121 464 9861 | Live Register for interest |
| [Skills Support for the Workforce](https://www.serco-ese.com/skills-support-for-the-workforce/regions/worcestershire) | No restrictions | Advanced Manufacturing  Agri-tech  Cyber & ICT  Construction  Visitor Economy  Businesses requiring STEM qualifications | Fully funded training for employees provided by a framework of trainers.  Support also available to those at risk of redundancy or made redundant in past 3 months | Live  Referrals to Serco  Jo O’Sullivan  07738 896 750 | Live |
| [Small Business Leadership Programme](https://www.business-central.co.uk/small-business-support-schemes-small-business-leadership-programme/) | Trading 1 year plus | All  Minimum 5 employees | 10 week structured leadership programme | Live  Referrals to Aston University via their website | Live |
| [Sustain & Grow](https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20808/here2help_business_sustain_and_grow_grants) | Trading over 12 months | Manufacturing  Information Technology (cyber security / digital / creative)  Business & Professional Services  Agri-technology  Construction  Transport & Logistics | Grants up to £25,000 covering 50% of eligible costs. Eligible projects include business resilience; adjustments & transformation; supply chain development; diversification; R&D; adoption of new technologies | Live  Referrals to Worcestershire County Council via their website | Live |
| [WINN](https://winn-hub.com/) | No restrictions | Predominantly Agri-tech, Advanced Manufacturing, Medi-tech, Cyber and Defence | Innovation community building, facilitating collaboration, providing specialist support | Live  See www.winn-hub.com | Live |