

Funding update

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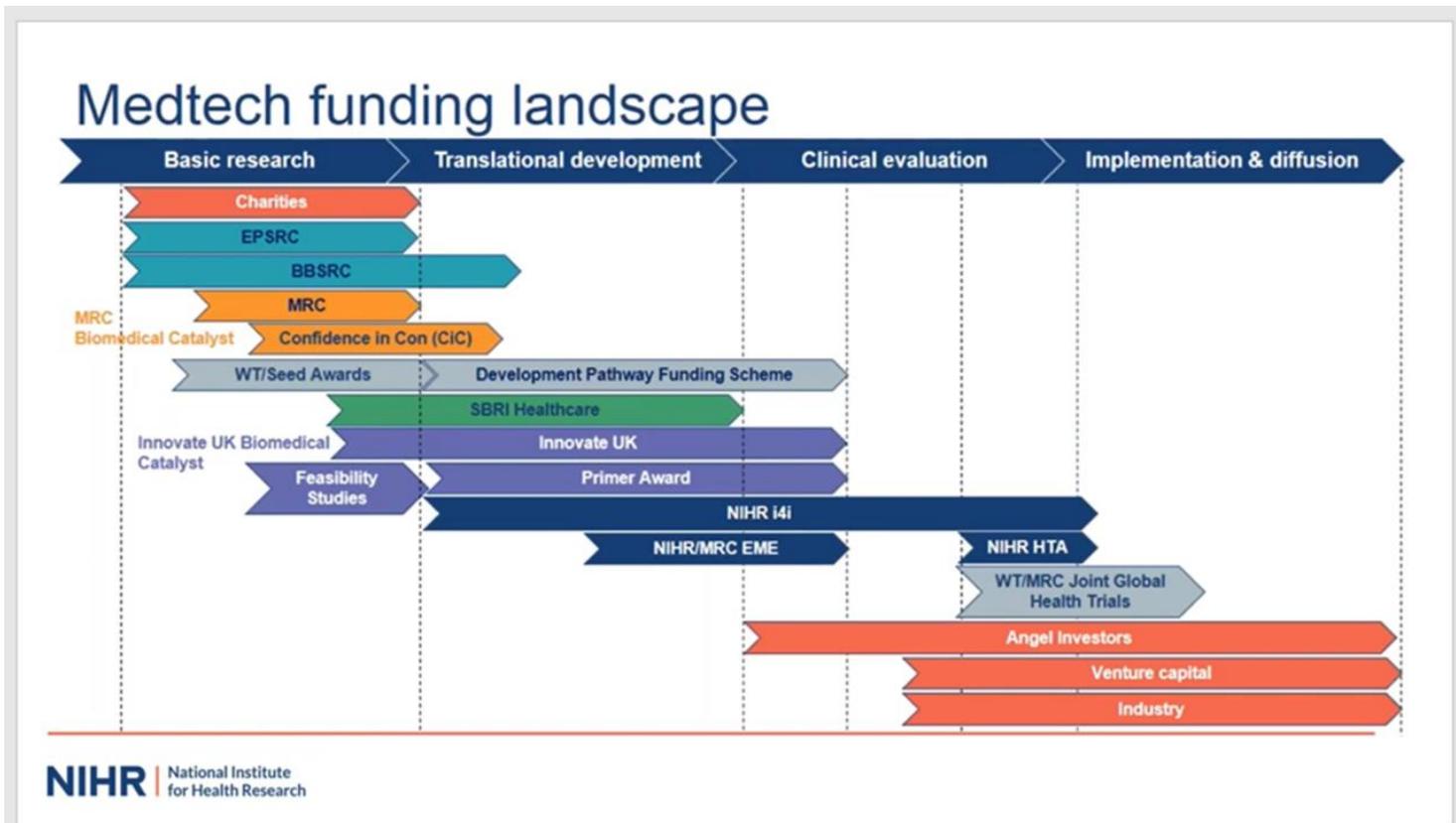


Innovate UK is the UK's innovation agency. They work with people, companies and partner organisations to find and drive the science and technology innovations that will grow the UK economy and fund opportunities. They are currently developing their five-point plan for the years ahead: Innovate UK [five-point plan](#).

Name	Summary	Funding	Deadline
SBRI : Improving Hip Fracture Outcomes Using Data, phase 1	The aim of the competition is to improve outcomes for hip fracture patients by developing a system using routinely collected health data and data-analytics techniques.	£160,000	31/03/2021
SBRI : Improving Multimorbidity Acute Care Using Data Analytics, phase 1	Organisations can to improve the care and outcomes for patients with multimorbidity admitted in A&E. The aim is to improve clinical decision-making by introducing a data-driven approach that must: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• identify multimorbidity patients• provide individual risk stratification through real-time data visualisation• provide decision support following an emergency admission	£160,000	03/03/2021
Development of the Digital Security by Design Software Ecosystem	UK registered SMEs can apply for a share of up to £1.5 million for fast-start short-term projects. Funding is to investigate requirements for adoption of Digital Security by Design (DSbD) technologies across the software development ecosystem.	£80,000	13/01/2021
Innovate UK Smart Grants: November 2020	Opportunity for UK registered organisations to apply for a share of up to £25 million from Innovate UK to deliver disruptive R&D innovations that can significantly impact the UK economy.	£2,000,000	20/01/2021

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Innovation continuity loans: Strand 3 November 2020 new project competition	Innovate UK is offering up to £210 million in loans to micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and third sector organisations that have a challenge in continuing, completing or following on an innovation project. Loans are for organisations that find themselves facing a sudden shortage or even unavailability of funds resulting directly from the COVID-19 pandemic.	£1,600,000	13/01/2021
Innovation continuity loans: Strand 2 November 2020 follow-on competition	Innovate UK is offering up to £210 million in loans to micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and third sector organisations that have a challenge in continuing, completing or following on an innovation project. Loans are for organisations that find themselves facing a sudden shortage or even unavailability of funds resulting directly from the COVID-19 pandemic.	£1,600,000	13/01/2021
Innovate UK Future Fund (COVID-19)	A financial package to support innovative new UK companies, and those driving research and development, that are facing financing difficulties due to the coronavirus outbreak and are not eligible for existing coronavirus rescue schemes.	£5,000,000	31/01/2021
Knowledge transfer partnerships (KTP): 2020 to 2021, round 5	UK registered higher or further education institutions, RTOs or Catapults can apply for a share of up to £10 million to help fund innovation projects with businesses	Discretionary	27/01/2021

NIHR is the nation's largest funder of health and care research and provide the people, facilities, and technology that enable research to thrive. They provide significant funding opportunities especially to help with the evaluation of the innovation and research studies associated with it.



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NIHR- Efficacy and Mechanism Evaluation Programme	<p>The EME Programme primarily supports clinical trials, and other robustly designed studies that test the efficacy of interventions. The interventions should have the potential to improve patient care or benefit the public. The programme will only support studies where there is sufficient evidence that the intervention might work in man, i.e. that there is 'proof of concept'. Current calls here include Cystic Fibrosis, Novel strategies to reduce overtreatment, Paediatric Care among others.</p>	Discretionary	None specified
NIHR Evidence Synthesis Programme	<p>The Evidence Synthesis Programme is funded by the NIHR. They support the production of evidence synthesis through three funding streams:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technology Assessment Review teams are funded by NIHR to provide NICE with independent research to inform their guidance committees • The NIHR Evidence Synthesis Programme Grant Scheme aims to produce high quality systematic reviews that are of direct benefit to users of the NHS in England. This call runs annually and is not currently open. • The NIHR Incentive Awards are available to Cochrane Review Groups and Campbell Collaboration Coordinating Groups to facilitate, and possibly accelerate review activity that is already planned or under way. 	Discretionary	None specified
NIHR Health Services and Delivery Research (HS&DR) Programme	<p>The Health Services and Delivery Research (HS&DR) Programme funds research to produce evidence to impact on the quality, accessibility and organisation of health and social care services. This includes evaluations of how the NHS and social care might improve delivery of services. Current calls here include Cystic Fibrosis, self neglect in the community. Please refer their calls for more information</p>	Discretionary	None specified
NIHR Health Services and Delivery Research (HS&DR)- Health and social care workforce funding call	<p>The Health Service and Delivery Research (HS&DR) Programme is interested in receiving applications for research in the following areas; identifying and evaluating interventions to support the health and social care workforce to develop inclusive leadership practices and embed learning and development needed to deliver transformational changes across the health and social care sector; identifying optimal approaches to skill mix and flexible working; supporting well-being of staff.</p>	Discretionary	04/02/2021

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NIHR Health Technology Assessment	The Health Technology Assessment (HTA) Programme funds research about the clinical and cost-effectiveness and broader impact of healthcare treatments and tests for those who plan, provide or receive care from NHS and social care services. They have a number of themed calls, please refer their website for more information	Discretionary	None specified
i4i Product Development Awards	i4i Product Development Awards (PDA) support innovations at any stage of the translational research and development pathway, including the clinical development of laboratory-validated technologies or interventions. This funding stream is researcher-led and does not specify topics for research. Research proposals must include applicants from two organisation types: an NHS Trust, higher education institution or small-to-medium-sized enterprise (SME).	Discretionary	Not yet opened for stage 2
i4i Challenge Awards	i4i Challenge Awards are commissioned on an ad hoc basis in areas of existing or emerging healthcare need. The expected output is a disruptive technology with the potential to offer improved outcomes for NHS patients. The 2020 NIHR i4i Challenge Awards will fund the assessment of medtech innovations in real-world healthcare settings. The aim is to shorten the evidence gap between the safety/efficacy studies typical of a newly or nearly CE marked technology and what is required for decisions by commissioners and regulators.	Discretionary	12/01/2021
i4i Connect	i4i Connect is aimed at small-to-medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in need of a funding boost to reach the next stage in the development pathway. Eligible SMEs may comprise developers of medical devices, in vitro diagnostics and digital health technologies with direct patient benefits, looking to ultimately integrate into the NHS. The funding stream aims to help SMEs get to a point where they can apply for further funding, in particular for an i4i Product Development Award. It also aims to de-risk projects at any stage of the translational research and development pathway to support follow-on investment.	£150,000	None specified
NIHR Programme Development Grants	NIHR Programme Development Grants (PDG) are designed to enable a research team to carry out targeted preparatory work to develop a competitive Programme Grants for Applied Research (PGfAR) funding application. They can also be used to further develop an existing or ongoing PGfAR-funded programme of research.	£150,000	None specified

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Programme Development Grants - Competition 29	<p>Applications are invited for Programme Development Grant funding. Programme Development Grants are designed to increase the rate and number of successful applications for a full Programme Grant by supporting the completion of the necessary preparatory work to suitably position the research team to submit a competitive Programme Grant application.</p>	<p>£150,000</p>	<p>13/01/2021</p>
The Public Health Research (PHR) Programme	<p>The programme funds research to generate evidence to inform the delivery of non-NHS interventions, specifically, we provide new knowledge on the benefits, costs, acceptability and wider impacts of non-NHS interventions intended to improve the health of the public and reduce inequalities in health.</p>	<p>Discretionary</p>	<p>None specified</p>
Research for Social Care	<p>RfSC will fund research which generates evidence to improve, expand and strengthen the way adult social care is delivered for users of care services, carers, and the public. For full details, please see the call specification. Individual projects will be funded up to £350,000.</p>	<p>£350,000</p>	<p>None specified</p>
Artificial Intelligence for Multiple Long-Term Conditions (Multimorbidity) call (AIM)	<p>The AIM call will fund programmes of research which will use AI and data science methods, combined with expertise in clinical practice, applied health and care research and social science, to systematically identify or explore clusters of disease. In addition to the identification and mapping of new clusters of disease, the call seeks research to better understand the trajectories of patients with MLTC-M over time and throughout the life course, including the influence of wider determinants such as environmental, behavioral and psychosocial factors.</p>	<p>£5,000,000</p>	<p>None specified</p>
Artificial Intelligence in Health and Care Award (AI award)	<p>The AI in Health and Care award is run in partnership with the Accelerated Access Collaborative and NHSX. The AI in Health and Care Award supports AI technologies across the spectrum of development, from initial feasibility to evaluation within clinical pathways in the NHS and social care settings, to the point that they could be nationally commissioned. Key areas of focus include screening, diagnosis, decision support and system efficiency.</p>	<p>£150,000</p>	<p>03/03/2021 (Stage 2 if invited)</p>

Name	Summary	Funding	Deadline
Invention for Innovation - Challenge Awards Call 11	<p>The NIHR Invention for Innovation (i4i) programme invites proposals to Call 11 of its researcher-led Challenge Awards, which this year are on the topic of Real World Implementation (RWI). The RWI Challenge Award will fund investigations of MedTech innovations in healthcare settings. The aim is to shorten the evidence gap between the safety/efficacy typical of a newly or nearly CE marked technology and what is required for decisions by commissioners and regulators. At the same time, this will de-risk the product for follow-on investment.</p>	Discretionary	12/01/2021
Artificial Intelligence Health and Care Award - Phases 1-4	<p>The Artificial Intelligence Health and Care Award supports innovators and technologies across the spectrum of development of artificial intelligence (AI) technology, from concept through to initial NHS adoption and testing of the technology within clinical pathways.</p>	Discretionary	None specified

Covid 19 Research Specific grants

Name	Summary	Funding (max)	Deadline
NERC urgency funding	<p>The NERC Urgency Grant scheme exists to provide funding for unexpected and transient scientific opportunities created by unpredictable natural events. NERC welcome Urgency proposals related to the current Coronavirus outbreak. Research must fall predominantly within the NERC remit. Proposals will need to be sensitive to social distancing and other restrictions being brought in as a result of the current situation.</p>	£52,000	None specified
PRACE Support To Mitigate Impact Of COVID-19 Pandemic	<p>PRACE is welcoming project proposals requesting computing resources to contribute to the mitigation of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. This applies, without being exhaustive, to the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biomolecular research to understand the mechanisms of the virus infection • Bioinformatics research to understand mutations, evolution, etc. • Bio-simulations to develop therapeutics and/or vaccines • Epidemiologic analysis to understand and forecast the spread of the disease • Other analyses to understand and mitigate the impact of the pandemic 	Discretionary	None specified
IndieBio Coronavirus Initiative	<p>We are seeking up to 8 startups to receive a minimum of \$250,000 each to pursue the development of diagnostics, therapeutics, vaccines, disinfection, and other solutions addressing the worldwide problem of emerging infectious diseases. Companies who focus on detection may include those that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve diagnostic capabilities in speed, cost, or scaling. • Predict negative post-infection sequelae for COVID-19 patients. • Enhance serological testing kits. 	Discretionary	None specified
Global Innovation Fund- COVID-19 response	<p>GIF was set up to confront global development challenges by funding innovations with the potential to improve the lives of the world's poorest people. For those living in developing countries, COVID-19 is yet another of these challenges.</p> <p>In a crisis, the most vulnerable are the ones most at risk. In this pandemic, and the recovery that follows it, GIF will be there to support the innovators and entrepreneurs with the vision to deliver solutions for the world's poorest people.</p>	Discretionary	None specified

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NIHR: Public health research programme – commissioned call	<p>The PHR programme is seeking proposals to better understand the availability and potential of routinely collected administrative and service activity data to support decision making in local authorities to improve the health within their local populations, or across multiple local authorities, and reduce inequalities in health. Activities supported under this call include considering how the COVID-19 pandemic may have been a catalyst for change, identifying lessons learned from the management of the pandemic and how to harness and build on positive change in the longer term.</p>	£250,000	15/01/2021
Prioritised support for urgent COVID-19 research	<p>In March 2020, on behalf of the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC), the NIHR set up a UK-wide portal for applying for funding and/or prioritised support for urgent public health research into COVID-19. Our goal was to gather the necessary clinical and epidemiological evidence to inform national policy and enable new diagnostics, treatments and vaccines to be developed and tested.</p>	Discretionary	None specified

Other Funding streams

Name	Summary	Funding	Deadline
UKRI Healthy Ageing Catalyst Awards	<p>The Healthy Ageing Catalyst Award is a high risk, high reward innovation award offering £62,500 to ambitious researchers who are prepared to turn their most innovative ideas into workable products and services. The award provides a structured, 9-month part-time programme of support starting in September 2021, designed to accelerate your ideas and maximise the reach and impact of your work. Applications will be open to UK based researchers in a variety of disciplines, including a wide range of voices, viewpoints, and experiences. We particularly welcome applications from early career researchers, researchers in the arts, humanities and social sciences (AHSS)</p>	£62,500	February
Nesta Impact Investment	<p>Nesta Impact Investments is a £17.6m fund investing in life-changing innovations that help tackle the major challenges faced by older people, children and communities in the UK.</p>	£1,000,000	None specified
Global Innovation Fund	<p>The Global Innovation Fund is a non-profit innovation fund headquartered in London with an office in Washington D.C. that invests in the development, rigorous testing, and scaling of innovations targeted at improving the lives of the world's poorest people. Through our grants and risk capital, we help breakthrough solutions to global development challenges from for-profit firms, non-profit organisations, researchers, and government agencies to maximise their impact and affect meaningful change.</p>	Discretionary	None specified
Multiple Long-Term Conditions Challenge Fund	<p>The focus of this call is for preventative efforts to slow progression for working age adults, who live with one health condition and are at risk of developing many. This requires us to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • examine how circumstances and environments (e.g. employment, finances, housing) impact wellbeing or the progression from one long-term condition to a second or third long-term condition • prioritise groups most likely to experience health inequity, including people from Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic communities and those on a lower income and people experiencing intersectional inequalities (e.g. combining gender, ethnicity or disability to name only a few protected characteristics). • explore how wellbeing, stress and multimorbidity are linked • understand how the progression could be slowed, halted through interventions. 	£175,000	25/02/2021

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Name	Summary	Funding	Deadline
Accelerator Award	The Accelerator Award is awarded by Cancer Research UK and it enables translational research by funding cross-institutional teams to produce tools, platforms and resources which will transform the research landscape.	£ 5,000,000	Paused
Biomedical Resource Grants	These grants are from Wellcome Trust and they are for researchers who want to establish new biomedical resources (including databases and collections) or substantially enhance existing ones. These resources should enable new research and benefit the wider scientific community.	£1,500,000	12/01/2021
Eurostars Project	In the UK, only SMEs are eligible for funding. Participation in a Eurostars project can bring you a passport to growth, further innovation, an opening to new global markets and even greater business success. Eurostars is the only European funding programme to be specifically dedicated to support R&D-performing SMEs in their innovative R&D projects.	£300,000	04/02/2021
Technology Development Grants	These grants are for researchers who want to develop new technologies and tools (including informatics tools and software) for biomedical research, or substantially enhance existing ones. These technologies and tools should enable new research and benefit the wider scientific community.	£1,500,000	12/01/2021
Open Research Fund	This funding supports researchers to develop and test innovative ways of making health research open, accessible and reusable. One can apply to the Open Research Fund if they want to develop, pilot and evaluate innovative approaches that aim to make health research more open.	£50,000	To be confirmed later

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Name	Summary	Funding	Deadline
MedTech Navigator Innovation Grants UPDATED	<p>Key stakeholders need to be involved with medical product development, such as the beneficiary (patient), user (clinician) and buyer (NHS organisation), who often have different interests and requirements. The MedTech NAVIGATOR Innovation Grants are designed to facilitate such bespoke interactions between SMEs and eligible Knowledge Providers, such as an NHS Trust, or a University, during the product development process.</p>	<p>£7,500</p>	<p>09/04/2021</p>
Research and Development Challenge Fund 'Fast Track' (Penelope and Eugene Rosenberg Awards)	<p>The fund is also able to support smaller grants, through a new rapid assessment process. This 'Fast track' Research and Development Challenge Fund Scheme provides smaller scale awards of between £5K-£10K per project with rapid turn-around time (c. 2-3 weeks for assessment) to allow projects who have immediate needs outside of core R&D Challenge Fund deadlines to access funding. The same criteria will be used as that used by the main fund but without extensive external review.</p>	<p>£10,000</p>	<p>None specified</p>
Innovator Awards	<p>These awards support researchers who are transforming great ideas into healthcare innovations that could have a significant impact on human health. The work that you propose must be essential for developing your healthcare innovation.</p>	<p>£750,000</p>	<p>24/05/2021</p>
Novartis grants and sponsorships	<p>Novartis can provide reasonable financial support for the general purpose of supporting healthcare initiatives like: improving medical infrastructure, independent educational activities, support for healthcare professional societies, health and medical policy research, and patient group activities. Novartis has a number of medical educational goods and services (MEGS) which are available on request.</p>	<p>Discretionary</p>	<p>None specified</p>

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Name	Summary	Funding	Deadline
2020 TUF smaller research projects fund	TUF will fund projects for patient benefit that seek to improve services and treatments and communications with patients and carers. The outcomes of the study must be measured and evaluated and demonstrate improved care and well-being of patients. They should be Nurse-led and/or clinician-led projects	£10,000	31/05/2021
Healthcare Innovation Grant ^{NEW}	They are interested in funding projects that can make a positive and long-lasting change at Barts Health NHS Trust hospitals and have the potential to impact the wider healthcare sector. You can apply with up to 3 co-applicants. They may be external to the Trust, but you'll need to explain why their specific expertise is needed. The focus of the project must be the Barts Health hospitals.	£50,000- £50,000	03/02/2021
Major Research Grant ^{NEW}	Our Major Research Grants support work on the subject of healthcare- associated infections and infection prevention and control. This grant would be suitable to support a PhD studentship, MD or other research worker and related consumables/equipment, with a preference towards translational research rather than pure science topics. Grants will be subject to satisfactory biannual progress reports.	£99,000	01/09/2021
Small Research Grants ^{NEW}	We believe that excellent research underpins clinical best practice. HIS aims to fund pioneering, innovative research within the scope of infection prevention and control and nosocomial infections. Applications for funding must show an understanding of the clinical practice of infection prevention and control directly relating to nosocomial infections. Small research grants are intended to support small-scale research projects, or possibly the costs associated with the visit of an overseas research fellow, up to £10,000 for a project of 12 months duration. The primary grant holder and their institution must be based in the UK or Republic of Ireland. Small grants are normally non-recurring.	£10,000	01/03/2021

Regional funding streams

Name	Summary	Funding	Deadline
New Anglia Small Grants Scheme	This offers grants from £1,000 to £25,000 to help you grow your business. These normally cover up to 20% of your total project costs – but can cover up to 30% in some areas of Norfolk and Suffolk.	£25,000	None specified
East Sussex Invest 7	East Sussex Invest 7 fund is an East Sussex County Council (ESCC) and Regional Growth Fund (RGF) programme to support the local economy and create jobs. It is delivered by the County Council in partnership with Locate East Sussex (LES).	£25,000	None specified
North East Business Support Fund	The North East Business Support Fund is tailored to small businesses in County Durham, Northumberland, Tees Valley and Tyne and Wear.	Discretionary	None specified
SoLSTICE (Leics)	Through the SoLSTICE programme, part-funded by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and the East Midlands Academic Health Science Network, we offer support to SME's to innovate products, services and processes. There are a number of funds offered: 1. Innovation Support Grants- to procure external suppliers 2. MedTech Trial Grants- to support clinical trials and evaluation of products	£50,000	None specified
Asthma Health Technology Fund	NIHR, EPSRC and Asthma UK and the British Lung Foundation have come together to launch a multi-million pound fund to support the development and adoption of asthma health technologies. This fund has been designed to support innovation from concept stage through to scaling in the NHS. The purpose of this call is to support the research and development of novel solutions to prevent asthma attacks and improve the lives of people with asthma. The areas of focus should fall into any of the following areas: Diagnosis, Self-management, Treatment optimization, Monitoring, Risk stratification	Discretionary	None specified

There are various other grants that might align with your business needs which are mostly regional, to be found in the Government website [here](#) under the '*Finance and support for your business*' section. Please tick on the '*GRANTS*' checkbox for better results.

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Health Technology Accelerator Programme	The Health Technology Accelerator Programme (HTAP) is funded by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) to support small to medium businesses in the West of England region develop new products or services for the health and life science sector. It provides mentoring and business support, sector specific expertise and networking/ industry collaboration opportunities.	Discretionary	None specified
The Greater Lincolnshire Growth Fund	The Greater Lincolnshire Growth Fund has been created to support the private sector businesses operating in one of the LEP's priority sectors and to add value to other existing funding streams. £2,925,000 of grant funding is available to both Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) and larger businesses within the Greater Lincolnshire area who can deliver transformational projects which align with the wider ambitions of the Strategic Economic Plan.	£500,000	None specified
Coventry and Warwickshire business support programme	The Coventry and Warwickshire Business Support Programme is part-funded by the European Regional Development Fund with further support from Warwickshire County Council and Coventry City Council. It is delivered by the Coventry & Warwickshire LEP Growth Hub, County Council, City Council and a wide range of specialist delivery partners. The Programme is part-funded by the European Regional Development Fund.	Discretionary	None specified
Coast to Capital Growth Hub	The Coast to Capital Growth Hub provides free and impartial government funded business support in Greater Brighton, West Sussex and East Surrey area which can help your ambitious and innovative business achieve growth.	Discretionary	None specified
DigitalHealth.London's Accelerator programme	DigitalHealth.London's Accelerator programme aims to speed up the adoption of technology in London's NHS, relieving high pressure on services and empowering patients to manage their health.	Discretionary	Applications not opened for 2021

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Accelerate Cambridge	Accelerate Cambridge offers a structured approach of three-month programmes that combine entrepreneurship training, regular coaching and mentoring, as well as access to shared workspace. We help teams of entrepreneurs turn an idea into a business, launch, and then keep going. Accelerate Cambridge is part of an ecosystem of support for entrepreneurs in Cambridge and will help you to navigate your way through it and find the resources you need.	National	Spring 2021
Accelerate@Babraham	A new bio-incubator and life science accelerator capability has been launched at the Babraham Research Campus. Accelerate@Babraham is designed to support the earliest stages of new life-science ventures, by providing easy-access laboratory and office space, (the 'bio-incubator') together with supporting programmes of business, science, finance and entrepreneurial mentoring (the 'accelerator') provided by strategic partners.	Regional (Cambridge)	None specified
IMAGINE IF! Accelerator	IMAGINE IF! provides early-stage science startups with extensive opportunities to take your venture to the next level: tailored mentorship, the potential to secure non-dilutive capital, free advice from leading professional service companies and rapid networking across the Innovation Forum's platform.	National	None specified
Biocity Business Accelerator Programme	The BioCity Business Accelerator Programme is an intensive eight-week programme specifically designed to help scientific entrepreneurs launch and grow businesses from their science. You will learn how to 'Lean Start-up', using a set of highly effective tools to identify gaps in your business, evaluate risks and create a business model that stands-up to the scrutiny of potential investors, partners and customers.	Regional	None specified
MedTech Accelerator	The Medtech Accelerator has been set up to facilitate the early stage development of innovations in the broad area of medical technology (devices, diagnostics, software and eHealth) that meet unmet clinical needs within the NHS.	Regional	None specified

Accelerators and Incubators

Name	Summary	Coverage	Deadline
Healthbox	<p>Healthbox helps organizations drive innovation from the inside and out. Healthbox helps move beyond the hype to develop successful, impact-driven programs. The Healthbox Foundry is a change agent that empowers staff to come forward with ideas to improve the organization and healthcare globally by turning projects into products and employees into innovators. The program retains and maximizes the value of current and future Intellectual Property and builds an organizational identity and culture of entrepreneurial innovation. Healthbox provides a transparent, rigorous, and market-tested approach towards the evaluation and selection of innovative employee-led ideas for mentoring and resourcing.</p>	<p>London</p>	<p>None specified</p>
FFWD Accelerator	<p>FastForward, the UK's Pre-Accelerator Programme (FFWD for short) is an initiative backed by The Accelerator Network and Capital Enterprise to prepare startup teams for first funding and successful application and entry to leading accelerators. Delivered in one-day sprints, over a 6-week period, this interactive, hands-on programme is designed to cover key topics such as Tech, Marketing, Finance, and much more, using a blend of expert speakers and professional industry mentors. FFWD is one of the few pre-accelerators delivered in London for early stage UK tech entrepreneurs. Made up of one-day dynamic sprints over 6 weeks, it combines Lean Startup methodology, practical application of Design Thinking and expert mentor coaching. FFWD helps entrepreneurs validate their MVP, raise pre-seed funding and access London's top accelerators.</p>	<p>National</p>	<p>None specified</p>
Techstars accelerator	<p>Techstars accelerators have one goal: to help entrepreneurs succeed. During each three-month program, we surround companies with the best mentors and an unrivaled network of corporate partners, investors, and alumni. We provide funding and fundraising opportunities, workshops and curated resources, not to mention countless moments where you can learn from your peers. It's a proven model that's helped build thousands of successful companies, all over the world.</p>	<p>National</p>	<p>None specified</p>
Knowledge Transfer Partnerships ^{NEW}	<p>The Knowledge Transfer Partnership (KTP) scheme helps businesses in the UK to innovate and grow. It does this by linking them with an academic or research organisation and a graduate. A KTP enables a business to bring in new skills and the latest academic thinking to deliver a specific, strategic innovation project through a knowledge-based partnership.</p>	<p>Discretionary</p>	<p>None specified</p>

Local enterprise partnerships (LEPs) are voluntary partnerships between local authorities and businesses, set up in 2011 by the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills to help determine local economic priorities and lead economic growth and job creation within the local area.

If you are looking for business funding, support or guidance, please contact your local [Growth Hub](#). If you wish to engage with LEPs or have a product or service which may be of interest to them, please use the list of LEPs below to be taken to each LEP's home page where you will find their contact details.

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