

## Equity Based Finance

Advantage Business Angels	Business angel networks to bring entrepreneurs/ companies, looking to raise £25k and individual investors together.
Beer and Partners	
Minerva Business Angel Network	
Central England Business Angel Network	
Advantage Creative Fund	Invests up to £250k in creative businesses.
Mercia Seed Technology Fund	Invests seed corn capital upto £750k in businesses with a strong technology base and intellectual property position.
Advantage Early Growth Fund	Provides £20k to £100k that must be matched by a private sector investment.
Advantage Growth Fund	Equity fund focused on high growth businesses that provides up to £250k investment.
Advantage Enterprise & Innovation Fund	Equity fund which will provide £250k to £1m, that must be matched by private sector investment.
Investbx	First virtual trading platform of its kind in Britain to help businesses raise equity finance up to £2m.

## Grants

Proof of Concept	Grants of upto £30k representing 75% of external projects.
Grants for Research and Development	Grants ranging from £5,000 to £500,000 to support technologically inovative research and development projects in SME's.
Grants for Business Investment	Grants of £10,000 upwards to support capital expenditure project which improve productivity, skills and employment.
Innovation Networks	Grants of £10-15K (revenue or capital) to networks comprising at least 3 WM based SMEs working together on an innovative product process or service.
New Business Start up Grant	Grants of up to £1500 for new business start-ups in Sandwell.

## Loans

Alternative Financial Institutions	Loans up to 50k to businesses with viable plans but are unable to secure the funding elsewhere.
Advantage Transition Bridge Fund	Loans of over £50k and up to £250k on same criteria as above.
Princes Trust	Regional for 18-30 year olds starting up new businesses
HALAL Fund	The Halal Fund provides loans and equity finance to new entrepreneurs, business start-ups and existing businesses from the socially excluded, particularly Muslim Communities in the West Midlands region.