



Our Ref: PQ 66927/25

19th December 2025

Mr. Emer Currie T.D.
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Dear Emer,

I refer to Parliamentary Question 66927/25 answered on the 27 November 2025 and follow up letter dated 12 December:

“To ask the Minister for Enterprise; Tourism and Employment to list all funding schemes, grant programmes and any other financial supports that are currently administered by his Department and its agencies; the expected launch and closing dates for applications for each scheme in 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

The response indicated that additional time would be needed to obtain the requested information. Information on financial supports administered by my department are set out in tabular form attached. Where supports are listed as ongoing no closing date is anticipated.

Most of the Department's investment in research and innovation is channelled through Enterprise Ireland (EI). EI's programmes in research and innovation are focused on the direct support for in-company R&D in Irish-owned companies and the translation of academic research into new products, processes and services by industry. Other key programmes for which we the Department have responsibility for are Ireland's membership of the European Space Agency and our membership of Eureka.

You may also wish to note that Enterprise Ireland's funding programmes operate across varying timeframes to accommodate different business needs, including short-, medium- and long-term initiatives. This tiered approach ensures flexibility for start-ups, exporters and high growth companies at different stages of their development. It would not be possible under the

timeframe given to provide a launch date for each of the schemes as many go back a long number of years.

In terms of the supports provided by the Local Enterprise Offices (LEOs), I wish to advise that the LEOs offer direct grant assistance to small businesses. However, it should be noted that grants that are specifically designed for growth or exporting are aimed at those in the manufacturing and internationally traded services sectors only. These types of grants cannot be provided to businesses in areas such as personal services, local retail, or local professional services as it may give rise to displacement of businesses in the locality.

Local Enterprise Offices provide grants to small businesses in all sectors, in the areas of Green and Digital. These grants are focused on providing capital to assist in implementation of recommendations to digitalise or decarbonise a business. They will also enhance the productivity and improve the competitiveness of small businesses.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Peter Burke', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Peter Burke T.D.

Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment



Enterprise Ireland Supports/Grants

Grant Programme	Funding Scheme	Other financial supports	Launch date	Closing date
	Commercialisation Fund		scheme is open	Ongoing
		European Digital Innovation Hubs (EDIH)	scheme is open	Ongoing
Innovation Partnership Programme			scheme is open	Ongoing
Innovation Voucher Programme			scheme is open	Ongoing
		Innovators Initiative Programme	scheme is open	Ongoing
	High Potential Start Up Fund		scheme is open	Ongoing
	New Frontiers Programme		scheme is open	Ongoing
	Research, Development & Innovation Fund		scheme is open	Ongoing
		Technology Gateway Programme	scheme is open	Ongoing

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		Technology Centre Programme	scheme is open	Ongoing
		KT Boost Programme	scheme is open	Ongoing
		International Collaboration Fund	scheme is open	Ongoing
	Access Advice (5 Sub grants AA: Digital And AI Discovery, AA: GreentStart AA: IP Start AA: LeanStart AA:Small Strategic Consultancy)		scheme is open	Ongoing
	Business Partners Programme (BP)		scheme is open	Ongoing
	Capital Funding Support		scheme is open	Ongoing
Climate Action Voucher			scheme is open	Ongoing
Cyber Security Review Grant			scheme is open	Ongoing
Digital Marketing Capability			scheme is open	Ongoing

	Digital Process Innovation		scheme is open	Ongoing
	Employment Funding Support		scheme is open	Ongoing
Energy and Environmental Aid			scheme is open	2026
Enterprise Emissions Reduction Investment Fund - Capital investment for decarbonisation processes			scheme is open	31 August 2026
Enterprise Emissions Reduction Investment Fund - Energy Monitoring and Tracking Systems			scheme is open	31 August 2026
		Eureka - Eurostars (European Partnership on Innovative SMEs)	scheme is open	2027
		Eureka - Innnowwide	scheme is open	Ongoing

Exploring Innovation Grant			scheme is open	Ongoing
	Get Exporting		2026	Ongoing
	GradStart		scheme is open	Ongoing
	GreenPlus		scheme is open	Ongoing
	HPSU Feasibility Study Grant		scheme is open	Ongoing
	HPSU Founders Forum		scheme is open	Ongoing
	Innovation Partnership Programme		scheme is open	Ongoing
	Innovation Voucher		scheme is open	Ongoing
IP Plus			scheme is open	Ongoing
Key Manager Support			scheme is open	Ongoing
LeanPlus			scheme is open	Ongoing
		Market Research Grant	scheme is open	Ongoing
		Standard Mentor Assignment	scheme is open	Ongoing
New Frontiers			scheme is open	Ongoing

		New Markets Validation Grant	scheme is open	Ongoing
	NextWave: National Women Founders Accelerator		scheme is open	Ongoing
Operational Excellence			scheme is open	Ongoing
	PhDStart		scheme is open	Ongoing
		Pre-Seed Start Fund	scheme is open	Ongoing
Regional Development Feasibility Fund			scheme is open	Ongoing
	Smart Regions Enterprise Innovation Scheme		scheme is open	Ongoing
	Strategic Consultancy Assignment		scheme is open	Ongoing
	Strategic Marketing Review (SMR)		scheme is open	Ongoing
	Training Funding Support		scheme is open	Ongoing
	Disruptive Technology Innovation Fund		scheme is open	2027
	Seed and Venture Capital Investment Fund		scheme is open	2029
AI & Digital Grant			scheme is open	Ongoing

Local Enterprise Office Supports/Grants

Grant Programme	Funding Scheme	Other financial supports	Launch date	Closing date
Feasibility Grant			scheme is open	Ongoing
Priming Grant			scheme is open	Ongoing
Business Expansion Grant			scheme is open	Ongoing
Market Explorer Grant 8(formerly TAME)			scheme is open	Ongoing
	Over 10 Framework		scheme is open	Ongoing
		Energy Efficiency Grant	scheme is open	Ongoing
		Grow Digital Voucher	scheme is open	Ongoing
	Emergency Humanitarian Flood Scheme		Ad hoc as need arises.	

IDA Supports/Grants

Grant Programme	Funding Scheme	Other financial supports	Launch date	Closing date
Regional Aid (Capital & Employment grants)	GBER Regional Aid		Scheme is open	This support is provided by IDA on an ongoing basis and is tied to the GBER State Aid Framework July 2023- December 2026
R&D Grant	GBER R&D		Scheme is open	This support is provided by IDA on an ongoing basis and is tied to the GBER State Aid Framework July 2023- December 2026
R&D Feasibility Grant	GBER R&D		Scheme is open	This support is provided by IDA on an ongoing basis and is tied to the GBER State Aid Framework July 2023- December 2026
Green Capital Grant	GBER Environmental Aid Scheme		Scheme is open	This support is provided by IDA on an ongoing basis and is tied to the GBER State Aid Framework July 2023- December 2026

Training Grant	GBER Training Aid		Scheme is open	This support is provided by IDA on an ongoing basis and is tied to the GBER State Aid Framework July 2023- December 2026
Business Development Programme	De Minimus Aid		Scheme is open	This support is provided by IDA on an ongoing basis but is sanctioned for time limited periods by DPEIPSRD. The BDP was sanctioned in February 2025 to run until end 2026, with revised sanction secured in September 2025, notwithstanding that IDA can request sanction to extend the scheme.
Innovate Programme	De Minimus Aid		Scheme is open	Ongoing
Lean/Digital Programme	De Minimus Aid		Scheme is open	Ongoing
International Marketing Programme	De Minimus Aid		Scheme is open	This support is provided by IDA on an ongoing basis but is sanctioned for a time limited period by DPEIPSRD. The IMP was sanctioned in February to run until end 2026, notwithstanding that IDA can request sanction to extend the scheme.
Innovation Voucher	De Minimus Aid		Scheme is open	Ongoing
Green Plus	De Minimus Aid		Scheme is open	Ongoing
Business Asset Grant	De Minimus Aid		Scheme is open	Ongoing
		Leading with Strategic Intent-IMI	Scheme is open	Ongoing

		Mentor Programme	Scheme is open	Ongoing
		Future Subsidiary Leaders	Scheme is open	Ongoing

Fáilte Ireland Supports/Grants

Grant Programme	Funding Scheme	Other financial supports	Launch date	Closing date
Employer Excellence Programme – micro businesses Businesses pay directly for provision of their employee engagement survey and Fáilte Ireland covers cost of 1to1 HR expert clinic and wider programme of capability building supports.			scheme is open	June 2027
Employer Excellence Programme Phase 2 – Businesses pay directly for provision of their employee engagement			scheme is open	2026

survey and Fáilte Ireland covers cost of 1 to 1 HR expert clinic and wider programme of capability building supports.				
Climate Action Programme Advisory offered to support decarbonisation of tourism businesses. Fully subsidised. No cost to the businesses.			scheme is open	2026
Climate Action Future Ready Leadership Programme with Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership (CISL) Capability building programme. 70% subsidised by Fáilte Ireland.			scheme is open	January 2026
Commercial Resilience Framework Capability building 1to1 support. Fully			July 2026	2026

subsidised. No cost to the businesses.				
F&B 360 Programme Capability building programme. Fully subsidised. No cost to the businesses.			November 2025 & October 2026	April 2026 & April 2027
B2C Sales Ready Programme Capability building programme. Fully subsidised. No cost to the businesses.			March 2026 & September 2026	April 2026 & October 2026
B2B Sales Ready Programme Capability building programme. Fully subsidised. No cost to the businesses.			December 2025 & August 2026	January 2026 & September 2026
Sales Internationalisation Programme Capability building programme. Fully			November 2025 & July 2026	January 2026 & September 2026

subsidised. No cost to the businesses.				
Rethinking Retail Programme Capability building programme. Fully subsidised. No cost to the businesses.			February 2026	March 2026
Cost Management 1to 1 Clinics Capability building 1to1 support. Fully subsidised, no cost to the business.			November 2025 & November 2026	March 2026 & March 2027
Access for Success programme Accessible and Inclusive tourism capability building programme.		Accessibility Audits 70% subsidised by Fáilte Ireland.	February 2026	Closing date for registration- March 2026. Programme runs until December 2026
Dublin Convention Bureau (DCB) partnership programme – supporting business development opportunities. This includes familiarisation			Scheme is open	Ongoing Open programme for all DCB partners

trip supports and provision of overseas sales platforms.				
Fund to support Irish based, Fáilte Ireland approved Destination Management Companies (DMCs) with familiarisation activities	Destination Development Fund		scheme is open	Q4 2026
Bid, site inspection funding and subvention to support in winning and hosting international business events in Ireland	Destination Subvention.		scheme is open	2026
Business Events familiarisation trips in partnership with Tourism Ireland	Fáilte Ireland in partnership with Tourism Ireland		Q1 2026	Q3 2026
In Ireland business event sales platforms either bid for or via business case by Fáilte Ireland and/or in partnership with Tourism Ireland	Fáilte Ireland and/or in partnership with Tourism Ireland		scheme is open	Ongoing
Domestic Recruit/lead Generation events for			scheme is open	Ongoing

association conferences as part of the Conference Ambassador Programme in partnership with key stakeholders				
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Other:

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Education, Training and Advisory Service (ETAS) grant paid to the Irish Congress of Trade Unions (ICTU) annually.	The amount is 900k per year. The Service assists ICTU in capacity building and provides for funding of trade union education, training and advisory services activities.		scheme is open	Ongoing grant paid to ICTU.

Grant Programme	Funding Scheme	Other financial supports	Launch date	Closing date
		Important Projects of Common European Interest – State aid under EU IPCEI rules or General Block Exemption	scheme is open	4 February 2026

		Regulation State aid rules		
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