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Business Grants - Funding for Small Business in Finglas and Ballymun

“It’s difficult to see clearly”, I was told by hair salon owner Yvonne O’Shea, “what grants are available for small business in this area. Are there any?”

There is a lot of support available, and it can take time to trawl through websites of government departments, local authorities and agencies. Why not write an up-to-date list of grants I asked myself? And here it is.

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What business advice is available?

The Local Enterprise Office for the Dublin City area is the key port of call for all things enterprise, check out the informative website [LEO Dublin City](#).

In Ballymun & Finglas business advice & training for start-ups is also available from [Dublin Northwest Partnership](#). And the [Ballymun & Finglas Business Advisory Service](#) offers advice to business owners at all stages of business growth, and refers to local agencies.

Growing a Business in Ballymun or Finglas?

Grants for small business available in Ballymun and Finglas

Name of funding	Funding body	Area	Amount	Focus
Trading Online Vouchers	LEO Dublin City	Finglas and Ballymun, all of Dublin City, i.e. Dublin 1-13, 17 & 20	Up to €2.5K, 50% match funding	Ecommerce website, digitalisation, businesses with less than 10 employees
Feasibility grant	LEO Dublin City	Finglas and Ballymun, all of Dublin City, i.e. Dublin 1-13, 17 & 20	Up to 50% of the investment or €15,000	Innovation, market research, see Eligibility Criteria
TAME Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters	LEO Dublin City	Finglas and Ballymun, all of Dublin City, i.e. Dublin 1-13, 17 & 20	Up to €2.5K match funding	Investigating and researching export markets

Business Start Up, Priming grant	LEO Dublin City	Finglas and Ballymun, all of Dublin City, i.e. Dublin 1-13, 17 & 20	Up to 50% of the investment, average awarded is €35K	Employment, see Eligibility Criteria
Business Expansion grant	LEO Dublin City	Finglas and Ballymun, all of Dublin City, i.e. Dublin 1-13, 17 & 20	Up to 50% of the investment, average awarded is €35K	Employment
Micro Finance Ireland Small Business Loans	LEO Dublin City is an agent for MFI	National	Loans Small loans €2-5K, other loans from €5K to €25K 4.5% APR	Having difficulty in accessing bank finance, COVID-19 Business Loan Brexit Business Loan
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	Department of Social Protection	National, in Dublin 15 contact Dublin Northwest Partnership	Keep social welfare income for first 2 years of business plus benefits	Schemes allow you start a business and retain your social welfare payments for a limited period
Various	Intertrade Ireland	Ireland & Northern Ireland	Various, grants to employ sales staff	Stimulates cross border trade
Funding for Irish SMEs	Strategic Banking Corporation of Ireland SBCI	National	Loans, asset finance or invoice finance	Check out Product Wizard on Home Page SBCI

Up-to-date information on starting a business in Ireland

For up-to-date information on Starting a Business in Ireland, I always check out the [Citizens Information website](#), particularly [Starting a business](#). **It's the best quick source of** information I know for Tax, Social Insurance, Funding, Legal Structures, Foreign Nationals starting a business and a plethora of business supports.

Key websites

31 [Local Enterprise Offices](#) support businesses with less than 10 employees and startups, (mostly)

[Enterprise Ireland](#) support High Tech StartUps and larger companies. Also many supports for businesses with more than 10 employees. Enterprise Ireland is the government organisation responsible for the development & growth of Irish enterprises in global markets

[StartinIreland](#), new website from Enterprise Ireland

There are at least 170 business supports provided by the Irish government, and you can find all about them when you explore this handy online database [supportingSMEs.gov.ie](#) aimed at startups and SMEs.

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