



## New Funding to Help Small to Medium Sized Businesses Recover from COVID-19

Following the recent announcement that the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) will be issuing European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) grants through the Growth Hub network, the Business Growth Hub is currently applying for Greater Manchester's allocation which we believe will be agreed late August to early September.

Eligible small and medium sized businesses will have access to grants of between £1,000 - £5,000 to help them access new technology and other equipment as well as professional, legal, financial or other advice to help them get back on track.

More information and the expression of interest form can be found on the Business Growth Hub website <https://www.businessgrowthhub.com/coronavirus/small-business-recovery-grants>

Please be aware that completion of the expression of interest form does not guarantee that a business will be awarded a grant given that there are only likely to be around 400 for the whole of Greater Manchester.

## Webinar - Innovate to Accelerate, Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020, 8.30-9.30am



Please register [here](#) to join this exclusive webinar.

Mo Isap, founder & CEO of IN4.0 Group and Lou Cordwell founder and CEO of the multi award winning Manchester based digital design studio, magneticNorth will share with you how your organisation can innovate and thrive in these uncertain times.

Mo scaled his company MPG to one of the largest independent digital print companies in the UK and was listed in the Financial Times 100 fastest growing UK companies. magneticNorth was founded in 2000 and

the company quickly established an international reputation with an award winning client portfolio. Lou was awarded an OBE in the 2018 New Year's Honours for services to the creative and digital economy.

Together they are joint chairs of the Greater Manchester Local Enterprise Partnership, they believe passionately in the need to innovate and will share their knowledge with you in order to grow and develop your business.

### **You're invited to form part of giant town centre artwork**



We would like to invite you to display your artwork in Rochdale Town Centre on the side of 21 Baillie Street!

Rochdale has a lot to be proud of and as part of the regeneration of the town centre we are inviting you to submit a piece of your artwork which shows what Rochdale means to you.

You can draw your art work, paint it, photograph it, knit it, craft it, whatever you would like to do.

There are 88 spaces available.

Just a few rules

- No logos please
- The entries need to be roughly A4 in size and landscape orientation
- Please take a photo of your art, ideally high resolution (most camera phones can do this)
- Please email it to [yourspace@thisisrochdale.com](mailto:yourspace@thisisrochdale.com)

Please try to take the photo on a flat surface with good light and no shadows.

<https://investinrochdale.co.uk/working-living/find-your-space>

Regards

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