

# Funding Options & Supports for Startups and SME's

This graph provides an overview of the funding options available to Startups and SME's through the various stages of development. We have outlined some of the main sources available to the majority of businesses and also some that are specific to businesses of certain size and type.

Supporting Body	Stage of Development				
	Research the Idea	Test the Idea	Launch the Business	Expand the Business	Major Expansion the Business
<b>Supports available to most businesses</b>					
Founder Family & Friends	Savings/Personal Loan	Savings/Personal Loan	Savings/Personal Loan		
Revenue			SURE Scheme EII Scheme Start Your Own Business	SURE Scheme EII Scheme	
Business Angel funding		Angel Networks	Angel Networks		
Incubators	Mix of State and Private	Mix of State and Private	Mix of State and Private		
Seed Capital Funding			Seed Capital Funds		
Accelerators		Mix of State and Private	Mix of State and Private	Mix of State and Private	
Venture Capital Funds				Venture Capital Funds	Venture Capital Funds
Bank Finance				Bank Loan & Other Financing	Bank Loan & Other Financing
Crowd Funding			Crowd Funding Platforms	Crowd Funding Platforms	Crowd Funding Platforms
Peer to Peer Lending				Loans from €5k-€250k	Loans from €5k-€250k
<b>Specific Supports Based on Business Type</b>					
<b>1. High Potential Startup: &gt; 10 employees and likely to generate revenue in excess of €1m within 3 years- manufacturing or internationally traded services</b>					
Enterprise Ireland	Mentoring & advice Start Workshops New Frontiers Programme	Mentoring & advice Innovation Vouchers Competitive Start Fund	Mentoring & advice Innovation Vouchers Competitive Start Fund	Mentoring & advice Networking/Marketing support Help Raising Private Capital	Mentoring & advice Networking/Marketing support Help Raising Private Capital
<b>2. Small Startup: &lt;10 employees and not likely to generate revenue in excess of €1m within 3 years - manufacturing or internationally traded services</b>					
Local Enterprise Office	Mentoring & advice	Feasibility Grant Mentoring & advice	Priming Grant Trading Online Voucher Mentoring & advice	Business Expansion Grant Trading Online Voucher Mentoring & advice	
MicroFinance Ireland			Loan €2k-€25k	Loan €2k-€25k	
<b>3. Small Startup: &lt;10 employees and not likely to generate revenue in excess of €1m within 3 years- Not manufacturing or internationally traded services</b>					
Same as above apart from Feasibility, Priming or Business Expansion Grants as they are only available to businesses in manufacturing or internationally traded services					