

# SUPPORTING ACCESS TO FINANCE

## INVESTMENT READINESS SUPPORT

**Connect Invo Red** - a regional investment readiness programme which helps businesses raise debt, grant and equity finance.

## SUPPORT TO RAISE FINANCE

**Growth Investment Network East Midlands** - assists entrepreneurs to locate advisers and sources of finance through its website and regional networking events.

## A2F SHOWCASE EVENTS

Linking businesses to London-based investors.

### DEVELOPMENT CAPITAL

**£500,000 - £2,000,000**

- **Catapult Growth Fund** - £30 million venture capital fund for established businesses seeking development finance.

### START-UP, EARLY STAGE AND DEVELOPMENT CAPITAL

**Investment required - £25,000 - £400,000**

- **East Midlands Early Growth Fund** – A £5 million venture capital fund that invests in start-up and early-stage businesses based in the East Midlands with growth potential.
- **Grant for Research and Development** – ‘Research’ and ‘Development’ awards up to £250,000 to support the development and commercialisation of new technologies.

### START-UP AND EARLY STAGE

**Investment required - £100,000 - £250,000**

- **Lachesis Fund** – Investments up to £250,000 in university based projects and spin-out businesses.

### PRE START, PROOF OF CONCEPT, COMMERCIALISATION

**Investment required - £5,000 - £25,000**

- **Lachesis Fund** – ‘Pathfinder’ investments up to £25,000 in pre spin-out university projects.
- **Grant for Research and Development** – ‘Micro’ awards to develop low-cost prototype of an innovative product or process.

## FINANCE FOR CAPITAL INVESTMENT

### Grant for Business Investment

- Grants up to £140,000 to encourage businesses to invest in land and buildings, plant and machinery.

## LOANS FOR START UP AND EXISTING BUSINESSES

**Enterprise Loans East Midlands** - Loans from £3,000 - £20,000 to viable businesses unable to access mainstream finance.

**East Midlands Transition Loan Fund** - Loans of £50,000 to £250,000 to support viable businesses unable to access mainstream finance.