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Bucks to benefit from funding to support local skills and business growth

[Buckinghamshire Thames Valley Local Enterprise Partnership](#) (BTVLEP), are issuing a funding call to businesses and training providers for £1.5m of [Skills and Business Incubation Capital Grant Funding](#) to invest in skills and business growth initiatives to strengthen and build upon some of the key sector strengths of the Buckinghamshire economy.

BTVLEP are particularly keen to see proposals coming forward from its priority sectors; Film/TV/Games Development; Life-Sciences, Health Sciences and Agri-Food; Space Engineering & Satellite Applications; and High Performance Technologies although we will be open to other technology propositions - including high value Creative Industries, which have a strong design input.

In addition, BTVLEP would particularly welcome applications that were looking for loan or equity finance and that are capable of recycling funds. Any single proposal must not be seeking more than £1m funding with a minimum grant award being £100k.

Andrew M. Smith, Chairman of Buckinghamshire Thames Valley Local Enterprise Partnership, said: "The funds that Buckinghamshire is receiving from this programme will play an important part in delivering on our ambitions and moving our economy forward, we can now get on with allocating them to the best projects that will deliver growth in Buckinghamshire."

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For more information, and details of how to apply for the funding please go to our funding calls page at: www.buckstvlep.co.uk/interesting-stuff/funding-calls. Please complete and submit your application by **5.00pm on Friday 30th June 2017**.

Buckinghamshire is the Entrepreneurial Heart of Britain where, for well over a decade, more businesses have started here than anywhere else in the UK. It is no accident that we are the Birthplace of the Paralympics at Stoke Mandeville, the creative film engine for James Bond and Star Wars at Pinewood Studios, and the joint home of the Silverstone Grand Prix Circuit.

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Note to editors

The [Buckinghamshire Thames Valley Local Enterprise Partnership](#) (BTVLEP) is a business-led 'partnership of equals' between local government and the private sector, building the conditions for sustainable economic growth in the County.

[Buckinghamshire Business First](#) (BBF), is the Growth Hub for Buckinghamshire and is backed by Buckinghamshire based entrepreneurs, thousands of SMEs and Local Authorities. BBF provides the link between public policy and the business community in Buckinghamshire and works with partners to create a dynamic business environment in the Entrepreneurial Heart of Britain.

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