



World-class Support For Local Enterprise



Ever wondered where you can find support for your business ambitions?

South Dublin County Enterprise board exists for just one simple clear purpose; to help you to start and grow your own business in our county.

South Dublin is a great place to do business. We have a young population of 250,000 with immediate access to a market of 1.5 million people. We have a terrific modern infrastructure and we have world-class business supports.

We understand that the future of our local community depends on people who can innovate, who can make things happen, who are willing to take business risks— people like you.

Whether you are already up and running, with ambitions to develop and grow, or just beginning to work towards starting your own business, South Dublin County Enterprise Board have a comprehensive range of supports covering all of the key issues in enterprise development.

This brochure sets out the supports available and tells you how to access them.



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SUPPORT FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

From Start-Up To Growth



Frequently Asked Questions

What is a micro enterprise?

A micro enterprise is a business employing 10 or less.

Who is eligible to access these services?

Most micro enterprises operating in South Dublin County are eligible, whether they are start-up or expanding. Both sole traders and companies can apply for all services except preference share investments, which are for companies only. However, financial supports in particular are limited to manufacturing and designated internationally traded sectors. Businesses in the distributive trades, construction, professional services and transportation can access non-financial supports only.

What does it cost?

Our services are heavily subsidised by the Irish Government and the EU. Most services are either free or carry a small registration fee.

Where can I find out more?

This brochure is not comprehensive and there are further detailed terms and conditions. These can be obtained by contacting our offices at the address below.

How do I access these services?

There are several possibilities: Ideally, once you are clear about your planned business project, you should arrange to meet us so that we can discuss your needs. You can also post or fax the enquiry form accompanying this leaflet. Another possibility is to come along to our promotional events or training courses, which can be booked through the website. Finally, if you have well-formed plans already, you can download application forms for our services from the website.

When completed, these can be posted or submitted on-line.

Financial Support

Financial support is provided to both start-up and expanding businesses in the manufacturing, internationally traded services and innovative local service sectors. It takes the form of:

- » **Priming Support** For startup businesses within the first 18 months after start-up
- » **Business Development Support** For businesses in a growth phase after the initial 18 months after startup
- » **Feasibility Study Grants** for the costs of market research, product development and other kinds of innovation

Support is linked to the amount of new employment to be created up to a maximum of 10 jobs. Priming and Business Development Support is partly refundable.

Training

Our training programme provides owner/managers with the foundations for success in small business start-up and management. Courses are designed around action-learning projects so that trainees learn by working on developing their business. We also produce a catalogue of enterprise-related training from all providers in spring and autumn of each year so that our clients are aware of all the training opportunities available to them.

Mentoring

Mentors provide one-to-one assistance to guide owner-managers through important projects and problems that lie outside their own skills. Our panel of Mentors covers a wide range of functional and sectoral experience. Mentors are provided as standard to all clients receiving substantial financial support.

Networks

Our Networks provide owner/managers with the opportunity to work with others to improve their businesses. 'Plato' is our networking programme for owner/managers of established businesses that are undergoing significant expansion, while 'Enterprising Women' is our gender-specific network for all women owner/managers, in conjunction with South Dublin Chamber.