

## Innovation and Resilience Fund Project Examples

### Examples of eligible projects include:

- Purchase of a manufacturing machine to automate part of an existing process, for example:
  - Filling and bottling machines purchased by RP Lyme Regis to move from a hand-cooking and filling to a part-mechanised production line
- Purchasing more efficient and effective machinery to improve existing processes, for example:
  - Advanced cookery equipment purchased by Chunk of Devon to increase the number of cooking functions available and the size of batches produced
- Purchase of equipment to diversify the operations of the businesses, such as equipment needed to start a new production process, for example:
  - Purchase of felting equipment by Whitehall Farms to start manufacturing rugs from their Gotland sheep herd
- The purchase and installation of mezzanine flooring to increase the floorspace available in an existing workspace
- Refit of unused premises to transform them into usable workspace, for example:
  - Conversion of an agricultural barn into an apple juice production line at Four Elms
- Upgrading an existing workspace to make it suitable for a new employment use, including making premises food safe, for example:
  - Vigo Presses' project to refit part of their Dunkerswell facility to make it food safe and house their bottling and canning lines
- The purchase of advanced technological equipment to increase the number or quality of products or services offered, for example:
  - Purchase of advanced decay detection equipment by G Trott Tree Consultancy to provide an additional arboriculture service
- Purchase of equipment intended to re-use waste or by-products created in the production process, for example:
  - Purchase of a wood milling bandsaw by East Devon Land Management to convert fallen trees from their landscaping business into useable timber
- Purchase of additional equipment to reduce pressure points in production processes and enable growth, for example:
  - Purchase of additional casks and brewing equipment for Powderkeg brewery to expand the range of beers provided and scale up production of low ABV beers.

## **Examples of ineligible projects include:**

- Software or website development costs to upgrade or create a website, including adding new functions or features
- Funding for the salary of a new member of staff or for consultancy fees to carry out a capital project
- Funding for necessary repairs to a building such as fixing a leaky roof
- Costs associated with installing faster broadband or increasing the grid capacity in a building
- Providing a new delivery service through the purchase of a van or car
- Aesthetic refurbishments to a workspace, such as redecoration or renovation of the interior design work
- Purchase of CRM software and integration with an existing platform
- Purchase of Microsoft 365 or AI large language model licenses
- Purchase of new computers, tablets, office furniture to replace older versions
- Installing solar panels, heat pumps, or EV chargers