





#### Introduction

Following successful bids to the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), Birmingham City Council is pleased to announce the introduction of a new grant programme to encourage the improvement and development of key vacant, derelict or underused properties and sites for economic use, thereby supporting investment, growth and jobs.

The grant programme will operate in three areas of the city (see plan on reverse for details):

- Digbeth and the Jewellery Quarter;
- Tyseley;
- East Birmingham Industrial Corridors.

Funding is targeted at eligible Small and Medium - sized Enterprises (SMEs) located in these areas and delivering activities within the B1 and B2 planning categories (manufacturing and processing, office uses, business-to-business activities).

Eligible works include, for example, extensions to premises, new build, internal and external structural works and the purchase cost of fixed plant and equipment.

Please note that retail, housing, education and leisure uses are NOT eligible.

All funding is discretionary and is managed by the City Council in accordance with ERDF guidelines.

There are two levels of funding:

## **Property Assistance Programme**

Grants will be payable at up to 50% of eligible project development costs, subject to a maximum of £100,000.

This programme is already operational in the Tyseley area and has now been expanded to cover the two additional areas.

Applications are invited on a first-come-first-served basis.

# European Regional Development Fund

Property Assistance and Key Opportunities Funding Programme







# **Key Opportunities Funding Programme**

Grants will be payable at up to 35% of eligible project development costs, subject to a minimum grant value of £100,000. It will operate on a similar basis to the gap funding scheme previously operated by Advantage West Midlands.

Applications will be invited within a set time frame, dates of which will be announced on the website below. All applications will be appraised in detail and grants will be awarded to projects which best meet the programme criteria.

### **Further Information**

Please contact us to obtain an application pack or to discuss your project. This can be done through one of the following:

Click: www.birmingham.gov.uk/supportforbusiness

Email: planningandregenerationenquiries@

birmingham. gov.uk

Call: 0121 303 1115

Visit: 1 Lancaster Circus

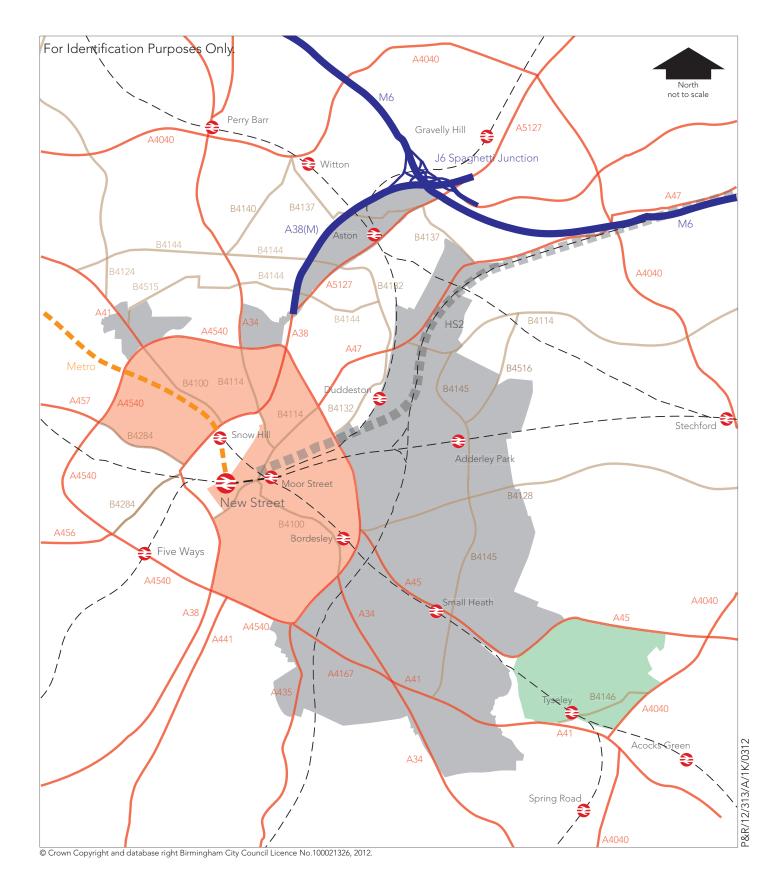
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Businesses are also invited to attend a locally-based grants surgery to discuss project proposals in confidence with a member of the project team. Details of the surgeries are available on the website above.









# European Regional Development Fund Land and Property Target Areas

