

D2N2 ERDF projects					
Priority Axis	Project Name	Organisation	Description	Total Eligible costs	ERDF contribution
PA1	INSTILS (Inspiring Networking to Stimulate Technology Innovation in Life Sciences)	Medilink East Midlands Ltd	The project will allow SMEs to access high value cutting edge expertise from:- sector specific specialists and services, local research entities, other life sciences businesses and other sectors. Access to this support will ensure that businesses can grow by introducing new products and services that benefit from:-innovations, identified clinical needs, incorporation or utilisation of cutting edge technologies and early incorporation of market understanding, regulatory and IP management strategies. All leading to:-improved commerciality of products, reduced product development timescales, improved resource efficiencies and creation of potentially ground breaking healthcare products; business growth and creation.	£5,102,016	£2,551,008
PA1	Enabling Innovation	University of Nottingham	'Enabling Innovation' will deliver an inclusive, joined-up programme of innovation support activities for SMEs across the D2N2 area by combining the resources of 3 local universities to achieve scale and impact. The emphasis will be on 'enabling technologies' as a driver for innovation within and between sectors. Both technical and non-technical interventions, from introductory workshops through to long-term research and innovation collaborations, will be provided including support for spin-out and graduate start-ups. The project will result in an increase in the number of SMEs bringing new products and processes to market.	£20,285,824	£10,142,912
PA1	Catalysing Growth through Research for Transport Equipment Manufacture	University of Derby	This initiative delivers a programme of intensive research and innovation support to SMEs engaged in transport equipment manufacturing product and process technologies and associated supply chains. The support will - i) proactively identify opportunities for research and innovation collaboration between SMEs and research institutes; ii) provide finance to assist SMEs to access support provided by specialised research institutes across the UK and further afield; iii) allow project partners to deliver research and innovation collaborations with target SMEs. It will assist transport equipment manufacturing SMEs to promote their competitiveness by developing more efficient processes and products, boosting turnover and creating jobs.	£2,705,840	£1,352,920
PA2	D2N2 Digital Business Growth Programme	Nottinghamshire County Council	D2N2 Digital Business Growth Programme will deliver a bespoke, structured business support programme to SME's to explore and introduce new and emerging ICT products and services into their business to improve competitiveness, productivity and to take advantage of commercial opportunities. The Programme will be delivered through interactive seminars, demonstrators, 'action-planning' workshops, and '1:1' technical advice / skills sessions with a grants scheme enabling growth plan implementation.	£7,574,354	£3,787,177
PA3	D2N2 SME Growth and Innovation Programme	East Midlands Business Ltd	The D2N2 SME Growth and Innovation Programme will help to stimulate economic growth, employment and innovation by providing grants to SME's that want to grow, innovate, create sustainable employment and will boost the rate of business start-ups. It will help develop a more entrepreneurial culture, remove barriers to business formation by providing appropriate and suitable accommodation, attract new firm creation and enhance high skill employment opportunities	£11,200,000	£5,600,000

PA3	Growing and Developing the Visitor Economy in Derbyshire	Visit Peak District and Derbyshire	This project will support the capacity of SMEs in the visitor economy and its supply chains to grow in regional, national and international markets. It will do this by providing enterprises with support through business advice and guidance, expertise and knowledge needed to access new and emerging markets that have been identified by Visit England.	£1,486,398	£743,199
PA3	Internationalising SME's	East Midlands Business Ltd	The 'Internationalising SMEs' project will support SMEs to access new overseas markets for their goods and services. The project will provide a targeted programme of advice, events and financial support that will encourage and assist SMEs to investigate and move into new markets. The project will enhance the capability and capacity of SMEs to exploit opportunities in overseas markets, leading to an increase in turnover, productivity and jobs created	£1,000,008	£500,004
PA3	FEAST (Food Enterprise Advisory Support Team)	The Food and Drink Forum	The Food Enterprise Advisory Support Team (FEAST) is a new dynamic business support programme targeting the priority D2N2 Food and Drink sector. FEAST will deliver technical advice, local branding and export support, an apprentice programme and capital grants - all support needed by growing food SMEs to help them grow and create quality jobs for the D2N2 area.	£3,503,648	£1,751,824
PA3	Growing Enterprise (NBV)	NBV Enterprise Solutions	Growing Enterprise (GE) will deliver a programme of business creation & growth and a co-financed investment fund to increase the number, the sustainability and job creation abilities of new start and SME businesses across D2N2. Support will include ideas generation, business skills development, one-to-one mentoring and coaching support for start-up and growing businesses in the early years of trading. It will promote enterprise and tackle barriers to starting & growing a business, including co-financed business investment.	£3,023,500	£1,511,750
PA3	The Creative and Digital Industries D2N2 Consortium for increased SME competitiveness	Nottingham City Council	The project will provide coordinated and relevant sector-specific support for CDI sector business growth, emphasising SMEs working within the information economy. This approach will create a robust D2N2 CDI support cluster, maximising the potential for job/business creation, and increased productivity for growth. Delivery will be through a partnership of specialist CDI business support organisations across D2N2. This support will ensure the digital industries develop new products and services supporting growth and addressing low productivity.	£4,958,976	£2,479,488
PA3	D2N2 Growth Hub	Nottingham City Council	The overarching aim of the D2N2 Growth Hub is to improve the ability of businesses in the area to value and engage appropriately with business service providers (be they public or private), and to help business service providers to improve their offer.	£3,351,222	£1,675,611

PA3	Better Off in Business	The Princes Trust	Better Off in Business will help young entrepreneurs to start, finance and grow their business. Targeting some of the most deprived parts of D2N2, it will foster a more entrepreneurial society, reducing barriers to starting up a business, and supporting early stage entrepreneurs. Through strategic interventions to address market failure, it will try to improve the total early stage Entrepreneurial Activity rate	£1,317,018	£658,509
PA3	Centre for Supply Chain Competitiveness in Transport Engineering	University of Derby	This project will strengthen business competitiveness by building the capacity of SMEs in, or wishing to join, local Transport Equipment and Manufacturing (TEM) supply chains. The project will assist SME's by reviewing their current capacity then providing a package of business support activities and events to stimulate higher productivity, business growth and new jobs created. The project will both extend the reach of SMEs along the Transport Equipment Manufacturing supply chains and across into other sectors for improved business resilience.	£1,273,532	£636,766
PA3	Invest in D2N2	Marketing Derby	The Invest in D2N2 project will identify, target and attract business investment by reinforcing the area as a business location of choice. Bespoke advice and support will be provided to SMEs to help develop their capacity and productivity across D2N2 and make them more competitive. Funds will be used to: raise the area's profile with SME businesses and investors, cultivate investment opportunities and provide tailored support and activities to businesses; design and deliver new bespoke promotional materials for key sectors and commission market research reports to inform activity.	£2,369,624	£1,184,812
PA4	Carbon Smart	University of Derby	Carbon smart is a comprehensive low-carbon support and grants programme for SMEs that will deliver improvements in energy efficiency, productivity and resource use alongside increasing the deployment of renewable energy technology and low-carbon production. It will increase economic resilience through lowering the cost-base of SMEs, stimulate demand for low-carbon economy goods and services and assist the region in meeting challenging greenhouse gas and renewable energy targets. SMEs will be encouraged to progress into formal Environmental Management plans that opens up supply-chain and procurement opportunities. Through the partnership, Carbon Smart will connect new-to-the-market low carbon products and specialist advice to the needs of SMEs.	£4,669,336	£2,334,668
PA4	Environmental Technology Centre 6	University of Nottingham	This project will assist SMEs to improve low-carbon innovation, energy efficiency and financial performance. This will be achieved by providing them with access to research expertise and facilities enabling them to develop and take to market low-carbon technologies, as well as facilitating incorporation of established low-carbon technologies into their operations. The objective of the project is to assist companies to survive, grow and diversify whilst becoming smarter about how they do things in an energy efficient way and increasing their productivity through low-carbon innovation and ultimately boosting savings in GHG emission. This will be achieved through small grants, technology and knowledge transfer.	£3,505,094	£1,752,547

More information on the above projects can be accessed by calling the D2N2 Growth Hub on 0333 006 9178