



Pre-start, proof of concept,  
commercialisation:  
Investment required  
**£2,500 - £25,000**

The Lachesis Fund  
'Pathfinder' investments up to  
£25,000 in pre spin-out  
university projects.  
Tel: 01509 228 688  
[www.lachesisfund.co.uk](http://www.lachesisfund.co.uk)

Grant for Research and  
Development  
'Micro' awards to develop  
low-cost prototype of an  
innovative product or process.  
Tel: 0115 988 8300  
[www.emda.org.uk/grd](http://www.emda.org.uk/grd)

Start-up and early stage: Investment required  
**£25,000 - £200,000**

Grant for Research and  
Development  
'Research' and 'Development'  
awards to support the development  
of a pre-production prototype or to  
investigate the technical and  
commercial feasibility of  
new technologies.  
Tel: 0115 988 8300  
[www.emda.org.uk/grd](http://www.emda.org.uk/grd)

East Midlands Early  
Growth Fund  
A £5 million venture capital fund  
that invests in start-up and  
early-stage businesses with  
growth potential.  
Tel: 01327 856 032  
[www.earlygrowthfund.com](http://www.earlygrowthfund.com)

Start-up, early stage and development:  
Capital Investment required  
**£100,000 - £660,000**

The Lachesis Fund  
Investments up to £250,000 in  
university based projects and  
spin-out businesses.  
Tel: 01509 228 688  
[www.lachesisfund.co.uk](http://www.lachesisfund.co.uk)

The Regional Venture  
Capital Fund  
A £30 million fund investing up  
to £660,000 in businesses with  
high growth potential.  
Tel: 0870 116 1600  
[www.catapult-vm.co.uk](http://www.catapult-vm.co.uk)

Development Capital  
**£500,000 -  
£2,000,000**

The Catapult  
Growth Fund  
£30 million venture capital fund  
for established businesses  
seeking development finance.  
Tel: 0870 116 1600  
[www.catapult-vm.co.uk](http://www.catapult-vm.co.uk)

## Accessing Finance: Funding Growth

Your guide to accessing finance  
initiatives in the East Midlands



## Support to Access Finance

Access to Finance networks and events can play a key role in helping SMEs to find out about the right finance for their business and support them in securing funds.



### Growth Investment Network East Midlands (GINEM)

GINEM helps entrepreneurs to find advisers and sources of finance through its website and regional networking events. Its Investor Readiness workshops provide training to business angels and those considering private equity investment. [www.ginem.co.uk](http://www.ginem.co.uk)



### Investment Readiness Support

Connect InvoRed works with science, engineering and technology based companies and high growth businesses to help them raise private equity, grant or debt finance - from £15k seed funding to £3.5m institutional funding. The programme includes workshops covering finance options, winning business propositions and preparation for the investment deal. [www.connectmidlands.org](http://www.connectmidlands.org)



### A2F Showcase Events

A2F Showcase Events provide East Midlands companies seeking to raise funding with the opportunity to present their propositions to investors from outside of the region, particularly those investors based in London and the South East. Organised by E-Synergy, the events consist of presentations and short pitches to investors, as well as exhibitions and workshops. [www.e-synergy.com](http://www.e-synergy.com)



## Helping businesses expand

For businesses looking to invest in capital equipment in the East Midlands, financial assistance exists to help them to achieve their ambitions.



### Finance for capital investment

Selective Finance for Investment (SFIE) is a national Government grant scheme delivered across the East Midlands by *emda*. Discretionary grants are available to encourage business to invest in land and buildings, plant and machinery. Typically, grants are awarded between 5% and 15% of the total investment, up to a maximum grant of £140,000. [www.emda.org.uk/sfi](http://www.emda.org.uk/sfi)



Helping SMEs to raise development funding is a key part of *emda*'s Business Support Strategy. Delivered by *emda* and its partners, a range of finance initiatives exist to help new and established businesses reach their potential.

Find out more at: [www.emda.org.uk/accesstofinance](http://www.emda.org.uk/accesstofinance)