

Sources of funding for Early Years businesses

Early Years funding	Early Years National Funding Formula (EYNFF) https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-education-and-childcare--2
Fees	Tax free childcare https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/providers/ Childcare vouchers https://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/childcare-vouchers
Loans	<p>Examples of “Challenger banks” www.atombank.co.uk https://charitybank.org/ https://www.triodos.co.uk/en/personal/ https://www.unity.co.uk/</p> <p>Examples of registered societies http://www.foundationeast.org/ (East of England) https://www.burnleysavingsandloans.co.uk/ (Bank of Dave) http://www.findingfinance.org.uk/ (Responsible Lenders) http://ofn.org/what-cdfi (Community Development Finance Institutions)</p> <p>Examples of peer to peer lenders https://fundit.buzz/ https://www.fundingcircle.com/uk/ http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/how-it-works</p> <p>Government backed loans https://www.startuploans.co.uk/ https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/new-enterprise-allowance-campaign https://www.lepnetwork.net/about-leps/ (Local Enterprise Partnerships) https://www.lepnetwork.net/growth-hubs/ (Growth Hubs)</p>
Investors	Philanthropists http://www.cgap.org.uk/ Business angels https://www.ukbusinessangelsassociation.org.uk/ Venture capitalists https://www.bvca.co.uk/
Grants	<p>Government grants https://www.childcarebusinessgrants.com/ (Small start-up grants)</p> <p>Trusts and foundations Children in Need http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/5ysD3mLQYYRPRLNZ032LjM7/grants Comic Relief http://www.comicrelief.com/grants Esmee Fairbairn Foundation http://esmeefairbairn.org.uk/what-we-fund/young-people/</p>

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	<p>Trust House Charitable Foundation http://trusthousecharitablefoundation.org.uk/ Football Foundation http://www.footballfoundation.org.uk/funding-schemes/ Family Learning Network http://www.familylearningnetwork.com/ Education Endowment Foundation https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/about/ Big Lottery (Reaching Communities) https://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_reaching_communities (£10,000-£500,000) Big Lottery (Awards for All) https://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/global-content/programmes/england/awards-for-all-england (£300-£10,000) http://www.mindthegap.org.uk/ (Digital inclusion)</p>
	<p>Grant-finding services http://www.governmentfunding.org.uk/default.aspx http://www.open4funding.info/ http://www.i4bgrants.co.uk/default.aspx https://www.fundingcentral.org.uk/default.aspx</p>
	<p>Community Foundations http://www.ukcommunityfoundations.org/ (search for your own local Community Foundation)</p>
	<p>Local Authorities s106 funding (Section 106 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990) http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1990/8/section/106 CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) https://www.gov.uk/guidance/community-infrastructure-levy Locality grants & Local Initiative Funds http://locality.org.uk/our-work/community-grants/ Local Member Grants</p>
<p>Funding linked to business support</p>	<p>Examples of business support organisations who also provide low cost loans for start-up or growth https://www.bizbritain.com/ http://www.nationalenterprisenetwork.org/ https://www.enterprisenation.com/ http://www.bitc.org.uk/all_programmes https://www.princes-trust.org.uk/help-for-young-people/support-starting-business (start up support - age 18-30)</p>
<p>Donations</p>	<p>Examples of corporate giving / CSR schemes https://www.johnlewispartnership.co.uk/csr/enhance-community-wellbeing/get-involved.html (John Lewis Partnership)</p>

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	<p> https://www.lloydsbankfoundation.org.uk/ (Lloyds Bank) http://www.focusedlearning.co.uk/portfoli/helping.htm (Abbey National) http://www.sjpfoundation.co.uk/ (St James Place Wealth Management) http://www.entrust.org.uk/landfill-community-fund/ https://www.eastofengland.coop/community (Local co-operative societies) https://www.tesco.com/carrier-bags/ (Large retailers – plastic bag tax scheme) </p> <p> Examples of online retail schemes https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/ </p>
Fundraising / Crowd funding	<p> Examples of crowdfunding sites https://localgiving.org/ https://fundit.buzz/ http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/ http://www.institute-of-fundraising.org.uk/home/ </p>
In kind gifts	<p> All the major retail chains have a community fund that allows them to donate items such as raffle prizes or end of line stock http://www.bitc.org.uk/ Local Pro-Help schemes </p>

Note:

Funding sources are constantly changing. The links provided in this handout were checked as being correct in May 2017. If you find any that no longer work, please advise us so that we can update the handout. Similarly please share with us any other sources of funding that you have come across that early years providers have been able to access so that we can include them in the future.