

SUMMARY

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Digital Enterprise (DE) offers three strands of support for small to medium sized enterprises (SME):

- **Digital Growth Voucher (DGV) Phase 4** – worth £2,000 - £10,000 to support (capital / up-front) investment in digital technology for eligible businesses and their projects. **Programme reopens for applications on Monday 1 October 2018 and will close on Friday 26 October 2018.** We reserve the right to close Phase 4 earlier, if necessary, due to the volume of applications received. For further details visit [Digital Growth Vouchers](#)
- **Connectivity Voucher** – worth between £500 and £1,000 to help eligible businesses to cover the cost of upgrading to faster broadband (over 30mbps). For further details visit [Connectivity Vouchers](#)
- **Digital Knowledge Exchange (DKE)** – a programme of workshops, masterclasses, mentoring support and digital audits to help businesses improve their understanding of digital technology and the solutions available to help them to develop their business. For further details visit [Digital Knowledge Exchange](#)

Businesses can apply for one or more strands of assistance.

Digital Growth Voucher:

Digital Growth Vouchers can be used for the acquisition of I.T hardware, software purchases or upgrades to digital connectivity. The project value must be between £4,000 - £12,000. The Digital Growth Voucher value is between £2,000 - £10,000. This will be at least 50% of the value of an investment project and sometimes more - determined according to the degree of digital transformation and economic impact (jobs created and growth potential/scalability).

Project eligibility:

Projects need to introduce innovation to the business and have a positive impact upon the way a business functions. A project to replace obsolete equipment with new would be deemed ineligible. Hardware, software (including online development) and consultancy activity may be deemed eligible depending upon the degree of digital transformation and economic impact.

Business eligibility:

Applicants must be a Small or Medium Sized Enterprise (SME), must be trading in a business to business (b2b) environment and operating in the Leeds City Region. Retail (and several other) sectors are ineligible for a Digital Growth Voucher. Limited companies, who have been trading for over 12 months and have two or more employees will be given priority.

Three quotes are required for every element of an approved Digital Growth Voucher Project. We understand that this can take some time to complete, leading to a delay in the issuing of a Digital Growth Voucher, as such, interested applicants may wish to start sourcing quotes at the earliest opportunity.

The business pays the supplier, as in the normal course of business, then reclaims the value of the voucher from Digital Enterprise having provided evidence of payment and procurement. Each application that meets the eligibility criteria will be submitted to a panel for a final decision, which will, in part, be based on other projects as a competitive process.