**Enterprise Growth for Communities**

Expression of Interest form

April 2022 (V.1.1)

This Expression of Interest form is for **social investors** who are interested in applying for grant from Access’s Enterprise Growth for Communities (EGC) programme in order to set up a social investment fund to provide loans/ loans and grants to charities and social enterprises. For guidance about the programme please refer to the Investment Policy published on our [website](https://access-socialinvestment.org.uk/blended-finance/enterprise-growth-for-communities/) or contact us and we would be happy to arrange a conversation.

If you are an **investor** and would like to speak to Access about investing capital into this programme please contact us here and we would be happy to arrange a call.

If you are a **charity or social enterprise** looking for investment please visit the [Good Finance](https://www.goodfinance.org.uk/) website instead to find out where you can go to access social investment.

Please keep answers relatively brief but feel free to expand the size of the answer boxes when you need to.

Please return your completed EOI form by email to helena.tuxworth@access-si.org.uk. Please submit your EOI by the 31st May 2022 if you can. EOIs will continue to be accepted after this date, however applicants are encouraged to register their interest in the programme as early as possible.

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| **Organisation name** |  |
| **Primary contact person name** |  |
| **Please summarise your organisation’s experience of providing small-scale, unsecured loans (or otherwise social investment/ blended finance more generally)**(If you are planning to partner with any other organisations on the delivery of your fund please also mention them and their experience here) |  |
| **Approximately how much grant do you plan to apply to Access for?** (We will not hold you to this but an indication will help us to manage pipeline. If you do not yet know the figure please indicate a likely range) |  |
| **In what way or ways do you expect to use this grant?** (Please state all that apply and indicate approximate breakdown of amounts. E.g. *Operating cost subsidy £x; first loss protection £x; direct grant to investees £x…)* |  |
| **Approximately how much co-investment would you intend to leverage?**  |  |
| **Have you already identified a likely source(s) for this co-investment?** (If yes, please tell us the potential source if you are able to do so. If no, that is fine at this stage, although please note that more clarity will be needed before submitting a full application) |  |
| **Approximately how much investment would you expect to deliver to charities and social enterprises and over what length deployment period?** (If you intend to deploy beyond 2026 please refer to the Investment Policy for guidance and please tell us how much of the above figure you would deploy up to December 2026) |  |
| **Please describe the product(s) that you intend to deliver.** (Please include your starting assumptions around average investment size, average terms, etc.) |  |
| **Please describe your target market.** (What might a typical investee look like? Will your fund be a generalist, England-wide fund and/ or will you have any particular focuses or restrictions when it comes to geography, sector, IMD, etc.) |  |
| **How strong are your existing networks into this target market and/ or how will you go about strengthening these?**  |  |
| **What will your targets and approach be with regard to EDI?**  |  |

**The following questions will not form part of our EOI eligibility assessment but are intended to find out how we can support you with next steps.**

*1. Whilst fundraising for co-investment will be led by social investors, Access will endeavour to help where we can. A few potential co-investors have reached out to Access to express an interest in the programme and have indicated that they would welcome Access sharing details of any fund managers who are seeking investment so that they can select one or more to be connected to. If you would potentially be interested in being included on this list, please let us know (we will contact you to discuss before sharing your details). If there are any other ways in which you would like Access to support you with your fundraising you can also let us know here and we will do our best to help.*

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*2. If your EOI is confirmed as eligible and a full application is invited, approximately when do you expect that you might be ready to submit a full proposal and then when might you expect to be in a position to launch a fund?*

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*3. Do you have any questions or is there anything that you would like to discuss with us at this stage?*

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