



# Business incentives

## Selective Finance for Investment in England (SFI)

SFI is a discretionary grant designed for businesses that are looking at investing in an Assisted Area, but need financial help to go ahead.

Most manufacturing businesses are eligible to apply, as are businesses in service industries that supply a national rather than local market. Grants may be used to establish a new business, to expand, modernise or rationalise an existing business, to set up research

and development facilities or to enable businesses to take the next step from development to production

The grants provide of up to 15% of a project's total eligible capital expenditure and are available in certain wards in Workington and Maryport. There is a minimum application threshold of £10,000 assistance.

Other assistance may be available. Please contact one of the organisations listed for further details.

## Useful websites

**Department for Trade and Industry**  
[www.dti.gov.uk](http://www.dti.gov.uk)

**North West Development Agency**  
[www.nwda.co.uk](http://www.nwda.co.uk)

**West Cumbria Development Agency**  
[www.wcda.co.uk](http://www.wcda.co.uk)

**Cumbria Inward Investment**  
[www.cumbria-investment.co.uk](http://www.cumbria-investment.co.uk)



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