

[News story: Building the future of UK aerospace: funding for innovative ideas](#)

Up to £150 million is available to support organisations with innovative aerospace projects this year.

Funding is through a competition delivered by Innovate UK, in partnership with [The Aerospace Technology Institute \(ATI\)](#) and the [Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy](#).

Part of a larger £3.9 billion joint investment between government and industry, this funding is for projects that encourage competition and innovation in aerospace, while protecting jobs and raising the UK's profile as a manufacturer.

This is one of a series of regular calls for ideas.

Raising ambition in aerospace

The competition will invest in innovative technologies that can provide new employment and training opportunities.

It is in 4 stages. At this stage, organisations can submit an expression of interest with their ideas for research or capital investment projects. Successful applicants will then be able to apply for funding in the next stage.

Projects should encourage sustainable, competitive development within the industry. The focus is on:

- helping the UK to manufacture, design and deliver next-generation aircraft
- making the UK a global leader in large complex aerostructures, particularly wings
- introducing smart and connected technologies
- developing new, more efficient propulsion technologies

Organisations submitting an application need to sign up to the ATI's framework agreement.

Competition information

- the competition opens on 5 November 2018 and the deadline is at midday on 21 November 2018
- UK-based businesses, academic organisations and research and technology organisations can lead a project, working alone or in collaboration with others

- projects must be carried out in the UK
 - successful applicants will be contacted by 11 December 2018 and invited to make a full funding application
 - businesses could attract up to 70% of their costs
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[News story: Government's 'cast-iron' commitment to Cumbria's roads](#)

- consultation launched to cut congestion and improve safety for drivers on crucial A595 link near Whitehaven
- part of the Department for Transport's commitment to investment in the North, spending over £13 billion through to 2020

Cumbria's crucial road links are set to benefit from major investment, delivering safer, faster, and more reliable journeys, Transport Secretary Chris Grayling will announce on a visit to Whitehaven today (2 November 2018).

The Transport Secretary visits as Highways England launches a public consultation into the expansion of the A595 around Whitehaven, with construction set to begin in 2025.

Focused on upgrading a pinch-point which causes traffic between Carlisle and Barrow-in-Furness, the consultation will look at ways of cutting congestion, improving safety and reducing rat-running on other local roads.

Transport Secretary Chris Grayling said:

Investing in Cumbria's vital transport routes cuts congestion, ensures drivers enjoy faster, safer journeys, and increases the freight capacity needed to drive forward jobs and economic growth.

This shows our cast-iron commitment to Cumbria, as we deliver the investment needed to provide businesses and commuters with more reliable and resilient journeys.

The Secretary of State also confirmed ongoing discussions with local partners on proposals to progress development of a major programme of upgrades on the Cumbrian Coast rail line to support expected major investments in West Cumbria and the creation of new jobs.

Press release: New law supports all families who suffer the loss of a child

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- employees will not have to give notice for leave immediately after a loss or need to supply a copy of a death certificate to use as evidence
- first law of its kind in the UK to support employees and give them time to grieve

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It will also cover more informal groups such as kinship carers, who may be a close relative or family friend and have assumed responsibility for the care of the child in the absence of the parents.

The Parental Bereavement (Pay and Leave) Act, which is expected to come into force in 2020, ensures bereaved employees who lose a child under 18 will receive 2 weeks' leave as a day-one right. Eligible employees will also receive 2 weeks statutory pay. This is the first law of its kind the UK.

Business Minister Kelly Tolhurst, said:

Dealing with the loss of a child is an awful tragedy which we recognise people will deal with differently.

It is important this new law is designed so that people are given the space and respect to grieve in their own way.

Following feedback from parents and employers, the government today (2 November 2018) published its response to the public consultation and announced further details about how the new right will work:

- leave can be taken either in 1 block (of 1 or 2 weeks) or as 2 separate blocks of 1 week
- leave and pay can be taken within a 56 week window from the child's death so as to allow time for important moments such as anniversaries
- notice requirements will be flexible so that leave can be taken without prior notice very soon after the child's death
- employers will not be entitled to request a copy of death certificate to use as evidence

Francine Bates, Chief Executive of The Lullaby Trust said:

We are very pleased that the government has listened to bereaved families and responded to their concerns in paving the way for the implementation of the new Act.

Losing a baby or child is a devastating experience for all the family and extending the provisions of the act to adopters, foster carers, guardians and kinship carers is very important. Offering time and flexibility to bereaved families at a time that best suits them is also crucial in supporting them through their journey.

Chief Executive of Cruse Bereavement Care, Steven Wibberley, said:

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Lucy Herd from Jack's Rainbow said:

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See the [government response to the consultation](#)

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News story: Thousands more school children receiving a nutritious breakfast

Thousands more children across the country are now getting a healthy and nutritious start to the day at a new or improved school breakfast club, the Children and Families Minister Nadhim Zahawi has announced today.

The figures, published by Family Action, follow the investment of up to £26 million announced by the Education Secretary in March for two leading charities to run clubs to improve breakfast for pupils in more than 1,700 schools by 2020.

Since March, 500 schools have already signed up to the National School Breakfast Programme delivered by Family Action – in partnership with Magic Breakfast. Under this programme, Family Action has reported that:

- 15,000 breakfasts are already being served every day to children – many from disadvantaged families; and
- 500 new or improved breakfast clubs have signed up to the programme – with more than 150 already up and running in schools.

This programme is focused on the most disadvantaged parts of the country, including the government's 12 Opportunity Areas – which are receiving a share of £72 million to help raise education standards in areas where children face greater challenges. The government is now encouraging more schools in disadvantaged areas to join the breakfast clubs programme.

Research from the Education Endowment Foundation shows that breakfast clubs that offer pupils in primary schools a free and nutritious meal before school can boost their reading, writing and maths results. As well as providing a nutritious meal, many clubs offer children the chance to be more active and provide extra-curricular activities such as extra reading sessions to improve their learning.

Following the success of the programme to date, which is funded by the soft drinks industry levy, the government is working with the charities to encourage more schools and organisations to provide breakfast. It is part of

a wider drive to help children lead healthier lives and support the country's most disadvantaged families.

Minister for Children and Families Nadhim Zahawi said:

We want every child to have the best possible start in life, and that means getting the best possible start to their day. It's fantastic to see the positive effect that new breakfast clubs are having right across the country – particularly in our most disadvantaged areas.

We have already made strides in our attempts to help every child reach their potential, with 300,000 fewer children living in absolute poverty in this country and the attainment gap between rich and poor pupils reduced by 10 per cent, but we know there is more to do.

That's why I want to encourage schools to take part in this rewarding programme that is already providing a boost in so many of our classrooms.

Family Action and Magic Breakfast are already working with the government to help encourage more children to attend the clubs by asking schools to collaborate and share best practice.

This includes £2 million for projects to encourage children to eat a healthy breakfast, and improve the way that schools share best practice.

Today's announcement builds on Family Action's extensive range of family and school support services nationwide, and Magic Breakfast's previous partnership with the Department for Education – establishing breakfast provision in 183 schools from 2014 to 2016.

David Holmes, CBE, Chief Executive of Family Action said:

Family Action is delighted to be leading the delivery of the National School Breakfast Programme in partnership with Magic Breakfast. This is a huge opportunity to make a difference to the lives of tens of thousands of children. The progress of the programme so far has been amazing and we are so impressed with the enthusiasm of schools to take part and their eagerness to engage with our dedicated team.

We want to ensure we help as many children as possible start the day with a healthy breakfast and ready to learn, We are encouraging all eligible schools to get in touch with us as soon as possible so you can become part of the programme too.

Carmel McConnell, MBE, Founder of Magic Breakfast said:

We are really happy to work alongside Family Action and the DfE to welcome so many fantastic schools to the National School Breakfast Programme. Each school is receiving the tried and tested Magic Breakfast model of support, which we know boosts educational outcomes, and we are really keen to reach all eligible schools.

Schools tell us that the most important lessons are taught in the morning, so we are delighted that so many more children who may not have access to food at home can now eat a healthy breakfast at school to give them the energy and focus they need to be able to learn.

The National School Breakfast Programme is part of the government's drive to support an active and healthy childhood. It builds on the recent doubling of the Primary PE and Sport Premium to £320 million a year to improve PE and sport in schools, alongside the £100 million Healthy Pupils Capital Fund to improve school facilities that help young people live healthier lifestyles.

Today's announcement, and the investment of up to £26 million in breakfast clubs, builds on the Government's support for the most disadvantaged families, including £2 million invested in summer 2018 to pilot ways to ensure children get continued access to healthy meals and activities during the holidays.