Space Ecosystem Commercialisation Programme (SECP)

Rapid R&D Grants and Expert Support from your local space cluster

Launch Pack
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What is the Space Ecosystem Commercialisation Programme (SECP)?

- £1.4M project, part funded by the UK Space Agency

- R&D programme to help innovative smaller companies develop capabilities and unlock commercial opportunities

- Sprint R&D Projects – complete by Feb 2026

- The project is being led by Midlands Space Cluster and delivered by 6 regional clusters:
  - Midlands Space Cluster
  - Space North East England
  - North West Space Cluster
  - Space South Central
  - Space West
  - Cornwall Space Cluster

- Designed to accelerate capability development in key priority areas

Grant funding

- Sprint R&D projects to complete by end Feb 2026

- Must have an application or potential application of the technology or innovation in the space sector.

- Must align with one or more of UK Space Agency priorities : Space Domain Awareness; In-Orbit Service, Assembly and Manufacturing; Launch; Position, Navigation and Timing; Earth Observation; Space Data Architecture; Science; and Exploration.

- Must align with local cluster priorities and be supported by your local cluster

- Grants of £1,000 to £30,000 at 40% intervention rate

- Should have a clear path to commercial exploitation – end user preferred but not essential

- Local Cluster support during application and project delivery

- 2 stage application process

Grant Funding – Eligible Spend

Typically includes :

- Labour costs

- Overheads

- Materials
  - Hardware
  - Software
  - Small items of research equipment

- Services provided by a 3rd party to the project
  - Consultancy
  - Machining of parts

- Travel and subsistence
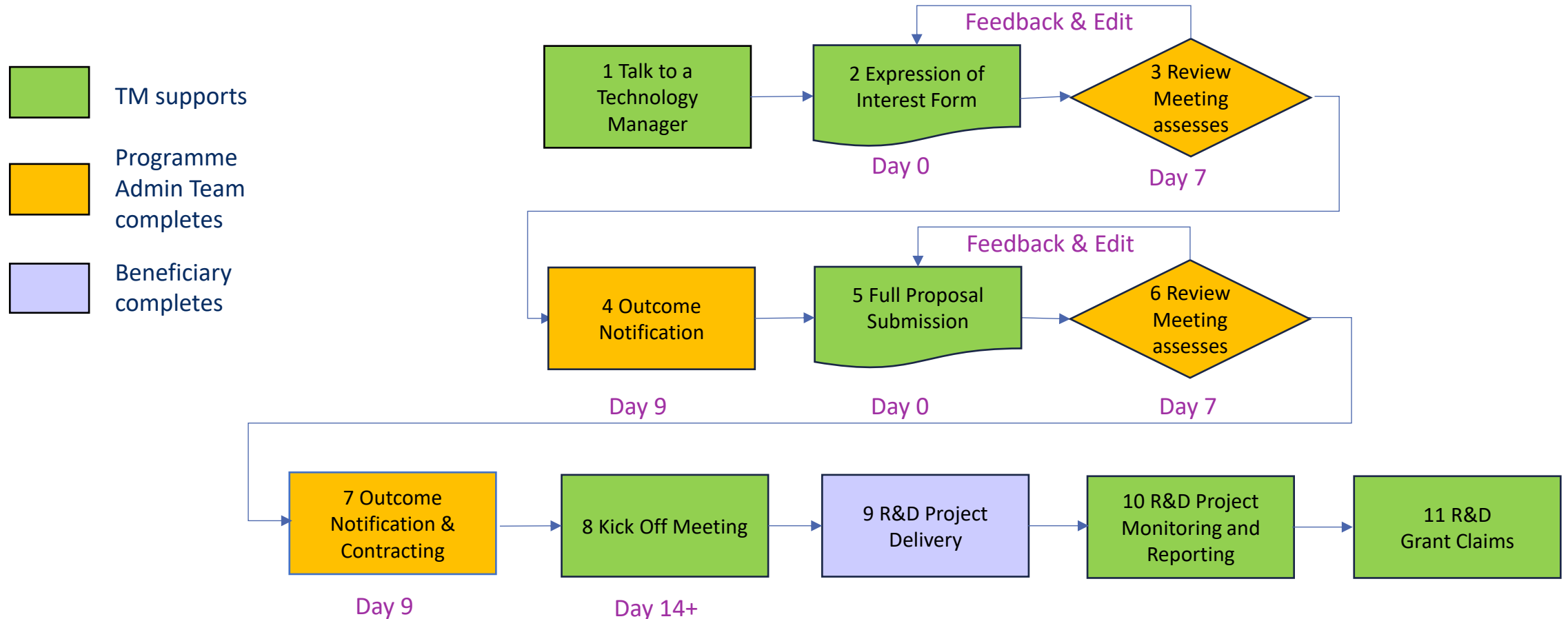
Important Dates

- Call Announced : **15-Sep-25**

- Deadline to submit Expression of Interest : **31-Oct-25 (or earlier if budget depleted)**

- Grant Funding Awarded from **: 01-Oct-25**

- Projects must complete by **28-Feb-26**

- Max 5 months project

Tips for a successful application

- Speak to your local Space Cluster **early in the process** for guidance

- This is a sprint project – define a **very clear, achievable workscope** with **well defined outputs**

- The programme is about **commercialisation** – your application needs to show you understand the market and how you will proceed to commercialisation – even though this may take place after this project

- Budget is limited on this pilot programme – please calculate your **costings** as accurately as you can be clear in your application how you will use the funds

Rapid Funding Application Process Flow

All steps are supported by a Local Space Cluster Technology Manager (TM) - from formulating a project idea, to wording the application, to monitoring the project delivery and submitting claims

- TM supports
- Programme Admin Team completes
- Beneficiary completes

Feedback & Edit

1 Talk to a Technology Manager	2 Expression of Interest Form	3 Review Meeting assesses
	Day 0	Day 7

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4 Outcome Notification	5 Full Proposal Submission	6 Review Meeting assesses
Day 9	Day 0	Day 7

7 Outcome Notification & Contracting	8 Kick Off Meeting	9 R&D Project Delivery	10 R&D Project Monitoring and Reporting	11 R&D Grant Claims
Day 9	Day 14+			

How to apply

- Speak to your local Space Cluster about your project idea, and to obtain a copy of the Application form

OR

- Download a copy of the Application form here

- All applications must be submitted via your local space cluster.

thank you

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