**Budget Examples and Eligible Cash Contributions**

**Example Case (single business)**

Total grant value (100% fEC): £2.10m for a 5-year grant

BBSRC contribution (80% fEC): £1.68m for a 5-year grant

Matched Contribution from Business Partner = £1.68m

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* The Business Lead should match BBSRC’s contribution with eligible cash contributions (see Definitive list of eligible cash contributions for business leads and partners). In this specific example the Business Lead would have to contribute with a minimum of £1.68m.
* The Academic Lead can contribute with cash or in-kind contribution however they will not count against the matched contribution but top it up.
* Governmental bodies, including national labs, can be project partners however, their contributions will not be considered as part of the matched contribution.

**Total project value**

Includes:

* full economic cost
* matched contribution
* cash contributions top up.

e.g. Total project value: £2.10m + £1.68m cash contributions top ups.

**Overall value of the project**

Total value of the programme includes:

* full economic cost
* matched contribution
* cash contribution top-up
* in-kind contributions.

e.g. Overall project value: £2.10m + £1.68m cash contributions top ups + in kind contributions.

Table 1: Worked example of single business.

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| Single Business | |  | |
|  | Contributions |
| fEC | £2,100,000 |
| BBSRC funding | £1,680,000 |
| Matched contribution | £1,680,000 | Nature of contributions | |
| Business Lead cash  contribution | £1,680,000 | £660,000 | Cash donation |
| £200,000 | Staff research time (not Business PI) |
| £250,000 | New equipment donated to university |
| £350,000 | Project manager time |
| £220,000 | Skills and talent training (please specify) |
| Business lead in-kind | £200,000 | £200,000 | Staff time |
| Governmental or Academic Body in-  kind (not matched contribution) | £150,000 | £150,000 | Knowledge, expertise, access to data, facilities etc… |
| Total project value | £3,780,000 |  | |
| Overall project value | £4,130,000 |

**Example Case (Multi-partner)**

Total grant value (100% fEC): £2.10m for a 5-year grant

BBSRC contribution (80% fEC): £1.68m for a 5-year grant

Matching Contribution from Business Partners = £1.68m

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Minimum Business Lead partner contribution = 51% of £1.68m = £856,800

* The Business Lead should match BBSRC’s contribution at a majority, of that figure with eligible cash contribution (see Definitive list of eligible cash contributions for business leads and partners). In this specific example Business Lead is contributing 51% and would contribute £856,800 (51% of £1.68m). The Business Lead can contribute to the total of the matched contributions.
* Other project partner contributions (excluding the Academic Lead) can cover the remainder of the match requirements (£823,200).
* The Academic Lead can contribute with cash or in-kind contribution however they will not count against the matched contribution but top it up.
* Governmental bodies, including national labs, can be project partners however, their contributions will not be considered as part of the matching contribution.
* All groups can contribute with in-kind, but these will not be counted towards the matched contribution.

Total project value: £2.10m +£1.68m + cash contributions top ups.

Overall project value: £2.10m + £1.68m +cash contributions top ups + in kind contributions.

Table 2: Worked example for multiple business partners.

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| Multi-partners | |  | |
|  | Contributions |
| fEC | £2,100,000 |
| BBSRC funding | £1,680,000 |
| Matched contribution | £1,680,000 | Nature of contributions | |
| Minimum Business Lead cash contribution | £856,800 | £256,800 | Cash donation |
| £200,000 | Staff research time (not Business PI) |
| £50,000 | New equipment donated to university |
| £240,000 | Project manager time |
| £110,000 | Skills and talent training (please specify) |
| Business lead in-kind | £200,000 | £200,000 | Staff time |
| Other business project partners cash contribution | £823,200 | £323,200 | Cash donation |
| £200,000 | Researcher’s time |
| £190,000 | Project manager time |
| £110,000 | Skills and talent training (please specify) |
| Governmental Body in- kind | £150,000 | £150,000 | Knowledge, expertise, access to data, facilities etc… |
| Total project value | £3,780,000 |  | |
| Overall project value | £4,130,000 |

**Definitive list of eligible cash contributions for business leads and partners**

The following is the definitive list of eligible cash contributions. These are in addition to providing an auditable cash transfer to the academic organisations.

BBSRC expects the time of researchers, postdoctoral research associates, technicians, business-funded doctoral students and the project manager to be fully costed onto projects depending on how much time a person would spend on it.

In the application, it is expected that the role and responsibilities of costed persons are detailed and it is demonstrated clearly how their experience and skills are linked to work packages and outcomes. The appropriateness of the time devoted to the project will be assessed in the panel interview and peer review (at the full proposal stage).

Gross salary can be claimed as matched funding (that is, including indirect costs such as pension, National Insurance and taxes) but not business overheads or profits. The salary of a single member of staff (researcher, postdoctoral research associates or project manager) can be covered in partnership by the business lead and BBSRC funds in a ratio that best suits the project.

Below we state the eligible cash contributions for business leads and partners

**Researchers’ salaries**

All or part of the pro-rata, gross salary cost associated with researchers employed by universities (including co-investigators).

**Postdoctoral research associates’ salary**

All or part of the gross salary cost associated with research associates employed by research organisations to work exclusively on the Prosperity Partnership.

Research associates can also be employed directly by the businesses in the partnership and the appropriately costed gross salary can be claimed as a cash contribution depending on how much time the person spends on the Prosperity Partnership.

**Professional project managers’ salary**

Pro-rata gross salary cost of a professional project manager.

**Technicians’ salary**

Pro-rata gross salary cost of technicians.

**Software licenses**

New software licences needed for the project and their maintenance cost for the duration of the grant. Software licences or intellectual property (IP) owned by the business which are already accessible by the partners will apply at marginal cost, not at market rate

**New equipment**

Equipment may be sought as part of the Prosperity Partnership and the equipment requested must be necessary to the successful delivery of the proposed research.

Items of multiple-use equipment (where the equipment is necessary for the pursuit of the proposed research but will not be fully occupied on it) may also be sought.

The application must set out the other proposed uses and explain the overall benefit to BBSRC science of the equipment investment being sought. Find out more in the [BBSRC research grants guide](https://www.ukri.org/publications/bbsrc-research-grants-guide/).

**Equipment produced by the business**

Equipment produced by the business is only claimable at the cost of manufacture (not market) rate.

**Access to equipment and facilities**

Access to specific equipment and facilities critical to achieve the outcomes of the project. If the facility is based at the academic or business lead’s facility, the cash contribution will be valued at cost.

**Facilities development**

Facilities development can be an eligible business cash contribution if the upgrade will increase the capability of the facilities with specific benefit to the proposed work. This contribution must be justified in addition to any estate costs already factored in. Any facilities development contributions require discussion with BBSRC prior to submission.

**Business cash donation**

Business cash donations which will be provided to the partner universities, for the universities to manage in line with the project objectives.

**Skills and talent training**

Extra skills and talent training to support doctoral and research Masters studentships, higher apprenticeships, continuing professional development of the project’s research and innovation team, exchanges and secondments. Skills and talent training may be up to a maximum of 20% of the matching contribution.