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# Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

## National Tooling Loan Fund

Where can I find the application guidance notes, Expression of Interest form and the Application form?

All documentation can be downloaded using the links at the bottom of National Tooling Loan Fund web page:

[www.frontierdevelopmentcapital.com/tooling](http://www.frontierdevelopmentcapital.com/tooling)

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What are the minimum and maximum amounts I can borrow?

The minimum amount is £50,000 and the maximum is £2,000,000, although in exceptional circumstances amounts in excess of £2,000,000m can be considered, following consultation with the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy.

## Can I get a grant from the Fund?

The fund will only provide loan funding.

## What is the expected length of a project/loan and over what timeframe can the funding be drawn down?

It is anticipated that, in the case of funding the manufacture of a tool, a loan will be made for a maximum of 18 months. Funds will be drawn in up to 3 tranches to match agreed milestones in the tool manufacture, with these drawdowns occurring within the first 9 months. Applicants for funding to expand the tool making capacity of the business would normally repay the loan as per their business plan, as agreed with Frontier Development Capital.

## Is this fund competition based or open ended?

The National Tooling Loan Fund is available on a first-come first-served basis. The size of the fund is currently limited to £24m, but it is a revolving facility and, as loans are repaid, additional funding to new applicants will become available.

## What size of businesses can apply?

There is no restriction with regard to the size of the business, although it does need to be a Limited Company, or equivalent, with a minimum of a 2 year trading history.

## What type of businesses can apply?

Businesses that are component manufactures and/or toolmakers, supporting their local supply chain, can apply.

## Are there any geographical restrictions?

The final manufacture of the tooling and subsequent parts manufacture must take place in England.

## How quickly can my application for funding be processed?

We will use best endeavours to make funds available to you within 6 weeks of your application being received. Frontier Development Capital will keep you updated with regard to timings.

## What level of security will be required?

No personal security is required, however, we will ask to take a debenture from the company. To avoid this impacting on the facilities provided by your existing financial providers, we will work with them to establish the necessary priority in their favour and to their satisfaction.

## What is the cost of borrowing from the fund?

An arrangement fee of up to 2% of the loan amount will be payable by the borrower to meet the administration and documentation production costs and to meet the annual review processes, as documented in the loan draw down monitoring documentation.

## How many applications can I make?

As long as each application is for a minimum of £50,000 and the total a value of applications does not exceed £2,000,000 outstanding at any one time, there is no limit on the number of applications you can make.

## How much of the required project funding can I apply for?

We will only lend up to 90% of the project costs; the remainder needs to be funded by you.

## Further information:

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