

Self-Assessment Form

Please answer the following questions truthfully and to the best of your knowledge. Only applicants who answer **YES** to every question are invited to complete an expression of interest form.

Please note: You are not required to submit this form. However, you will be asked to provide evidence to support your answers at the next stage in the assessment process.

Criteria	Description	Yes/No
The employment outcomes realised by our investment	You are able to show clear evidence of how you expect engagement with SVA's Social Enterprise Portfolio to contribute towards improved employment outcomes for your organisation.	
2. The organisational potential realised by our investment	<p>The key aim of the SVA Social Enterprise Portfolio is to secure a transformational step change in organisational capacity, capability and/or financial sustainability.</p> <p>You are able to demonstrate and provide evidence to show that the investment will build your organisational capacity, capability, and/or develop your financial sustainability in the future, either through business growth and increasing your turnover or through making the existing business sustainable.</p>	
3. Business Plan	You have developed a business plan for your enterprise	
4. Knowledge of the market and new and additional enterprising/innovative activity	You are familiar with the market you operate in or intend to operate in and its competitors. You have researched gaps in market provision, market failure and demand. You can demonstrate how you will or have develop(ed) new services or products, or complement what already exists. Your proposal does not result in displacement.	
5. Effective monitoring and evaluation system in place	You are able to outline how you will monitor and evaluate your progress towards achieving	

	increased sustainability. You have set target/milestones/performance indicators and monitor progress against targets/milestones/indicators.	
6. How the enterprise will sustain itself once funding ends	You can show how your enterprise can continue the activity at the end of the investment and support period. For example the enterprise will be self-sustaining or mainstreamed into the business.	
7. The amount of funding requested is proportionate and demonstrates value for money	<p>Ideally we expect to fund up to 70% of any proposal cost, while the balance of the investment package could include loans, other grants and applicants' own resources (this is desirable rather than essential).</p> <p>Applications have to be supported by a business plan. SVA will carry out a general assessment of the overall quality of evidence provided in the business plan and whether appropriate and relevant information has been provided. The business plan will not be scored but we will assess its strengths and weaknesses.</p>	

If you have answered **YES** to all of the above questions you may be eligible for investment or support. Please complete an **expression of interest form**.

If you have answered **NO** to one or more of the above questions you will not be eligible for investment or support. Please refer to the FAQs section of the website where other resources are listed.