

## Public grant funding

The 5G Innovation business support programme is being run on behalf of North East Combined Authority. It is vitally important we can evidence that public funding is used correctly, therefore, we do need to request information that gives us a minimum level of assurance.

The value of the technical support provided will vary depending on your progression through the business support programme.

- You must be able to eligible to receive the support as Minimal Financial Assistance under Subsidy Control Act 2022 (MFA) – you can find guidance on Subsidy Control here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/subsidy-control-a-guide-for-beneficiaries/subsidy-control-a-guide-for-beneficiaries>
- Successful applicants will be issued with a Subsidy Control letter and you will be required to complete and return a declaration setting out how much support you have received over the previous 3 fiscal years.
- Here you should declare any grants you have received under **MFA, EU De Minimis state aid** scheme, or Small Amounts of Financial Assistance under **UK Subsidy Control Regime (TCA)**.
- If you are unsure, check your Grant Offer Letter from when you were awarded any previous funding it should say whether the grant is awarded under either of these schemes. You don't need to include details of funding awarded under EU General Block Exemption Rules (GBER).
- We are not permitted to advise what should be declared on the subsidy control letter.