

Factory growth and expansion of technical advancement for sewing



Business name and size: Fortis Clothing Ltd, £800k turnover

Funding awarded: £12,462 to purchase new machinery for the factory to enable us to increase our manufacturing output.

Project outline:

The project was aimed at giving existing staff members and new staff members training on new advanced machines to help our sewing output become better, faster and of better quality. We wanted to employ more locals to help us grow but needed the machinery to do this.

The challenge: The idea was perfect, but to remove such cash flow from the business can be very challenging and so this project came up, it ticked every box for us and what we wanted to achieve. So this challenge could be overcome with machinery and training but the funds were our main obstacle as we grow each year support like this is needed.

The solution: The machines, we needed the advanced machines to take the next step to the factory becoming more efficient, larger and have more skilled workers operating them.

The impact (key achievements): The impact was immense, just to afford the machines without disturbing cash flow made a huge difference to the factory we are now nearly 20% more efficient and larger in output, which allows us to take more orders. This has opened the next door to future growth and we are very grateful for this project as I believe we are 2 years ahead of plans and growing with a more advanced factory and team.

How is the new approach being sustained: We have more machine space to be used, we have more skilled staff trained through the project funds to help and train the next working staff members. It has been a great success for the future of our company and we are very grateful.

Quote:

Oliver Massy-Birch, Fortis® Clothing Director, said: 'Investment in companies like us is the key to the future of employment, thriving economy and growth of economic success. Our plan is to become one of the best factories in Europe, for skill, quality and working conditions. We will not stop until this is achieved'.

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