

# An overview of Sweden Grant programs

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# Services to facilitate investments in Sweden

## WHAT WE DO

- Support business leaders in decision-making processes regarding investments in Sweden
- Engage in building business cases for a solution in Sweden by providing advices and conditions needed in an evaluation process related to new, expanding or consolidation of operations

## AREAS OF ENGAGEMENT

**Find opportunities**  
to develop operations and products

**Mitigate risks**  
and secure informed  
decision making processes

**Accelerate landing**  
in an implementation process

## EXAMPLE OF DELIVERIES

- Comparative studies and arguments for decision making
- Support in building business case
- Location searches and RFI reports
- Project coordination
- Marketing activities to create awareness
- Mapping of grants and incentives
- Identification of relevant Test bed & research projects
- Location costs
- Subcontractor searches
- Access to relevant networks

## About Business Region Skaraborg



Business Region Skaraborgs purpose is to strengthen the regional business climate in Skaraborg and to attract and expand foreign owned companies.

Business Region Skaraborg was founded in the fall of 2018, from mutual interest from Skaraborg's fifteen municipalities and the Region Västra Götaland. Business Region Skaraborg offers services free of charge for investors that wants to find the best location within the region.

## About Business Sweden



Business Sweden's purpose is to help Swedish companies grow global sales and international companies invest and expand in Sweden.

Business Sweden was founded on the first of January, 2013, by a merger of the Swedish Trade Council (Exportrådet) and Invest Sweden. Business Sweden is owned by the Swedish Government and the industry, a partnership that provides access to contacts and networks at all levels.






# Grants available for investments and employment\*

	 <b>Klimatklivet</b>	 <b>Energisteget</b>	 <b>Industriklivet</b>	 <b>Employment Grant</b>	 <b>Expert tax relief</b>	 <b>R&amp;D Labor Cost Discount</b>	 <b>Investment grant for solar panels</b>
FOR WHAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grant for investments that reduce emissions that affect the climate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grant for energy efficiency improvement</li> <li>Given for project planning and/or investment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grants for projects that can reduce industrial process related emissions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grant for employment of unemployed or people who are new in Sweden</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Employing foreign citizens carrying out particularly qualified tasks</li> <li>or with a high monthly remuneration (over 94 800 SEK)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduction of social fees for employees active in research and development.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grant for the installation of solar cell systems connected to the electricity grid.</li> </ul>
FOR WHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Companies reducing carbon footprint</li> <li>Focus on production, transport, energy, real estate e.g.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Industrial companies in Sweden that have done an energy emissions mapping</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All actors that can contribute to reducing industrial process related emissions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Companies recruiting unemployed people</li> <li>Companies recruiting specific competences which requires training</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Companies employing foreign citizens</li> <li>Foreign citizens working in Sweden</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>R&amp;D focused companies</li> <li>Improvement of production processes is also included</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All companies and organizations</li> </ul>
HOW MUCH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Up to 150 MSEK</li> <li>The size of the grant depends on the climate impact of the investment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For project planning max 50% of total project planning cost</li> <li>For investments max 30% of eligible costs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Depending on call for proposal and project</li> <li>For R&amp;D projects: 25-100% of project costs for large companies and groups</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Up to 252 324 SEK (~23,5 kEUR) per employee and year (up to 80% of labor costs)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For companies: social fees based on 75% of salary</li> <li>For employees: 25% of salary is exempt of tax</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Up to 2,8 MSEK per year</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Up to 1,2 MSEK (max 20% of project cost)</li> </ul>
WHEN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Applications for investment grant are evaluated and awarded 3 times per year</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grants for project planning open all year</li> <li>Applications for investment grant are evaluated and awarded 3 times per year</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Several calls for proposal per year</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Application for grant needs to be approved before employment starts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The application must be sent to the Taxation of Research Workers Board within 3 months after work has started in Sweden</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In connection to reporting of social fees</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Application open all year</li> </ul>
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# R&D grants

	<b><u>Metallic materials</u></b>	<b><u>Produktion2030</u></b>	<b><u>Lighter</u></b>	<b><u>Smarter Electronic Systems</u></b>	<b><u>PiiA - Process industrial IT and automation</u></b>	<b><u>FFI - Strategic vehicle research and innovation</u></b>	<b><u>Challenge driven innovation</u></b>
 FOR WHAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The program brings together Sweden's metal industries the strategic research and innovation agenda on Metallic materials.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The program aims to create a national base of research, innovation and education for a competitive Swedish manufacturing sector in 2030.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Materials and design technologies for lightweight components.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The program creates cross boundary work to develop smarter electronic systems in Sweden.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The program contributes to development and application of automation and digitalization within industry.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FFI is a partnership programme run jointly by the Swedish state and the Swedish automotive industry that funds research, innovation and development.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An initiative that aims to solve societal challenges that require broad cooperation to overcome.</li> </ul>
 FOR WHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>R&amp;D focused companies.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>R&amp;D focused companies.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>R&amp;D focused companies.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>R&amp;D focused companies.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>R&amp;D focused companies.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>R&amp;D focused companies.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>R&amp;D focused companies.</li> </ul>
 HOW MUCH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>50+ MSEK reserved for projects per year.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>55 MSEK reserved for projects per year.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>36+ MSEK reserved for projects per year.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>45 MSEK reserved for projects per year.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>40 MSEK reserved for projects per year.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1000 MSEK annually.</li> <li>Public funds compromise 50% of the funding.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>225 MSEK reserved for projects per year.</li> </ul>
 WHEN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Call for proposals 2-3 times per year.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Call for proposals 2 times per year.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Call for proposals 2 times per year.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Call for proposals 2 times per year.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Call for proposals 2 times per year.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Several calls for proposals per year.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Several calls for proposals per year.</li> </ul>

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# EU grants



	<b>EUREKA</b>	<b>ECSEL</b>	<b>European Social Fund (ESF)</b>	<b>European Regional Development fund</b>
 FOR WHAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EUREKA is a program with the aim to strengthen the European industries global competitiveness.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Research, Development and Innovation projects for world-class expertise in electronic components and systems technologies.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Projects that contributes to competence development.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Projects that corrects imbalances between regions.</li> <li>Priority areas: Innovation and research, digital agenda, SMEs, low carbon economy.</li> </ul>
 FOR WHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>R&amp;D focused companies.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>R&amp;D focused companies.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collaboration between several organizations is required.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Constellations of organizations that target at least two regional fund areas.</li> </ul>
 HOW MUCH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>80 MSEK reserved for projects per year.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>50 MSEK reserved for projects per year.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12 000 MSEK for the period 2014-2020.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>...</li> </ul>
 WHEN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Calls for proposals yearly.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Call for proposals yearly.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Several calls for proposals yearly.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Call for proposals yearly.</li> </ul>

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# Financial support / services

## The Swedish Export Credit System

**SEK**

**Investment financing**

**SEK ekn**

**Client financing**

**ALMI**  
INVEST

 **Industrifonden**

	<b>SEK</b> Investment financing	<b>SEK <small>ekn</small></b> Client financing	<b>ALMI</b> <small>INVEST</small>	 <b>Industrifonden</b>
 FOR WHAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Loan financing for investments contributing to Swedish export</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Loan financing for clients importing goods and services from Sweden.</li> <li>Facilitate financing of transactions with Swedish exporting companies.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public VC funding</li> <li>Invests in innovative business models</li> <li>Scalability and market potential important criteria</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public Evergreen VC fund</li> <li>Focus on technology and Life Science</li> </ul>
 FOR WHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Companies exporting from Sweden.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clients of Swedish exporting companies.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Start-ups in early or expansion phase</li> <li>Swedish Inc./ AB required</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Early stage innovative companies</li> <li>Technology, biotech, medical devices, digital health</li> </ul>
 HOW MUCH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1-10 mSEK</li> <li>Clearly defined capital and business plan required</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A round VC</li> <li>5- 50 mSEK</li> </ul>
 WHEN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On demand</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On demand</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open application</li> <li>Apply online with investment pitch</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open application online</li> <li>About 100 investments/ year</li> </ul>

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