

Big cash boost for the budding entrepreneurs

BIG cash incentives are being offered to enterprising businessmen to help get their schemes off the ground.

Entrepreneurs from the borough can receive a £1,000 grant to kick-start their companies from the Barking and Dagenham Small Business Centre in Longbridge Road, Barking.

The centre, which offers free advice to small businesses, is also offering a £3,000 to people who leave incapacity benefit to start up on their own.

Deanna Vinton, an advisor at the centre, said: "We are trying to help people get the head start that they deserve.

"Starting a new business can be really challenging and we try to help and support smaller ones to survive and grow.

"Obviously we won't be giving out the money willy-nilly, and we will always check the project's plans to make sure that the companies are sustainable.

"Hopefully though we can give some of them a fighting chance to get up and running."

And as well as offering free advice, the centre can also offer loans of up to £20,000 to certain applicants.

Anyone who is interested in the work of the centre or who would like to find out more about what they can offer, should phone (020) 8911 3737, or email bdsbc@bdsbc.org