



**Big Potential is a BIG Lottery Fund grant fund. It is managed by The Social Investment Business (SIB) with the aim of improving the sustainability, capacity and scale of Voluntary Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) organisations in order that they may deliver greater social impact.**

Eligible VCSE organisations applying to SIB, go through a diagnostic process. Then you make an application with an approved provider for an investment readiness project to assist you to raise repayable investment for the next stage of your development.

Social Enterprise Acumen CIC and UNW LLP are approved providers and welcome the opportunity to work in partnership with you, the VCSE organisation, as early in the process as you would like.

There are two different programmes depending on the value of investment you want to raise.

**Big Potential Breakthrough** – VCSE wanting to raise repayable investment up to £500,000

- Preliminary Grant (repayable investment some way off) between £20,000 and £30,000 to consider options and types of investment
- Investment Growth (aim for repayable investment within 6-12 months)
- Investment Plan Grants are available to VCSEs that already have a social investment proposition and know what the deal might look like. VCSEs can apply for Investment Plan Grants of between £40,000 and £50,000.
- VCSEs can apply for both types of grant but SIB would not expect any one organisation to receive more than £75,000 in total.

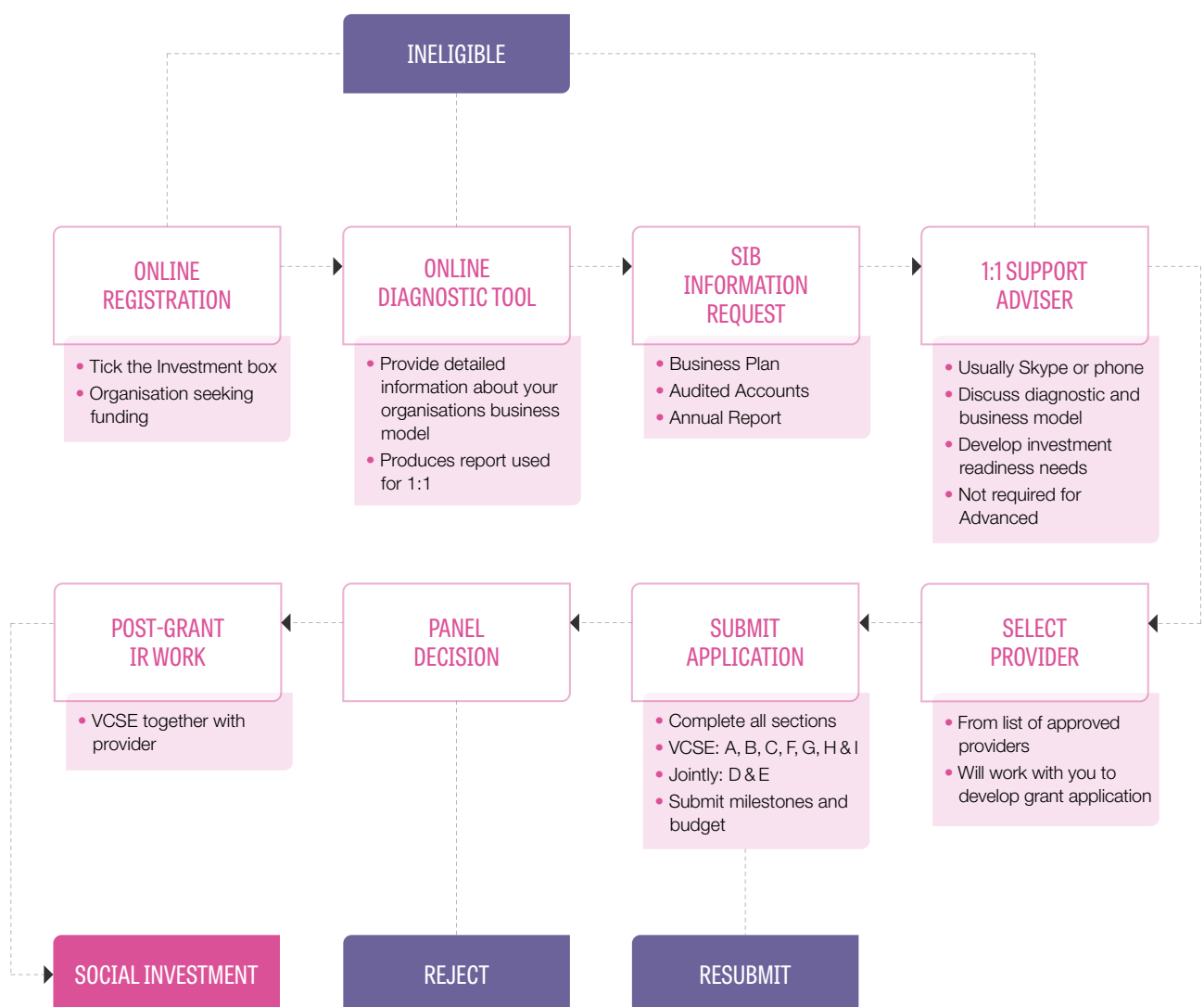
**Big Potential Advanced** – VCSE wanting to raise repayable investment over £500,000 and or bid for contracts over £1 million

- Investment Readiness Grants available from £50,000 to £150,000

**For more information and to apply:**

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## Big Potential process diagram



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