

Match Trading

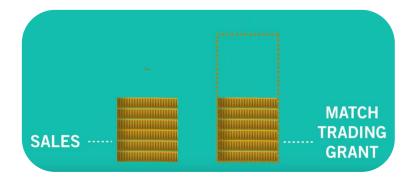
An innovation in funding

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A proven way to incentivise trading & resilience







Match Trading® is grant-funding that pound-for-pound matches an increase in income from trading.

By rewarding sales growth, Match Trading grants incentivise social organisations to develop their trading base, so they can build stronger futures

















Vision: A simple tool to increase reach in poorer markets





The Problem

Social
enterprise & investment are meritocratic and market-reliant



SEs thrive in richer communities and struggle in poorer ones



SEs in poorer communities need grants to survive



They become grant-dependent and unable to sustain their own growth

Match Trading® Theory of Change



Grants rewarding increased trading

Learning programme



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Simple grant mechanism to grow customer acquisition



Boosts SE's financial resilience and grows sustainable business models



Boosts money circulation and impact for deprived communities



save' case
unlocks
substantial
government
support for
SE

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How do we know the 'incentive' works?





100%+
Median increase in

Median increase in income from trading

40%
Median increase in total income

2.5x

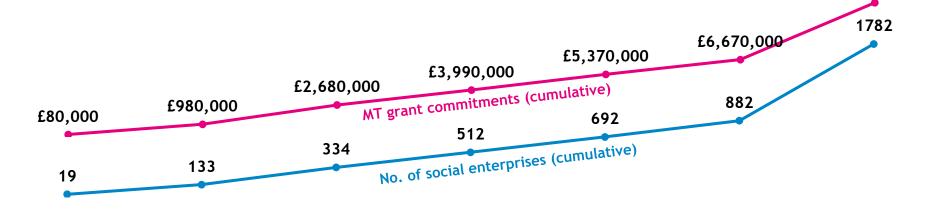
Trading increase of Match Trading grant recipients v. 'traditional' grant recipients

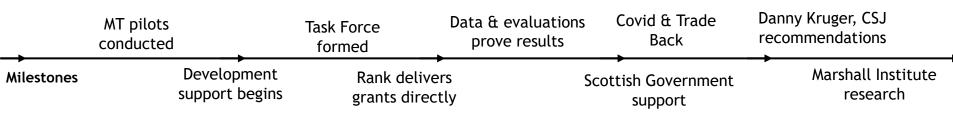
MT has shown steady progress





£11,670,000





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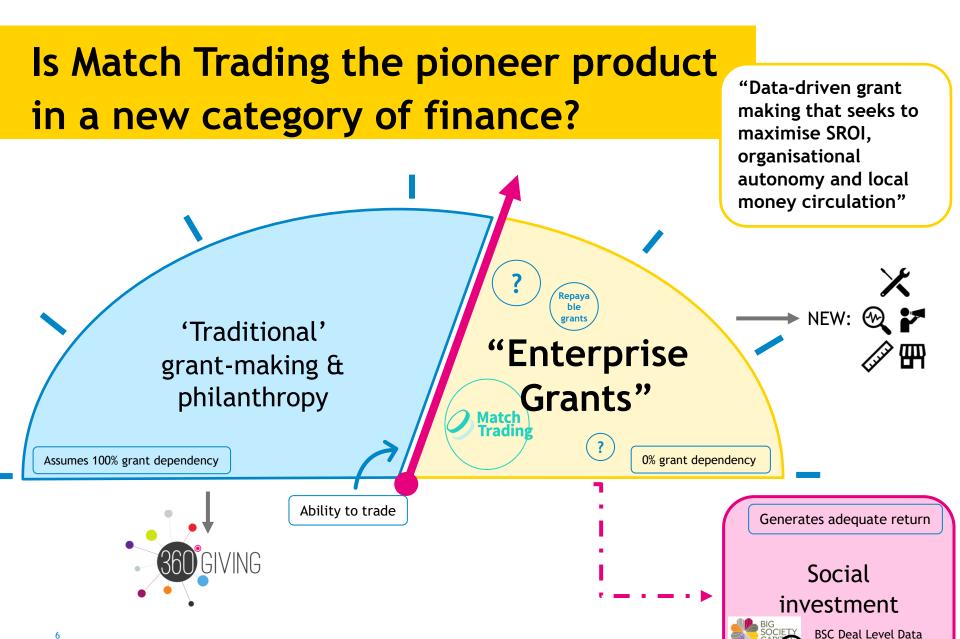
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2021-22

2022-27 £15M+ for 2k+ social

enterprises



Social Economy Data