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# Coronavirus Local Authority Discretionary Grants

## WHAT IS IT?

Grants of up to £25,000 have been made available to support small- and micro-businesses. Grants of £25,000, £10,000, and any other amount under £10,000 will support businesses with fixed property costs and are not eligible for the Small Business Grant Fund or the Retail Hospitality and Leisure Grant Fund.

## ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?

SMEs must comply with the following conditions:

- Your business must be based in England
- Has relatively high ongoing fixed property-related costs
- Occupies property with a rateable value or annual mortgage/rent payments below £51,000.
- Was trading on 11 March 2020.

All businesses need to show that they have suffered a significant reduction in income as a result of coronavirus. Businesses cannot apply if in administration, insolvent, or has received a striking-off notice.

## HOW TO APPLY

Visit your local council's website to find out how to apply:

[Find the website for your local council >](#)

## WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Your local council will run an application process and decide whether to offer your business a grant. You do not have to pay the grant back but it will be taxable. Only businesses which make an overall profit once grant income is included will be subject to tax.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

The government has requested local councils to prioritise businesses such as:

- Small businesses in shared offices or other flexible workspaces, such as units in industrial parks or incubators
- Regular market traders
- Bed and breakfasts paying council tax instead of business rates
- Charity properties getting charitable business rates relief, which are not eligible for small business rates relief or rural rate relief

Local councils have discretion about how to prioritise this funding. Please check with your council for details of their scheme.

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## WHAT IF I AM ALREADY CLAIMING FUNDING OR GOVERNMENT SUPPORT?

You cannot apply if you're already claiming under another government grant scheme, such as:

- Small Business Grant Fund
- Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grant
- Fisheries Response Fund
- Domestic Seafood Supply Scheme
- Zoos Support Fund
- Dairy Hardship Fund

However, you are still eligible if you've applied for the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme or the Self-Employed Income Support Scheme. Businesses that apply for the Discretionary Grants Scheme can also still apply for coronavirus-related loans if they are eligible

## IF YOU ALREADY GET STATE AID

The Discretionary Grants Fund counts towards state aid.

Payments of £10,000 or less count towards the total de minimis state aid you're allowed to get over a 3 year period - €200,000. If you have reached that threshold, you may still be eligible for funding under the COVID-19 Temporary Framework.

Payments of £25,000 count as state aid under the COVID-19 Temporary Framework. The limit for the framework is €800,000.

Your local council will ask you to complete a declaration confirming that:

- you will not exceed the relevant state aid threshold
- you were not an 'undertaking in difficulty' on 31 December 2019. This applies only to the COVID-19 Temporary Framework

Need more support? Speak to an advisor on our dedicated COVID-19 business support helpline at

[www.sedulo.co.uk/coronavirus](http://www.sedulo.co.uk/coronavirus)