

ENGLAND: BUSINESS SUPPORT GRANT FUNDING – GUIDANCE FOR LOCAL AUTHORITIES

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GRANT FUNDING SCHEMES

Small Business Grant Fund and Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grant Fund Guidance.

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This guidance is intended to support Local Authorities in administering the business grant schemes announced at Budget on 11 March 2020, and the level of funding was increased in a statement from the Chancellor on 17 March. **This guidance applies to England only.**

The guidance sets out the criteria which central government considers for this purpose to be eligible for the Small Business Grant Fund and the Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grant Fund. This does not replace existing guidance.

The guidance should be referred to if you have specific queries about the Grants.

This support will take the form of two grant funding schemes, the Small Business Grant Fund and the Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grant Fund.

Local Authorities that will be responsible for making payments to businesses and which will receive funding from Government are business rate billing authorities in England.

How much funding will be provided to businesses?

The guidance outlines the Small Business Grant Fund (SBGF) either under the Small Business Rates Relief (SBRR) or Rural Rates Relief (RRR) - £10,000.

- / It also details the Retail Hospitality and Leisure Grant (RHLG, businesses in England that would have been in receipt of the Expanded Retail Discount (which covers retail, hospitality and leisure) on 11 March with a rateable value of less than £51,000 will be eligible for the following cash grants per property.
- / Eligible businesses in these sectors with a property that has a rateable value of up to and including £15,000 will receive a grant of £10,000, in line with the eligibility criteria as set out in paragraphs 23-30.
- / Eligible businesses in these sectors with a property that has a rateable value of over £15,000 and less than £51,000 will receive a grant of £25,000, in line with the eligibility criteria as set out in paragraphs 23-30.
- / Businesses with a rateable value of £51,000 or over are not eligible for this scheme. Businesses which are not ratepayers in the business rates system are not included in this scheme.

Page 3 outlines exclusions to SBGF and RHLG.

Annex A contains a summary of Scheme Requirements and Annex B post-payment reporting. Annex C gives sample paragraphs that could be included in letters to grant recipients.