



# Grant Fund Scheme

Responding to COVID-19

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1. **Small Business Grant Fund:** All business in England in receipt of Small Business Rates Relief and Rural Rates Relief in the business rates system will be eligible for a cash grant of £10,000
  - a. **Eligibility:** All business in England in receipt of Small Business Rates Relief and Rural Rates Relief
  - b. **How to access:** No action is required from you. The local authorities will contact you by 31st March 2020. Each local authority will operate differently so we would advise that you visit your local authorities website through the link below for specific information.

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2. **Retail, Hospitality, and Leisure Business Grant Fund 2A:** All businesses in England in receipt of the Expanded Retail Discount (which covers retail, hospitality and leisure) with a rateable value up to £15,000 will be eligible for a cash grant of £10,000
  - a. **Eligibility:** businesses in these sectors with a property that has a rateable value of up to £15,000
  - b. **How to access:** No action is required from you. The local authorities will contact you regarding this by 31st March 2020.

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3. **Retail, Hospitality, and Leisure Business Grant Fund 2B:** All businesses in England in receipt of the Expanded Retail Discount (which covers retail, hospitality and leisure) with a rateable value of over £15,000 and less than £51,000 will be eligible for a cash grant of £25,000
  - a. **Eligibility:** businesses in these sectors with a property that has a rateable value of over £15,000 and less than £51,000
  - b. **How to access:** No action is required from you. The local authorities will contact you by 31st March 2020. Each local authority will operate differently so we would advise that you visit your local authorities website through the link below for specific information.

## Who will receive this funding?

The person who according to the billing authority's records was the ratepayer in respect of the property on the 11 March 2020.

**Note:** businesses with a rateable value of £51,000 and over are not eligible for this scheme.

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## More information

### 1. Small Business Grant Fund

All business in England in receipt of Small Business Rates Relief and Rural Rates Relief in the business rates system will be eligible for a cash grant of £10,000.

#### a. Eligibility

All business in England in receipt of Small Business Rates Relief and Rural Rates Relief.

- i. Included in this scheme are those which on the 11 March 2020 were eligible for relief under the business rate Small Business Rate Relief Scheme (including those with a Rateable Value between £12,000 and £15,000 which receive tapered relief)

- ii. Those to which: a. Section 43 (4B)(a) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 (small business rate relief) applied, and b. The value of E (as defined in article 3 of the Non-Domestic Rating (Reliefs, thresholds and Amendment) (England) Order 2017, SI 2017/102) was greater than 1.
- iii. Those that were not eligible for percentage SBRR relief are excluded, unless eligible for the Small Business Rate Multiplier
- iv. Those which on 11 March 2020 were eligible for relief under the rural rate relief scheme are also eligible for this scheme and to which Section 43 (6B) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 (rural rate relief) applied.
- v. Eligible recipients will receive one grant only
- vi. Exclusions to Small Business Grant Fund
  - Properties occupied for personal uses. Examples of where there may be personal use include private stables and loose boxes, beach huts and moorings.
  - Car parks and parking spaces
  - For the avoidance of doubt, businesses which as of the 11 March were in liquidation or were dissolved will not be eligible

#### **b. How to access**

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## **2. Retail, Hospitality, and Leisure Business Grant Fund 2A**

All businesses in England in receipt of the Expanded Retail Discount (which covers retail, hospitality and leisure) with a rateable value of less than £15,000 will be eligible for a cash grant of £10,000.

#### **a. Eligibility**

- i. Those which on the 11 March 2020 had a rateable value of less than £15,000 and would have been eligible for a discount under the business rates Expanded Retail Discount Scheme had that scheme been in force for that date are eligible for the grant
- ii. Eligible recipients will receive one grant only
- iii. Exclusions to RHLG:
  - Properties occupied for personal uses. Examples of where there may be personal use include private stables and loose boxes, beach huts and moorings.
  - Car parks and parking spaces
  - For the avoidance of doubt, businesses which as of the 11 March were in liquidation or were dissolved will not be eligible
  - Properties with a rateable value of over £51,000

#### **b. How to access**

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### 3. Retail, Hospitality, and Leisure Business Grant Fund 2B

All businesses in England in receipt of the Expanded Retail Discount (which covers retail, hospitality and leisure) with a rateable value of over £15,000 and less than £51,000 will be eligible for a cash grant of £25,000

#### a. Eligibility

- i. Those which on the 11 March 2020 had a rateable value of £15,000 or more and less than £51,000 and would have been eligible for a discount under the business rates Expanded Retail Discount Scheme had that scheme been in force for that date are eligible for the grant
- ii. Eligible recipients will receive one grant only
- iii. Exclusions to RHLG:
  - Properties occupied for personal uses. Examples of where there may be personal use include private stables and loose boxes, beach huts and moorings.
  - Car parks and parking spaces
  - For the avoidance of doubt, businesses which as of the 11 March were in liquidation or were dissolved will not be eligible
  - Properties with a rateable value of over £51,000

#### b. How to access

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