

# BUSINESS SUPPORT OVERSIGHT

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We have set out the KEY government initiatives for additional funds during the COVID-19 interruption to trading which will be of relevance to social enterprises. This table will be updated and circulated regularly. Updated sections are shaded pale blue.

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Job retention scheme (cover costs of salaries)	<p>To help businesses contribute towards the costs of any employee <b>who is on the PAYE scheme only</b> who are no longer able to work. The guidance notes that this typically excludes any publicly funded posts / public sector workers.</p> <p>Employees must be furloughed i.e. temporarily laid off <b>ALL*</b> work during the COVID-19 outbreak. The intention is to avoid making them redundant; <b>it is important you check your contract terms allow you to do this and agree the furloughing with individual employees.</b></p> <p>No restrictions on type of employer, including not-for-profits and charities.</p> <p>It is possible to backdate if redundancy has already occurred, but staff must be</p>	<p>Covers at most £2,500 <b>gross pay</b> per month per employee. Grant that covers <b>up to 80% of their usual monthly wage costs, plus the associated Employer National Insurance contributions and minimum automatic enrolment employer pension contributions on that wage.</b></p> <p>From 1 August the grant payable to employers will reduce each month to the end of October whilst the employer must pay furloughed employees a minimum of 80% of their wages ( pro rated for the monthly time furloughed) in addition to pay for hours worked that month.</p> <p>The phasing of the changes are set out in <a href="#">government changes document</a>.</p> <p>Employee deductions will be calculated in the same way. Note - auto-enrolment pension rules still apply. Cover does not include benefits or dividends.</p> <p>Backdated to <b>1 March 2020</b></p>	<p>HMRC confirmed that the <a href="#">employer guidance</a> and <a href="#">guidance for employees</a> have been further updated in line with some of the main queries received from stakeholders. Whilst all the guidance has been refreshed, the main areas I would draw your attention to are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the more detailed information on scheme eligibility</li> <li>• further information on how to calculate a claim</li> <li>• clarification of what constitutes wages.</li> </ul> <p><b>Please review the links</b> for more information about the scheme.</p> <p>To claim, you will need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• your ePAYE reference number</li> </ul>	<p>Eligibility date for employees has moved from 28 Feb to <b>19 Mar 2020</b> – the day before the scheme was announced. To reduce fraud, the employee must have been notified to HMRC through an RTI submission notifying payment in respect of that employee on or before 19 March 2020.</p> <p>This is not for all employees.</p> <p>Changing an employee's status is subject to employment law so you should check existing contracts and if necessary, negotiate any changes needed, <b>including collective consultation if enough staff are involved.</b> Some staff may prefer redundancy – they are not obliged to be furloughed.</p> <p>You cannot have employees still working part-time / 20% time etc. up to the end of June 2020. You need to be careful not to discriminate in who is furloughed. <b>Training that does not generate revenue is allowed but must be paid at National Minimum Wage or above.</b> There is plenty of free</p>

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	<p>re-employed and placed on furlough.</p> <p>*Furloughed Directors can continue to undertake obligations to remain compliant as a company / Director but must not undertake any work that generates or would typically generate revenue for the company.</p> <p>From 1 July 2020:</p> <p>Furloughed employees can work for part time and employers can receive grant for the hours not worked.</p> <p>Employees must have been furloughed for at least three consecutive weeks <b>between 1 March 2020 and 30 June 2020</b> to be eligible ( differs for those returning from parental leave)</p>	<p>Open initially for at least three months, <b>now extended until 31 October 2020.</b></p> <p><b>Minimum period of furlough is three consecutive weeks which must have been commenced by 10 June 2020.</b></p> <p>Grant is a reimbursement to the employer therefore the employer will need to make the wage/ salary payment to the furloughed worker and then be reimbursed by HMRC.</p> <p>Details of furloughed employees need to be submitted to HMRC to be eligible so start having consultations and getting paperwork and payroll in order asap.</p> <p>You will need to calculate the amount you are claiming. HMRC will retain the right to retrospectively audit all aspects of your claim.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the number of employees being furloughed</li> <li>the claim period (start and end date)</li> <li>amount claimed</li> <li>bank account number and sort code</li> <li>contact name</li> <li>phone number</li> </ul>	<p>online training available at present too.</p> <p>The latest guidance says that employers can choose to top-up pay, either for the unfunded 20% of pay or the amount above £2,500 for higher earners, but this will not be a formal requirement to obtain access to the scheme.</p> <p>Zero hours contracts, apprentices, shielding employees, employees with caring responsibilities and some agency staff are covered, see government info for details. Self-employed are not covered by this scheme, but see below.</p> <p>Guidance now covers details on annual leave and sick pay etc. <b>Importantly - You cannot claim for employees while they're getting Statutory Sick Pay, but they can be furloughed and claimed for once they are no longer receiving Statutory Sick Pay.</b></p> <p>Some additional considerations are helpfully set out in the updated government guidance.</p>
Self-employment support	<p><b>IMPORTANT: You must make your claim for the first grant on or before 13 July 2020.</b> The scheme will be open to those whose trade has been</p>	<p>Self-employed have to apply for the scheme.</p> <p>You can keep on working during this period.</p>	<p>HMRC will use their existing information to check potential eligibility.</p>	<p>Impacted individuals facing imminent problems are being encouraged to apply for Universal Credit (request an advance) and other benefits)</p>

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	<p>adversely affected by coronavirus and who has a <b>trading profit of less than £50,000</b> in 2018-19 or an average trading profit of less than £50,000 from 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19.</p> <p>To qualify, <b>more than half of your income in these periods must come from self-employment.</b></p> <p>Only for those already in self-employment i.e. anyone who submitted a tax return for 2018/19 before 23 April 2020</p> <p>You must have been trading in 2019/2020, intended to trade in 2020/2021 and continuing to trade or would have been trading if it were not for COVID-19.</p>	<p>The grant will be subject to Income Tax and National Insurance contributions but does not need to be repaid.</p> <p>The first grant will be <b>be 80% of average monthly trading, paid as a single instalment capped at £7500.</b></p> <p>A 2nd grant will be available up to 70% of average monthly trading profits capped at £6750 if your business has been adversely affected on or after 14 July 2020.</p> <p>Payments will start being made in June 2020.</p>	<p>You will need to complete a simple application form to access. See <a href="#">here</a> for details.</p>	<p>Visit: <a href="#">Government Benefits</a>.</p> <p>Members of Partnerships are also eligible.</p> <p>Those who work via their own limited company are not eligible but are encouraged to apply for support via the furloughed workers scheme.</p>
Self-employment delay in tax payments	<p>All self-employed people are eligible</p>	<p>If you are self-employed, income tax payments becoming due in July 2020 under self-assessment, will be deferred until January 2021.</p> <p>There will be no penalties or interest on these payments provided they are paid by the January 2021 deadline.</p>	<p>It is automatic so you will not be chased for payment.</p>	<p>Self-assessment tax returns need to be submitted on time.</p> <p>Contact HMRC if you are paying overdue tax through the Time to Pay Instalment arrangement if you want to include your deferred payment into this.</p>

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Grants for small retail, leisure, and hospitality businesses in ENGLAND	<p>Must pay business rates at a reduced rate on a commercial property, excluding reductions due to the Small Business rates multiplier.</p> <p>Must be operating in one of the following sectors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• as shops, restaurants, cafes, drinking establishments, cinemas and live music venues</li> <li>• for assembly and leisure</li> <li>• estate agency or letting agency</li> <li>• as hotels, guest &amp; boarding premises and self-catering accommodation</li> </ul> <p>And that must be occupied and that your premises are wholly or mainly used for that purpose.</p> <p>Personal use and parking spaces have been explicitly excluded.</p>	<p>Automatic <b>grants</b> of <b>£10,000</b> (rateable value under £15,000) / <b>£25,000</b> (rateable value £15,001 -£50,999).</p> <p>Local Authorities are writing to eligible businesses. The message is that if you have not received a letter by early April and think you should qualify please contact your relevant Local Authority.</p> <p>An Annex is included at the end of the document with the summary of guidance provided to Local Authorities on eligibility.</p> <p>Eligible businesses can get one grant per property</p>	<p><b>Some Local Authorities are</b> sending letters but still <b>requiring eligible businesses to complete and return web-forms or letters before issuing the grant.</b> Therefore, check your premises post and emails if you haven't heard anything.</p> <p>Should be paid automatically by your local authority: Check here: <a href="#">Local Councils</a></p> <p>The Government plans to pay the funds to local authorities at the start of April.</p> <p>Ratepayers who qualify for payments should start to receive payments very shortly.</p>	<p>Eligible enterprises will also benefit from a full rate relief (as will nurseries who are Ofsted registered, letting agents, estate agents and Bingo Halls) and should await updated bills from the local authority.</p> <p>Eligible charities which have received charitable rate or discretionary relief can get the grant.</p> <p><a href="#">Business rate retail relief: Guidance</a></p> <p><b>A clear list and further information is available here on rateable relief:</b> <a href="#">Business Rate Relief</a></p> <p>Changes to business rateable value or rating assessment after 11 March 2020 will not be taken into account</p> <p>You cannot claim this grant as well as small business grant on the same property</p> <p>You will need to confirm that you will not exceed the state aid temporary framework threshold of €800,000</p>
Small business grants in ENGLAND	Must occupy a premises.	One-off grant of £10,000 but will be taken into account for tax purposes	Should be paid automatically by your local council.	Changes to business rateable value or rating assessment after 11 March 2020 will not affect eligibility

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	Must be eligible for Rural Rate Relief, Small Business Rate Relief or Taper business rates* On 11 March 2020 *informally, we understand discretionary rate relief for not-for-profits may qualify		Check here: <a href="#">Local Councils</a> but see above	You will be asked to complete a state aid declaration by your local authority  You cannot claim this grant as well as the retail, hospitality and leisure grant on the same property.
Local Authority Discretionary Grants Fund	Based in England High ongoing fixed property related costs Trading on 11 March 2020 Occupies property with a rateable value of mortgage/rent payments below £51,000	Business has shown a significant fall in income due to coronavirus  Grant of £25,000, £10,000 or any amount under £10,000.  For those not eligible for Small Business Grant Fund or the Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grant Fund	Should be paid automatically by your local council. Check here: <a href="#">Local Councils</a> but see above	Grant fund counts toward state aid  Local authorities have discretion to prioritise but have been asked to prioritise charity properties getting charitable business rates relief, which are not eligible for small business rates relief or rural rate relief in addition to some other business sectors.
VAT / income tax deferral	VAT for UK VAT registered businesses only	Payments due between 20 March 2020 and 30 June 2020 may be deferred but payment must be made until 31 March 2021. All payments due after 30 June 2020 need to be paid as due.	Automatic; no need to apply. Submit VAT returns as normal and adjust payment dates if necessary.	Businesses and individuals who will struggle to pay their taxes due to COVID-19 now have a dedicated HMRC helpline to call: 0800 024 1222
Government-backed 'bounce back' loans (BBLs)	Any British SME established before March 2020 can apply for a 'Bounce-back' loan.  EXCEPT: Credit institutions Insurance companies Public-sector organisations State-funded primary & secondary schools.	Government underwrites 100% of the loan; <b>the full loan is still repayable.</b>  Loan size £2,000 - £50,000, up to a maximum of 25% of 2019 turnover and cannot be additional to existing CBILS loans (these must be paid off in full first or by the BBLs loan).	If you carry out any banking with an accredited CBILS lender (most High Street banks), it is advised you approach them <b>via their website</b> in the first instance.  You will need:	These are 'quick access' versions of the CBILS Loans.  You cannot apply if you are already claiming under CBILS, CLBILS or COVID-19 Corporate Financing Facility  At the time of writing, no social lenders are yet offering these loans.

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	<p>You MUST be in difficulty due to COVID-19</p> <p>You should not have been in financial difficulty in December 2019*, but will still be able to apply if you meet additional state aid criteria</p> <p>You MUST be trading to generate 50% of revenues, UNLESS you are a Charity</p>	<p>Loan terms are six years and 2.5% interest; interest and capital payments become due after <b>twelve months</b>. The Government will pay interest for the first twelve months.</p> <p>You will need to self-certify that your business is eligible for a loan under BBLS.</p> <p>If your business is eligible, it will be subject to appropriate customer checks.</p> <p><b>Some state aid restrictions may apply to your application so check your state aid position first.</b></p> <p>You will not be asked to offer any form of personal guarantee, including against personal assets, such as your main home.</p> <p>You cannot use Bounce-Back loans to repay existing debt / loans.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Company name, address and company registration number</li> <li>Turnover for 2019 (estimates can be used)</li> <li>Current account and sort code</li> </ul> <p>However, you can apply via most lenders listed at: <a href="#">British Business Bank</a></p> <p>If one lender turns you down, you can still approach other lenders within the scheme.</p>	<p>If you have any existing borrowing, <b>you must check if you need consent from current lenders prior to applying for any further borrowing, including these loans</b>. Most lenders include an option to veto further borrowing in their loan agreements.</p> <p>Public Sector Organisations – this can catch-out some VCSEs. It is worth checking if you are listed under the Office of National Statistics under this heading, especially VCSEs which used to be part of public sector organisations.</p> <p>*Organisations who were in difficulty (i.e. those with annual accounts where the balance sheet shows net liabilities) on 31 December 2019 will need to meet additional state aid criteria. Remember, some social investments and nearly all publicly funded and National Lottery grants count towards state aid.</p>
Government-backed business loans	<p>Any British business can apply for a CBILS loan.</p> <p>Application is a standard loan process via a listed lender.</p> <p>British Business Bank advises that new companies or those</p>	<p>Government underwrites 80% of the loan; <b>the full loan is still repayable</b>.</p> <p><b>The terms / rates of any loans and interest rates are not specified by the guarantee but government guarantee includes that they will</b></p>	<p>Via lenders listed at: <a href="#">British Business Bank</a> and with any high street bank.</p>	<p>Existing investees will still need to get Resonance – and most likely other lenders - approval prior to taking on further borrowing as a standard condition of existing loans.</p>



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	<p>with a limited trading record are unlikely to be successful.</p> <p>You must have a borrowing proposal which, were it not for the current pandemic, would be considered viable by the lender, and for which the lender believes the provision of finance will enable the business to trade out of any short-to-medium term difficulty,</p>	<p>cover interest for the first twelve months and that any lender fees covered.</p> <p>Lenders will be looking for a good business proposition and the ability to repay after the corona virus outbreak has finished.</p> <p>Lenders may allow you to borrow unsecured on amounts up to £250,000; and secured up to £5 million.</p> <p>You cannot use CBILS loans to repay existing debt / loans.</p>		<p>The requirement to offer personal guarantees for loans under £250,000 has just been relaxed, as has the requirement to have sought and been turned-down for other mainstream finance.</p> <p>Companies with larger turnovers are now also included.</p>
Extension of filing deadline for accounts to Companies House	<p>If your accounts will be late because your company is affected by COVID-19, you can <a href="#">apply for a three month extension to file your accounts</a>.</p> <p>Companies House are saying that this will be automatic and immediate, but it is of course, subject to approval.</p>	<p><b>Extension should be automatic if COVID-19 is given as the reason for requesting late filing, but not guaranteed.</b></p> <p>If you do not apply for an extension and your accounts are filed late, an automatic penalty will be imposed</p>	<p>Need to apply online before extension is sought (current filing deadline). To apply online you'll need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• your company number</li> <li>• information about why you need more time</li> <li>• any documents to support your applications (optional)</li> </ul>	<p>Companies that have already extended their filing deadline, or shortened their accounting reference period, may not be eligible for an extension.</p> <p>This extension applies to Limited Companies. It is likely to also apply to CICs.</p> <p>The situation for Charities and CIOs is that they can request from the Charities Commission who are aiming to be flexible.</p> <p>There has been no specific guidance released as yet for Registered Societies</p>

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				(Community Benefit Societies, Coops) about returns to the FCA.
Protection from eviction	<p>All commercial tenants in England, Wales and Northern Ireland are eligible.</p> <p>Commercial tenants are protected from eviction if they are unable to pay rent.</p>	<p>Commercial tenants who cannot pay their rent because of COVID-19 will be protected from eviction.</p> <p>These measures will mean <b>no business will automatically forfeit their lease</b> and be forced out of their premises if they miss a payment <b>up until 30 June</b>.</p> <p>There is the option for the government to extend this period if needed.</p>	Automatic.	<p>This is not a rental holiday. All commercial tenants will still be liable for the rent.</p> <p>If relying on this protection, think about how you will cover your rental liabilities and seek to make arrangements with your landlord if possible.</p> <p>This provision does not prevent eviction on other grounds. Check your lease documents carefully if you think you cannot meet your rent or other obligations.</p>
Make tax digital links postponed	Most organisations would have been required to implement digital links by April 2020, unless they were deferred (which was true of many charities), in which case their original deadline was October 2020.	<p>HMRC has confirmed that, in response to the COVID-19 crisis, the <b>requirement to implement digital links for Making Tax Digital has been postponed until April 2021</b>.</p> <p>A formal announcement is expected in due course, our understanding is based on an extract of an e-mail from HMRC officials to Charity Tax Group.</p>	<p>The criteria for making an application and how to apply are set out in the <a href="#">VAT Notice 700/22, section 4.2.1.3</a>.</p> <p>Applications must be received by HMRC by the end of a business' soft-landing period (now April 2021) and charities would have to actively contact HMRC to benefit from this extension.</p>	<p>HMRC are providing all MTD businesses with more time to put in place digital links between all parts of their functional compatible software. This means that all businesses now have until their first VAT return period starting on or after 1 April 2021 to put digital links in place.</p> <p>The extension still requires a good explanation for a request for delay (e.g. legacy IT systems which cannot be updated easily).</p>
No evictions for private individuals	Expect the emergency legislation to apply to all landlords and private tenants.	Emergency legislation to suspend new evictions from social or private rented accommodation	If you feel the need to evict a private tenant during the next three	If you are renting property or rooms as part of your social enterprise, you need to note this guidance which



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	Three month mortgage protection only applies to landlords.	<p>while this national emergency is taking place.</p> <p><b>No new possession proceedings through applications to the court to start during the crisis</b></p>	months, seek legal advice first as normal procedures do not apply.	<p>prevents evictions from taking place due to COVID-19.</p> <p>Three month mortgage payment holiday announced yesterday will be extended to landlords whose tenants are experiencing financial difficulties due to coronavirus.</p> <p>If you are providing supported housing for vulnerable individuals, also check guidance on food and managing cases of suspected COVID-19 here:</p> <p>Advice for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <a href="#">Accommodation Providers</a></li> <li>2. <a href="#">Hostel/Day Centres for People Rough Sleeping</a></li> <li>3. <a href="#">Domestic Abuse Safe Accommodation Provision</a></li> </ol>
Public procurement processes relaxed	Implications for any social enterprise currently under contract, seeking a contract, or responding to new or potential procurement from local authorities or any public body.	<p>Most of the guidance for contracting services suspended or relaxed to enable swifter procurement to manage COVID-19.</p> <p>This could lead to opportunities to gain new procurements or extend commissions but also note some opportunities anticipated for revenue may also be affected.</p>	Case by case basis.	<p>Applies to contracts under the Public Contract Regulations 2015 (PCRs). These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• direct award due to extreme urgency;</li> <li>• direct award due to absence of competition or protection of exclusive rights;</li> <li>• call off from an existing framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system;</li> <li>• call for competition using a standard procedure with accelerated timescales;</li> </ul>

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>extending or modifying a contract during its term.</li> </ul>
Insolvency rules	Any business who would usually have to cease trading and making payments due to imminent or actual insolvency.	<p>The government announced a relaxation of the insolvency rules so that businesses can have some breathing space to deal with any financial difficulties. This will allow Directors to pay staff and suppliers even if they fear the company may become insolvent.</p> <p>The proposals will include key safeguards for creditors and suppliers to ensure they are paid while a solution is sought.</p>	Keep an eye on the <a href="#">Insolvency Service website</a> for news on this as it progresses.	<p>These measures have been designed to assist companies with extra time so they can hopefully be able to continue to trade.</p> <p>The government will also temporarily suspend the wrongful trading provisions to give company directors greater confidence to use their best endeavours to continue to trade during this pandemic emergency, without the threat of personal liability should the company ultimately fall into insolvency.</p> <p>Existing laws for fraudulent trading and the threat of director disqualification will continue to act as an effective deterrent against director misconduct.</p>
Future Fund - Co-investment into high growth firms by UK government	<p>Must have raised £250,000 in equity in the last five years from third party investors</p> <p>Must be unlisted company (stock-exchange)</p> <p>Must be based in the UK</p> <p>At least half of employees are UK based or half of revenue are generated from the UK</p> <p>Must be UK and incorporated before 31 December 2019</p>	<p>Can request investment of between £125,000 to £5 million from the government, with private investors at least matching the government commitment, via the British Business Bank.</p> <p>Innovate UK are also speeding up and expanding investments.</p>	The scheme is delivered by the British Business Bank	Unlikely to be suitable for many Social Enterprises, but those in health tech or who have raised funds from community share raises may find this useful.

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	None of its shares are traded on a regulated market or similar			
Charity grants	Funding to the VCSE is being channelled through different government departments, The National Lottery Community Fund, local Community Foundations, Children in Need and Comic Relief to reach the communities in need. Funds are summarised below			<p>There are separate funding packages going into Local Authorities and the NHS for rough sleeping, supporting people discharged from hospital after the virus, and to help them with other services. If you can help with these, contact the relevant Local Authority with your offer.</p> <p>Sector specific funds include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Arts Council England Emergency Response Package</li> <li>Historic England Emergency Relief Fund</li> <li>National Lottery Heritage Fund Emergency Fund</li> <li>Resilience and Recovery Loan Fund</li> <li>Sport England Community Emergency Fund</li> </ul>
	Coronavirus Community Support Fund	Funding will help maintain and enhance services for vulnerable people affected by the current crisis.	<a href="#">View the National Lottery Support Fund</a>	
	COVID-19 Food Charity Grant Scheme	To provide immediate support to keep food charities and front-line food aid charities open and supporting the vulnerable, due to the economic impacts of COVID-19, with a continual supply of food otherwise not accessed through usual routes.	<a href="#">View the e-Sourcing Portal</a>	Apply by 6 July 2020
	Zoos Support Fund	For Zoos and aquariums	<a href="#">View .gov.uk website</a>	Apply by 19 July 2020

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	Domestic abuse survivors and survivors of sexual violence	To support victims of domestic abuse and sexual violence and recruitment of independent sexual violence advisors across the country	<a href="#">View .gov.uk website</a>	
	Loneliness COVID-19 grant fund	To tackle loneliness and build social connections	<a href="#">View .gov.uk website</a>	Closed
	Domestic abuse safe accommodation	Support domestic abuse safe accommodation services who provide beds and offer the critical help victims and their children need	<a href="#">View .gov.uk website</a>	Closed
	Homelessness	Emergency funding to homelessness charities directly affected by the Coronavirus	<a href="#">View the homeless link website</a>	Closed
	Survivors of modern slavery	Support to modern slavery charities, allowing them to offer support services in new ways, using remote working and technology solutions to help tackle criminal threats and mitigate the risks to vulnerable children and young people during the coronavirus pandemic	<a href="#">View the .gov.uk website</a>	
	Support for Health charities	Support for health charities including mental health, ambulance, social care, learning disabilities, autism and dementia charities.	<a href="#">View the .gov.uk website</a>	
	Citizens Advice	Support for the Citizens Advice service to boost advice provision - £15 million	<a href="#">View the .gov.uk website</a>	

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	Legal advice	Support for charities providing legal advice	<a href="#">View the .gov.uk website</a>	
	Provide Meals for those in Need	Provide millions of meals over the next twelve weeks and through charities including FareShare and Waste and Resources Action Programme	<a href="#">View the .gov.uk website</a>	
	Armed forces communities	Support for Armed Forces charities and Community Interest Companies (CICs) who are delivering services to veterans, Armed Forces families and others from the Armed Forces community. Grants of up to £60,000 are available	<a href="#">View the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust</a>	
	Vulnerable Children	Support work to safeguard vulnerable children including children with disabilities, those who are critically ill, care leavers and children in the early years	<a href="#">View the .gov.uk website</a>	

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Key non-Government places of support of particular use / relevance for not-for-profits are:

NEW:

[Sport England](#) grants

[Arts Council](#) grants

[Charity Aid Foundation](#) grants

[National Emergency Trust](#) appeal will be used to distribute public donations via local foundations to charities on the front line.

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[Good Finance](#)

Collating resources for the social enterprise sector including remote working help, support guides, finance options etc.

[National Lottery](#)

[Power to Change](#)

[Children in Need](#)

Funders agreement from grant givers.

[Social Enterprise UK](#)

Latest [Impact Hub](#) information and recorded [Webinar](#) on support available for social enterprises by Social Enterprise UK.

[Pioneers Post](#)

List of grants available from a variety of sources.

[Bates Wells Solicitors](#)

[Charity Finance Group](#)

[UK Government](#)

COVID-19: Guidance for the charity sector Guidance to help with running your charity during the Coronavirus outbreak.

[NCVO](#)

Coronavirus and Charity Funding, the latest developments.



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## Annex A Summary of Scheme Requirements

	SCHEME 1 (BUSINESS SUPPORT GRANTS FUND)	SCHEME 2 (RETAIL, HOSPITALITY AND LEISURE BUSINESS GRANTS FUND)	
		2A (RATEABLE VALUE up to £15,000)	2B (RATEABLE VALUE £15,000.01 – 50,999.99)
PER BUSINESS GRANT	£10,000	£10,000	£25,000
FUNDING GEOGRAPHY	ENGLAND ONLY BUSINESS RATE BILLING AUTHORITIES		
STATE AIDS	State aid applies €800,000 limit		
PAYMENTS TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES	FUNDING TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES BY S.31 GRANT ON OR BEFORE 1 <sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2020 GRANTS TO BE DETERMINED IN PROPORTION TO NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE HEREDITAMENTS		
ELIGIBILITY DATE OF SCHEME	11 March 2020		
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA	<p>Hereditaments which were on the eligible date were eligible for relief under the business rate Small Business Rate Relief Scheme (including those in the £12k - £15k rateable value taper).</p> <p>These are hereditaments to which:</p> <p>Section 43 (4B)(a) of the Local government Finance Act 1988 (small business rate relief) applied, and</p> <p>The value of E (as defined in article 3 of the Non-Domestic Rating</p> <p>Hereditaments which on the scheme eligibility date had a rateable value of less than £51,000 and would have been eligible for a discount under the Expanded Retail Discount scheme had that scheme been in force for that date.</p>		

# BUSINESS SUPPORT OVERSIGHT

1 July 2020

	<p>(Relies, thresholds and Amendment) (England) Order 2017, SI 2017 No 2) was greater than 1.</p> <p>This does not include hereditaments that were not eligible for percentage SBRR relief but were eligible for the Small Business rate Multiplier.</p> <p>Hereditaments which on the scheme eligibility date were eligible for relief under the rural rate relief scheme. These are hereditaments to which: Section 43 (6B) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 (rural rate relief) applies.</p>	
EXCLUSIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hereditaments occupied for personal uses. Examples of where there may be personal use include private stables and loose boxes, beach huts and moorings.</li> <li>Car parks and parking spaces.</li> <li>Hereditaments with a rateable value of over £51,000.</li> </ol> <p>In line with the restrictions in the Expanded Retail Discount, billing authorities may not award the grant to themselves, a precepting authority, or a functional body, within the meaning of the Greater London Authority Act 1999.</p> <p>Only one grant may be awarded per hereditament.</p>	
GRANT RECIPIENT	<p>The person who according to the billing authority's records was the ratepayer in respect of the hereditament on the scheme eligibility date. Where the local authority has reason to believe that the information that they hold about the ratepayer on the scheme eligibility date is inaccurate they may withhold or recover the grant and take reasonable steps to identify the correct ratepayer. Local authorities should make clear to recipients that the grant is for the ratepayer and may be liable for recovery if the recipient was not the ratepayer on the eligible day. Landlord and management agents are urged to support local government in quickly identifying the correct ratepayer</p>	
COUNTER FRAUD MEASURES	Any business caught falsifying their records to gain additional grant money will face prosecution and any funding issued will be subject to claw back.	
GRANTS PER BUSINESS	1 per hereditament	1 per hereditament
RATING LIST CHANGES	Any changes to the rating list (rateable value or to the hereditament) after the scheme eligibility date including changes which have been backdated to this date should be ignored for the purposes of eligibility. Local authorities are not required to adjust, pay or recover grants where the rating list is subsequently amended retrospectively to the scheme eligibility date.	

RATING LIST CHANGES EXCEPTIONS	<p>In cases where it was factually clear to the local authority on the scheme eligibility date that the rating list was inaccurate on that date, local authorities may withhold the grant and/or award the grant based on their view of who would have been entitled to the grant had the list been accurate.</p> <p>This is entirely at the discretion of the local authority and only intended to prevent manifest errors.</p> <p>Where the local authority chooses to use this discretion then landlords and managing agents are urged to support the local authority in identifying quickly the correct ratepayers.</p>
POST EVENT ASSURANCE	Post payment, the Government Grants Management Function and Counter Fraud Function will support LAs to carry out post event assurance work to identify high risk payments.
MONITORING & REPORTING	<p>Local authorities to retain records of individual payment, as part of their usual processes.</p> <p>Local authorities to provide aggregate weekly reports on a) numbers of businesses eligible per scheme, b) number of payments being processed and value per scheme and c) number of actual payments and value per scheme.</p>