

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Support

GRANT FUNDING

Pivotal Enterprise Resilience Fund

What's on offer?

- A grant for businesses that can play a critical role in supporting Scotland's recovery but need some immediate support.
- Grants of up to £100,000 available. Would appear to be determined on a merit basis, with a formal offer made by the fund to successful applicant to accept or decline.

Eligibility?

- Companies with up to 249 employees that have been trading successfully prior to the Coronavirus outbreak.
- Less than £43.689 million turnover or balance sheet total of £37.572 million.
- Can demonstrate the funding will support the business to be viable.
- Not in financial difficulty before 31 December 2019.
- Must have a UK business bank account.

Applicants must be involved in or meet one of the following conditions:

- Supporting Scotland's productive capacity – through wage levels, employment, exports, Research & Development and innovation.
- Local economic importance which would include areas such as, employee numbers relative to place, delivery of essential services, wider economic and community value.
- Leverage on wider business community by demonstrating the impacts of your business on supply chain at a local, regional and national level.
- Being a supplier or potential supplier to NHS or other COVID-19 vital services
- Being a supplier to other essential businesses
- Demonstrating a need to rapidly scale up or diversify due to COVID-19
- Human Rights Due Diligence checks will be required for grant applications over £100,000.
- Have a plan to continue to trade in the coming months, taking account of any hibernation or reduced operations as a result of Covid-19

How to claim?

Complete a Pre-Application form and set up an account using your email address. A link to complete application form will then be sent.

Information required for application

Only one application will be accepted per company or group regardless of the number of branches, subsidiaries or parent bodies

- Bank Details (bank statement within last 3 months required).
- Company Number and VAT registration number
- Some financial information from last year, including turnover figure.
- Latest filed accounts or latest management accounts, if available.
- 12 month cash flow projection (online template form provided)
- Information on other financial support received, including all COVID-19 funding.
- Explain in what way you are pivotal to the local, regional or national economies
- Information on how the grant be used and how it will help sustain or expand trading
- Demonstrate that you are vital to the local, regional or national economy:
 - *In this section of the application form, you should provide a brief outline of the wider contribution that your business makes to your local community or region of Scotland. This could include benefits that extend to other businesses, local supply chains, associated employment and wider social*
- Fair Work First – You will be asked if you are or are committed to becoming a Fair Work First employer. Fair Work employer means:
 - Investment in skills and training,
 - No inappropriate use of zero hours contracts,
 - Action on gender pay, genuine workforce engagement, including with trade unions,
 - Payment of the real Living Wage. The real Living Wage is currently £9.30 per hour and is based on the cost of living.
- Confirm business size – Micro, Small or Medium enterprise, per Companies House criteria.

Link to application page:

<https://findbusinesssupport.gov.scot/service/coronavirus/pivotal-enterprise-resilience-fund>

When will I receive grant?

- Councils are aiming to pay out grant funds within 10 working days upon receipt of application.
- Successful applicants will be notified and they **must** formally accept the offer within 3 days.
- Grant will be paid in one instalment.