

# Top-up to local business grant funds scheme

**Published by the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government and Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy on 2 May 2020.** The government has provided £617 million to local authorities to distribute as discretionary grants of upto £25,000 each to small businesses with ongoing fixed property-related costs. The government is asking local authorities to prioritise businesses in shared spaces, regular market traders, small charity properties that would meet the criteria for Small Business Rates Relief, and bed and breakfasts that pay council tax. But local authorities may choose to make payments to other businesses based on local economic need. Further guidance for local authorities will be set out shortly

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