

Sefton Discretionary Grants Criteria (FINAL) 29 May 2020

Funding Stream Description	Criteria	Key Eligibility criteria (additional criteria to be included in application process)	Grant Award	Allocation per stream (5 streams in total)	% per stream	Rationale
Stream 1 - Business Support Grant	1. An eligible business has a rateable value of less than £51,000 or an ongoing (more than 6 months) business property cost per annum of less than £51,000 as evidenced by a business mortgage, business lease or business rental agreement.	1. Rateable Value or Fixed property costs of less than £51,000 2. Not eligible for small business rates grant 3. Not eligible for retail, hospitality and leisure grant 4. Not eligible for other Government Funding Schemes identified in guidance other than Self Employed Income Support Scheme or Job Retention Scheme	Grant award £2,500 - £7,500 dependent on employees	1,542,000	69%	1. Businesses in shared space play a key role in the economic future of Sefton that is equivalent to similar sized businesses who pay Business Rates directly. Government has specifically asked that LAs support this category of business help. <b>Target Group:</b> small businesses in shared and/or flexible space; concessions, outdoor centres, market traders with an ongoing rental liability in Sefton. Businesses who have premises with a Rateable Value or fixed property costs below £51,000 per annum.
Stream 2 - Voluntary Sector Support Grant	1. An eligible business has a rateable value of less than £51,000 or an ongoing (more than 6 months) business property cost per annum of less than £51,000 as evidenced by a business mortgage, business lease or business rental agreement.	1. The business is in receipt of charitable business rates relief 2. The property has a rateable value of £51,000 or less 3. Not eligible for other Government Funding Schemes	Grant award £2,500 - £7,500 dependent on employees	447,400	20%	The Voluntary sector plays a vital role in the Sefton economy and many businesses have been unable to access SBG due to charitable rates relief. In addition, Government have specifically asked that LAs support this sector. <b>Target Group:</b> Charities in receipt of charitable business rates relief who would otherwise have been eligible for Small Business Rates Relief.
Stream 3 - Bed & Breakfast Support Grant	An eligible business has an ongoing (more than 6 month) business property cost as evidenced by a business mortgage, business lease or business rental agreement	1. The business is a bed and breakfast establishment that pays Council Tax not Business Rates *	Grant award flat rate £1,000	15,000	1%	The Government has asked Local Authorities to support this group. B&Bs that pay Council Tax are unlikely to be a major contributor to employment and notes that the provision of accommodation is subsidiary to the main purpose of the physical asset. The Council will therefore offer a grant of £1,000 to such businesses. <b>Target Group:</b> Bed and Breakfast establishments that pay Council tax not Business Rates.
Stream 4 - Visitor Economy Grant	An eligible business has a rateable value of £15,000 or more or an ongoing (more than 6 months) business property cost as evidenced by a business mortgage, business lease or business rental agreement of £15,000 or more.	1. Businesses in the Retail, Hospitality or Leisure who pay rental costs or rates in excess of £15,000 who were ineligible for the retail, hospitality and leisure grant.	Grant award £2,500 - £25,000 dependent on employees	232,600	10%	Sefton's visitor economy is likely to be suffer the deepest and longest impact due to Coronavirus. Many of Sefton businesses in the visitor economy have received support through the Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grant but there are a number of eligible businesses that have not received support by virtue of the rateable property they occupy. Failing to support these businesses would undermine the overall efforts to support the visitor economy <b>Target Group:</b> Larger Retail, Hospitality and Leisure businesses that did not qualify for the existing RHL grant who employ less than 50 FTE staff
<b>Total allocation</b>				<b>£2,237,000</b>		

\* A B&B pays Council Tax when;  
 - the business does not intend to offer short stay accommodation to more than six people simultaneously, and;  
 - the owner occupies part of the property as only or main home, and;  
 - letting out the rooms is subsidiary to the use of the rest of the house as a home ('subsidiary' is based on factors such as the length of your season, the scale of modifications undertaken for guests and the proportion of the house occupied).

<b>FTE Jobs</b>	<b>Stream 1 - Business Support Grants</b>
1 or less	2,500
2-4	3,500
5-9	5,000
10 to 50	7,500

<b>FTE Jobs</b>	<b>Stream 2 - Voluntary Sector Support Grant</b>
1 or less	2,500
2-4	3,500
5-9	5,000
10 to 50	7,500

<b>FTE Jobs</b>	<b>Stream 4 - Visitor Economy Grant</b>
1 or less	2,500.00
2-4	5,000.00
5-9	7,500.00
10 to 20	10,000.00
21-50	25,000.00