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New Grant Scheme/Flow Chart details/other grants available

Thank you to the businesses that joined the Grants/HR Zoom Conference last Friday. I thought it might be helpful to again include information on the Grants available and also send a new link to a Grants flow chart which gives good clarification on the schemes available. Please take note that some Grant schemes expire on 31st January. A link to the Closed Business January Lockdown Support Package is detailed below.

There are seven Wandsworth Council grant schemes currently open for applications. Businesses can make separate applications for grants to cover each of the different periods of time that they were affected by local restriction tiers.

Please click this link below for a clear **flow chart** detailed all the Grants available:

https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/media/8111/business-grants-wandsworth.pdf

If you run a non-essential retail, leisure, personal care, sports facility or hospitality business and you have been required to close by law, you could be eligible for one of two Local Restrictions Support Grants for closed businesses (<u>LRSG Closed Addendum or Statutory</u>) if you pay business rates.

If you run a business in the hospitality, hotel, bed & breakfast and leisure sectors and you stayed open during Tier 2 and Tier 3 but trade was severely impacted, you could be eligible for the <u>Local Restrictions Support Grant for open businesses (LRSG Open)</u>. You must be registered for business rates.

The council is running a discretionary one-off grant payment scheme which currently helps businesses such as events hire and supply chain firms that suffered loss due to Tier 3 or National Lockdown but have been unable to benefit from previous support schemes. To be eligible for the Additional Restrictions Grant you must have fixed ongoing business-related property costs (but not necessarily business rates) and have been trading on 4 November 2020. A review of the scheme later this month may open up grants to a wider range of businesses.

Some businesses with a business rates liability such as nightclubs, dance halls, discotheques, adult entertainment venues and hostess bars were required to close in March 2020 and have been unable to re-open. These businesses may be eligible for a Local Restrictions Sector Grant (LRSG Sector) which is a statutory scheme. Register and apply for the LRSG Sector grant.

A new one-off payment to help 'wet' pubs is called the Christmas Support Payment scheme which covers Tier 2 and Tier 3 in December 2020. Pubs that predominantly serve alcohol rather than provide food may be eligible if there is a business rates liability and they made less than 50% of sales from food pre-COVID (March 2020) or opened after 11 March 2020

and before 1 December 2020 and can prove eligibility for the period they have been open. Register and apply for the Christmas Support Payment - Statutory Scheme

Grant for current lockdown

Recently announced government grants for the current National Lockdown in January 2021 are now available. If you were mandated to close during the restriction period from 5 January to 15 February 2021 and have a business rates liability, you may be eligible for the council's new statutory grant scheme, the Closed Business January Lockdown Support Package.

Register on the business grants system to find out more and apply for a Closed Business January Lockdown Support Package grant.

See the full list of available grants and how to apply.

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If you are a Clapham Junction BID business and you have missed any of these communications, or for more information – please contact Roz Lloyd-Williams, The Executive BID Director, The Junction BID Tel: 07522 812299 email: roz.lloyd-williams@thejunctionbid.co.uk