

## **A Message from Maidstone Borough Council on Local Authority Discretionary Grants**

We would like to make you aware that the discretionary grant scheme is now open for applications.

The scheme is primarily aimed at helping those businesses with ongoing fixed building related costs, and that are not eligible for other forms of government support. Examples would be: small businesses operating in a shared workspace, bed and breakfast businesses that pay Council Tax and local charities that have their offices within the borough. Eligible businesses will be those that occupy property with a rateable value or annual rent or annual mortgage payments below £51k.

This is not a loan, it is a one-off non-repayable government cash grant. For more info and to apply please use the following link:

<https://www.businessinmaidstone.co.uk/coronavirus/grants-and-funding-for-eligible-businesses/local-authority-discretionary-grant-scheme/>

Applications will be assessed against the [Council's Discretionary Scheme Policy](#) so please read this before completing your application.

The grant award will be determined by considering the scale of the business's lost income due to COVID-19, their current trading position and level of on-going fixed property related costs.

Most awards will be below or capped at £10,000.

The deadline for applying for this grant is the 8<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

It is anticipated payments will be made week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

If you would like further help and advice the dedicated Covid-19 helpline 03333 602 302 is still open and live chat is available through [www.businessinmaidstone.co.uk](http://www.businessinmaidstone.co.uk) or [www.kentandmedwaygrowthhub.org.uk](http://www.kentandmedwaygrowthhub.org.uk).

Best Regards,

Covid-19 response team - Maidstone