

Date: April 2020

Your ref: Small business grant funds

Dear Business Rates payer,

In response to COVID-19 (coronavirus), the Government announced on 11 March 2020 specific support for small businesses, and businesses in the retail, hospitality and leisure sectors, who were trading as at 11 March 2020 but had been forced to close. This support includes two grant funding schemes:

- Small Business Grant Fund
- Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grant Fund

Eligible Businesses are entitled one grant payment from the relevant fund. You can check your eligibility on the dedicated Haringey business support webpage:

[www.haringey.gov.uk/sites/haringeygovuk/files/guidance\\_on\\_grant\\_funding\\_schemes.pdf](http://www.haringey.gov.uk/sites/haringeygovuk/files/guidance_on_grant_funding_schemes.pdf)

Haringey Council understand how stressful the current circumstances are and we are making every effort to pay the relevant grant at the earliest opportunity to support your business at this challenging time.

**If you think you are eligible for one of these grants, please complete the Grant Form and return to us by email at [covidsmallbusinessgrant@haringey.gov.uk](mailto:covidsmallbusinessgrant@haringey.gov.uk) to quicken the payment process.**

By completing the form, you are given your consent that the information provided should be used for the purpose of administering this grant and updating our business rates records.

If you do not have access to email you can return by post, please note that forms sent via post may take longer to process: **Small Business Grant Team - Level 5, Alexandra House, 10 Station Road, Wood Green, N22 7TR**

**Please note that if you have already submitted the online form you will not need to complete another one.**

Central Government have issued clear guidance to Local Authorities to confirm eligibility of applications as well as post event assurance to prevent fraudulent claims. Central Government and Haringey Council will work collaboratively to review all payments to identify an errors or fraudulent claims.

In line with the Governments and the Council's fraud strategy, we will investigate anyone who purposefully commits any act of fraud by this means. Anyone who falsifies data or information provided or impersonates a legitimate grant recipient to gain grants to which they are not entitled can be prosecuted for Fraud by the Council.

Yours sincerely,

Small Business Grant Team