

Scotland Coach Operators COVID-19 Business Support and Continuity Fund Strand Two

The Scotland Coach Operators – COVID-19 Business Support and Continuity Fund – Strand Two has been established to **provide financial support for Scottish based businesses in the coach operators sector critical to Scotland’s tourism economy.**

About the fund

Following feedback from industry, and recognising a funding gap for coach operators with a lower percentage of turnover from coach tourism/private coach hire, this fund has now been **created to support Scottish based businesses in the coach tourism and coach private hire sector whose turnover in 19/20 from coach tourism/private coach hire was more than 40% of their total turnover.**



The Fund has been designed to support businesses that are facing hardship due to the impact of COVID-19 to keep them in business while restrictions on travel are still in place, and to support them to prepare for recommencing operations when restrictions are lifted. **It will provide targeted support to those businesses who are operating the newest and most environmentally friendly vehicle fleet.**

The total budget for Strand Two of the Fund is £1.6 million and is being delivered on behalf of the Scottish Government by VisitScotland, with development input from the Confederation of Passenger Transport. VisitScotland is the awarding body for this Fund.

Application process

Applicants will be able to submit an application form from noon on Wednesday 23 June until 5pm on Wednesday 30 June 2021. **Applications will not be assessed on a first come, first served basis.**

Please view the fund guidelines for full eligibility criteria before applying. If you have any questions, please contact coachoperatorsstrandtwo@visitscotland.com. The amount awarded to each applicant will be determined by the eligibility criteria and supporting information provided as set out within the guidance notes. To view these or to apply visit - www.visitscotland.org/supporting-your-business/funding/coach-operator-fund

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