

Holiday Accommodation and Visitor Attraction Funds

Exclusive Use Grant

This fund provides financial support for exclusive use properties in Scotland that have been impacted by the single household restrictions during the coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic.

The grant will make one-off payments of £10,000 to eligible applicants.

Exclusive use businesses are eligible for one-off grants of £10,000 if they:

- pay non-domestic rates
- have been evaluated by the Scottish Assessors Association as an "exclusive use venue" providing overnight accommodation in their main building, in lodges at the property, or a combination of both

This additional grant does not affect eligibility for the Strategic Framework Business Fund.

Local authorities will identify and invite eligible businesses to register for payment from 15 February 2021. There is no need to apply.

For more details visit - <https://findbusinesssupport.gov.scot/service/funding/exclusive-use-grant>

Large Self-Catering Grant

This fund is for larger self-catering properties in Scotland that have been impacted by the single household restrictions during the coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic.

The grant will make one-off payments of £2,000 to eligible applicants.

Self-catering businesses are eligible if they have a property which accommodates seven or more people, and for which they pay non-domestic rates.

The number of bed spaces will be linked to records held by the Rates Assessors. A property must have been recorded as having seven or more bed spaces by the Assessor on 1st January 2021 to be eligible.

This additional grant does not impact on eligibility for the Strategic Framework Business Fund.

Local authorities will identify and invite eligible businesses to register for payment. There is no need to apply.

For more details visit - <https://findbusinesssupport.gov.scot/service/funding/large-self-catering-grant>



Support for Bed and Breakfasts Paying Council Tax Grant

This fund will provide bed and breakfasts (B&Bs) that pay council tax, but not non-domestic rates, with financial support equivalent to the Strategic Framework Business Fund Level 4 payments. This amounts to grants of £2,000 every four weeks.



This fund is designed to help B&Bs in Scotland which have been adversely affected by the coronavirus (Covid-19) restrictions.

B&Bs in Scotland that do not pay non-domestic rates but do pay council tax are eligible. The grants are only available to "registered serviced accommodation". Payments will be made every four weeks from the start of January 2021. This will cover the period of Level 4 restrictions which came into effect from 26 December

2020, and the ongoing lockdown period as long as Level 4 restrictions are in place. This grant is not retrospectively backdated to 2 November 2020.

Local authorities will identify and invite eligible businesses to register for payment from 15 February 2021. There is no need to apply.

For more details visit - <https://findbusinesssupport.gov.scot/service/funding/support-for-bed-and-breakfasts-paying-council-tax-grant>

Hostel Covid-19 Business Support and Continuity Fund

The application form for this fund will be available from 17 February 2021.

The fund aims to help keep hostel businesses operating while coronavirus (Covid-19) restrictions on opening and travel are still in place, and to support them to prepare for reopening in 2021 when restrictions are lifted.

The £2.3 million fund is being delivered on behalf of the Scottish Government by VisitScotland, with development input from Scottish Independent Hostels, Hostelling Scotland and Independent Hostels UK.



This fund will provide financial support for the hostel sector in the form of one-off grants. The communal nature of these facilities and their traditional guest demographic has meant that necessary rules about physical distancing, the number of people and the number of households which can meet indoors and operating restrictions on the use of their shared facilities have impacted upon their trade.

For more details visit - <https://findbusinesssupport.gov.scot/service/funding/hostel-covid-19-business-support-and-continuity-fund>

and <https://www.visitscotland.org/supporting-your-business/funding/hostels-support-fund>

Visitor Attractions Support Fund

This fund is now open for applications. **The deadline for applications is 5pm on Thursday 18 February 2021.**

The £10 million fund is being delivered by VisitScotland, on behalf of Scottish Government and has been developed with input from the Association of Scottish Visitor Attractions (ASVA).

The COVID-19 lockdown, travel guidance, and current social distancing measures continue to place visitor attractions under considerable financial strain. The purpose of this fund is to help ensure the survival of visitor attractions which play an important role in both the tourism industry and in local communities in Scotland.

Visitor attractions will be able to apply for grants of up to £50,000, dependent on their turnover.

The fund is now open for applications. Applications should be completed on the VisitScotland website - <https://www.visitscotland.org/supporting-your-business/funding/visitor-attraction-support-fund>

Applications WILL NOT be assessed on a first come first serve basis.

There will be an application assessment process before the final decision is made. If your application is rejected, you can appeal the decision.

Due to the limited amount of funding available, and in the interest of fairness, the final amount awarded to a successful applicant will be determined once all applications are received and vetted.

For more details visit - <https://findbusinesssupport.gov.scot/service/funding/visitor-attractions-support-fund>



Coronavirus Scottish Zoo and Aquarium Animal Welfare Fund

Round 2 is now open - deadline for applications is 10 March 2021.

If you run a zoo or aquarium in Scotland and are experiencing financial hardship as a result of the coronavirus (COVID-19), you may be able to apply for a 0% unsecured loan or grant of up to £100,000 from the Scottish Government to pay for three months of animal care costs.

The fund is:

- in place to protect the welfare of animals living on site or by rehoming
- intended as emergency funding for zoos and aquariums that have already taken up other forms of government and non-government support
- not primarily aimed at saving businesses



For more information visit – <https://findbusinesssupport.gov.scot/service/funding/coronavirus-scottish-zoo-and-aquarium-animal-welfare-fund>

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/scottish-zoo-and-aquarium-animal-welfare-fund/>

General

You might find this article regarding these funds useful –

<https://blogs.gov.scot/scotlands-economy/2021/01/21/support-for-larger-self-catering-properties-and-bbs/>

For more tourism related funding support visit –

<https://www.visitscotland.org/supporting-your-business/funding>

You may also find it useful to register for the email update service to let you know when various funds go live.

<https://r1.dotdigital-pages.com/p/4X7B-3CA/fbs-email-updates>

If you need further information regarding these funds, please email info@thomsoncooper.com.

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