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Restart Grant Scheme launched

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council has launched a new government grant scheme to support local businesses to reopen safely as COVID restrictions are lifted.

Following further business support measures announced by the government and guidance on how to distribute this funding, businesses are now able to apply for Restart Grants from the council.

The Restart Grant, which will run until 30 June 2021 in two strands, will support non-essential retail businesses with one-off grants of up to £6,000 and hospitality, accommodation, leisure, personal care and gym business premises with one-off grants of up to £18,000.

All eligible businesses will receive funding based on the rateable value of their premises. When applying, businesses must be able to demonstrate that they were trading on 1 April 2021.

Since the start of the pandemic in March 2020, over £38 million of grant funding has been allocated to businesses across the borough.

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council's Executive Director of Corporate Services Sue Cuerden said: "This continues to be a difficult time for local businesses and we thank them for everything they have done to minimise the spread of COVID-19 across the borough.

"Following guidance from the government, we have been working hard to implement this scheme as quickly as possible. I would encourage eligible businesses to apply now so that they don't miss out."

For more information on the eligibility criteria and to apply, please visit www.basingstoke.gov.uk/local-restrictions-support-grant

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