

## FAQs

### Covid-19 Recovery Revitalisation Business Grant

Please note - you must ensure that you complete all requested information as fully as possible. Applications will be scored by a panel and you must show how your proposal meets objectives as outlined below

*“To help revitalise urban and rural areas within the Derry and Strabane District Council area”. It is hoped that:*

- *By March 2022, footfall levels return to at least 70% of levels recorded prior to the public health crisis.*
- *By March 2022, surveys completed by traders indicate that sales figures return to a level which is at least 70% of levels recorded prior to the public health crisis.*
- *By March 2022, attitudinal surveys indicate 80% of the public are satisfied that the measures taken in the Scheme areas respond to safety issues raised by the Covid19 pandemic.*
- *By March 2022, attitudinal surveys indicate 80% of the public view the Scheme areas positively as a place people would want to live, work, visit and invest.*

*You should reference the above bullet points in your answers*

You must also send all supporting documentation to [businessgrant@derrystrabane.com](mailto:businessgrant@derrystrabane.com) quoting your application reference number. 3 or 4 quotes for each item as applicable, business bank statement and copy of insurance.

**\*\*\*\*If your application is incomplete it will be rejected\*\*\*\***

#### **If the total cost of all items is more than £3k can I still apply?**

Yes you can still apply, please follow all steps and provide quotes

#### **Must I provide a minimum of 3 quotes for each item?**

Yes all items up to £7,500 **require 3 quotes**. If you wish to purchase any items costing more than this as a part of a collaborative application you must provide 4 quotes. This is an absolute requirement, less than 3 quotes will not be accepted.

#### **For bank statement as part of supporting documents can I use personal account?**

No it must be a business bank account.

#### **For the public liability insurance, I didn't renew mine as it expired during lockdown, will I need to renew that?**

You do not need to apply for it in advance of your application and this will not affect your application, however you must have the necessary insurance in place once items have been purchased and copy of your insurance must be provided when you are claiming.

#### **For bank statement can I block out the transactions?**

Yes, you can redact all financial information on your business bank statement

**Can I submit an application with just an indication of what I would like to buy and provide more information at a later date?**

Decisions can only be made upon submission of fully completed application form and all supporting documents including quotes. Letters of offer can only be issued to those who achieve threshold score and provide all information requested. If you submit an incomplete application it will be rejected.

**Collaborative Applications**

**I wish to submit an application with other businesses located within the same street but we are not adjoining are we eligible?**

Yes businesses do not have to be adjoining.

**If we apply as a collaboration can we split the £25k exactly between 5 businesses so we get £5k each.**

This is not how the collaborative fund is intended to be used. Collaborative applications must have one overarching item/idea which improves the overall look/feel/use of the area eg. Large canopies which all businesses can use. If businesses cannot demonstrate in their application how the collaboration is planning to create something special within their area, the panel may request businesses submit to the individual grants.

**PLEASE READ GUIDANCE NOTES IN FULL BEFORE  
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