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## South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse Business Winter Support Grants

From Midday on 25 November to Midday on 16 December 2021, South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse based businesses can apply for Additional Restrictions Grant (ARG) funding through two new discretionary grant schemes.

# **Grant Schemes**

# 1. Start-up Grant

Applications are invited from: South and Vale based businesses operating in any sector that began trading between the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 and 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021.

Start-up applicants will be asked to confirm that they have not benefitted from previous Covid related grant support and must also be able to detail how their business intends to use the grant funds to support their future operations.

# 2. Sector Hardship Grant

**Applications invited from:** South and Vale based businesses primarily operating in the following sectors, that are continuing to face challenges caused by the pandemic:

- Events
- Travel and Tourism
- Weddings

#### And those operating:

- Breweries, Wineries and Distilleries
- English Language Schools
- Nightclubs
- Theatres, Cinemas, Concert Halls
- Wholesalers

Applicants must be able to evidence that the majority of their revenue is derived from one of the sector types listed, and will be asked to provide details of the ongoing effect of the pandemic on their business.

Please review the scheme FAQs for further information on accepted business types.

## FAQs

Before beginning an application, or contacting the SVBS team for assistance, we encourage applicants to review the scheme FAQs.

## Award

Successful applicants will be awarded a share of up to £15,000. The final amount awarded will be dependent on remaining funding and the number of successful applicants.

## Timeline

Our anticipated timeline for administration of the scheme is below:

Opens: Midday on Thursday 25 November

Closes: Midday on Thursday 16 December

Fraud check completion: December 2021 and January 2022

Eligibility reviews: December 2021 and January 2022

Decision communication: February and March 2022

All payments for the schemes will be completed ahead of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

## Updates

Please note that we will not be able to provide detailed updates on individual applications during the assessment process.

All applicants will receive communication regarding the success of their application as soon as possible.