

MDC Parish Bulletin

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Grant support available to help local Mendip businesses during lockdown

New business grants are available to support those in Mendip affected by the recent lockdown period. They are the **Local Restrictions Support Grant (LRSB)** and the **Additional Restrictions Grant (ARG)**.

Businesses are being encouraged to apply to Mendip District Council to receive these new support packages. Help is out there and we want them to contact us.

Local Restrictions Support Grant (LRSB) – now live

LRSB is now live and online. Application forms can be found here:

www.mendip.gov.uk/businessgrants

This is the grant fund for **registered business ratepayers** and available only to those businesses who have been legally ordered to close for 28 days due to national lockdown restrictions imposed by government.

This grant fund will be managed by the Business Rates Team at Capita and supported by Economic Development.

A series of FAQs have been developed on the webpage to encourage businesses to self-help by checking their own eligibility. The FAQs also help to guide specific enquiries to the correct teams and inboxes to try to reduce duplication.

You are encouraged to read and familiarise themselves with the grant process and the FAQs.

Please note that the grant amounts are very small comparatively this time, with details of values listed on the website.

You can find help for Mendip businesses, and the latest news about the grants, and FAQs by going online here: www.mendip.gov.uk/businessgrants

Additional Restrictions Grant (ARG)

Please note that the ARG for discretionary funding is still in development.

This fund is for businesses who have been severely impacted by lockdown but are not legally ordered to close.

Businesses who are not eligible for LRSG will be able to apply, and a separate application form for this grant is also under development.

The Mendip Grants Team will be managing this fund, and the mendipgrants@mendip.gov.uk email will reopen for enquiries when this fund goes live.

Please note that emails should not be sent to the Business Rates Team about discretionary funding, as this is a completely separate scheme.

In the meantime, please can you continue to encourage businesses to bookmark www.mendip.gov.uk/businessgrants and check back regularly.

Many thanks.

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