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**Current Grant Schemes:**

There are only a few days left to get in your applications for the following business grants:

**1. Restart Grant - RSG-NER**

A one-off payment of up to £6,000 available for business rate payers offering in-person services and whose business is non-essential retail.

**2. Restart Grant - RSG-HPLC**

A one-off payment of up to £18,000 available for business rate payers offering in-person services and whose business is in hospitality, leisure, accommodation, personal care, gym or sport.

**3. Additional Restrictions Grant - ARG T3P1**

A payment between £5,334 and £12,000 for businesses who have suffered a loss of at least 15% and have not received Local Restrictions Support Grants or Restart Grants. The scheme is open to businesses or charities which operate from commercial or domestic premises with a minimum turnover of £10,000.

These schemes will be closing on 30 June 2021 with payments made by the end of July 2021. Full eligibility criteria and application form can be found on the [Council's website](#).

**Further Grant Schemes:**

There have been no new business grant schemes announced in response to the delay of stage 4 of the Roadmap. Fareham Borough Council has now paid out 100% of its Additional Restrictions Grant funding totalling £3,357,164. As this was achieved before the deadline set by the government the Council has been able to apply for additional funding totalling £824,098.

The Council will be using this to pay for the continuing business support scheme outlined below, with some funds remaining to consider further local discretionary grants schemes in the coming months.

**Continuing business support**



The Council's Executive Committee recently took the decision to establish a framework agreement of training providers who could offer **free** support to businesses operating in the Borough.

This programme is being fully funded using the Government Covid-19 grants. The programme will cover a number of topics, such as general business advice, scaling up, diversification and digital support and can include webinars, face to face events (subject to Covid-19 restrictions) or one-to-one support, either as a one-off or over a period of time.

More information will be made available on the business pages of the [Council's website](#) over the coming weeks but the training providers themselves will also be marketing the support available. To be eligible businesses must be based in and have customers in the Borough.

The Council will also be setting up a voucher scheme to help fund legal and financial advice. Further details will be available in the next business newsletter as the scheme is launched.

### **Fareham Today: Summer 2021 Local Plan Special Edition**



This newsletter has been so successful in reaching businesses on matters regarding Coronavirus that Fareham Borough Council is taking this opportunity to inform business owners of other important local news.

The Council has now launched a consultation on its proposals to achieve housing numbers required by Government as it moves towards finalising a new Local Plan for the Borough. The consultation is now online [here](#) and will run until the Friday 30 July.

Supporting employment prospects in and around the Borough is also more important than ever as we look to support economic recovery in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic. Businesses and employment spaces are an integral part of the Fareham Local Plan and, therefore, the Council welcomes business owners to read this special edition of [Fareham Today](#) and ensure they take the time to have their say.

With Government restrictions still in place it remains unclear as to whether or not physical meetings will go ahead. However, all relevant information, including a presentation about the latest proposals, is available from the Council's [online exhibition](#).

**Entries for our virtual Fareham in Bloom competition are now open!**



Now more than ever it's important to bring colour and brightness into the Borough, so why not help to boost community spirit by entering this year's virtual Fareham In Bloom?

The competition follows last year's first ever virtual event, and the Council has taken the decision to host the competition online again this year due to the ongoing restrictions.

Businesses in the Borough are eligible to enter under the Commercial category. All winners will receive a prize - so if you've got an outdoor space to be proud of, big or small, get your entry in!

All you need to do is email a photo and a brief description to [fib@fareham.gov.uk](mailto:fib@fareham.gov.uk) by Friday 2 July. More information can be found [here](#).

#### **Useful links**

- [Federation of Small Business](#)
- [Hampshire Chamber of Commerce](#)
- [Solent LEP](#)
- [Business Support Finder tool](#)