

Fareham's Business Newsletter

Business newsletter (15 February 2022)

Fareham Borough Council now has several grant schemes available to businesses in Fareham to help support them through financial challenges brought about by COVID-19 and the Omicron variant.

A summary of grant schemes is provided below, and more detail can be found on our Business Grants webpage. All grant applications are subject to eligibility criteria and additional checks.

Omicron Hospitality and Leisure grant (OHLG)

Deadline to apply is Wednesday 16 February 2022

The 'Omicron Hospitality and Leisure Grant' is only available until 16 February. The grant is to help support Fareham-based hospitality, leisure, and accommodation businesses with a one-off grant of between £2,667 to £6,000, based on the Rateable Value of the business premises. To be eligible to apply, applicants must:

- Have been trading on 30 December 2021
- Be the liable party for business rates in the Borough of Fareham on 30 December 2021
- Offer in-person services from fixed premises
- Have at least 50% of business activity within the hospitality, leisure or accommodation sectors as defined on our website
- [Click here to apply](#)

Additional Omicron grants (ARG T5P1-2)

Deadline to apply is Saturday 5 March 2022

Additional Omicron grants are now available to businesses that are not eligible for the main Omicron Hospitality and Leisure grant above.

Businesses applying for these additional grants must also have been trading by 30 December 2021, employ staff or volunteers and occupy at least one location in the Borough of Fareham. Please find a summary of the additional grants below:

- Hospitality and Leisure (ARG T5P1a). This one-off payment of £2,667 is available to businesses in the hospitality, leisure and accommodation sectors who are struggling due to Omicron and who are not eligible for the main OHLG scheme above. Businesses should provide in person services in fixed premises. However, the premises can be commercial non-rateable or domestic properties.

[Click here to apply.](#)

- Other Affected Sectors (ARG T5P1b). This one-off payment of £2,667, £4,000 or £6,000 is available to businesses who are struggling due to Omicron in the following sectors: personal care; travel and tourism; wholesalers and suppliers to hospitality, leisure and accommodation businesses; gyms, well-being centres and sports businesses conducted from premises; riding establishments; mobile caterers; event organisers including weddings. Businesses should provide in person services in fixed premises. If a business offers various services, at least one of the above sectors must account for at least 50% of their business. [Click here to apply.](#)
- Taxi Operators (ARG T5P1c). This one-off payment of £2,667 is available to holders of a taxi operator licence issued by Fareham Borough Council and where the business operates out of a business address in the Borough of Fareham. [Click here to apply.](#)
- Retail (ARG T5P2). This one-off payment of £2,667, £4,000 or £6,000 is available to business rates payers in the essential and non-essential retail sectors who have suffered a loss as a result of Omicron (excludes take-away and delivery of food). [Click here to apply.](#)

New starter top-up scheme

A top up grant of £2,000 is also available to businesses qualifying under the schemes above (OHLG or any ARG T5 scheme) that commenced trading after 11 March 2020. This grant (ARG T5P1d) will automatically be applied to successful applicants.

If you are not sure if your business is eligible for any of these schemes, then please call our Grants Helpline on 01329 824430 or email us at brgrants@fareham.gov.uk. The helpline is open on weekdays between 8:45am and 5.15pm.

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