

Business Sheffield

Support For
Businesses

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- Our services are completely free of charge
- High street support visiting businesses every 6 weeks
- Other advisors include support for
 - Marketing
 - Start Up's
 - Tech businesses
 - Food and food hygiene

Current Grants for Businesses

- Digital Grant

- Open to all businesses who work from commercial premises and have a rates account even though you may not pay rates.
- Covers areas such as websites, EPOS payment systems, customer database software
- Maximum grant is £5 and minimum is £2500, this is matched funded so you get 50% of the project total
- You cannot start the project or spend any money until the grant is approved
- You pay for the project in full, send in evidence of the invoice matching the quotes and payment and the grant is then paid
- <https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/business/business-productivity-and-digitisation-grant-scheme>

Current Grants for Businesses

- Productivity Grant

- Open to all businesses who work from commercial premises and have a rates account even though you may not pay rates.
- Covers areas such as changes to layout, new equipment to improve productivity
- Maximum grant is £12,499 and minimum is £2500, this is matched funded so you get 50% of the project total (must be trading for 12mths for grants over £5k)
- You cannot start the project or spend any money until the grant is approved
- You pay for the project in full, send in evidence of the invoice matching the quotes and payment and the grant is then paid
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Current Grants for Businesses

- Start Up Grant

- Supporting new businesses with premises
- Grant of £1k to pay for equipment, fit out, marketing
- Quotes must be supplied with application
- Project paid for and when evidence and invoice is presented the grant is paid
- Limited fund pot so first come first served
- Application support provided by start up advisor

Upcoming Grants for Businesses

- High Street Grant
 - Supporting high street businesses
 - Grant fully funded up to £2k to pay for equipment, fit out, marketing *
 - Quotes must be supplied with application
 - Project paid for and when evidence and invoice is presented the grant is paid
 - *Expected to be signed off in June with final details approved
 - Application support provided by High Street Advisor
 - All businesses will receive a flyer once launched and social media awareness

Upcoming Grants for Businesses

- ReNew Grant

- Supporting high street businesses specifically on Fargate and spurs off Fargate
- Grant fully funded up to £25k to pay for fit out of shop*
- Quotes must be supplied with application
- Project paid for and when evidence and invoice is presented the grant is paid
- *Expected to be signed off in June with final details approved
- Application support provided by Business Advisor
- Social Media launch for expressions of interest
- ERF team advised when live

Rates Relief

- All businesses have Rates valuation
- No business with rateables value £12,000 or less IF this is your only property for business use
- For businesses with rateables value of between £12,001 and £15,000 there is a sliding scale of reduction
- There is also the annually reviewed retail capped scheme supported by Government which is renewed for 2024/25 for businesses in Retail, Hospitality and Leisure which gives up to 75% relief
- Applications can be emailed, and forms are available online
- For support on completing applications please ask me

Landlords and Contracts

- Businesses are often unaware of the onerous clauses in leases
- We can read and review your lease and point out any areas of concern
- We often find clauses that mean you have to pay a service charge, pay for utility installations, landlords building insurance and right of access clauses
- We are not solicitors but we can highlight issues, and if you are unsure about you can take to a solicitor and this saves cost and time.
- We can read existing leases and review and clauses you are having issues with

Workshops

- Business Sheffield runs a number of free sessions in support of running a business
- Business Sheffield also facilitates a free bookkeeping 1-1 session with an accountant to ask any questions you might have
- Business Sheffield also facilitates a legal 1-1 session for advice on legal matters (these get booked up really quickly)
- These can all be booked online at
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<https://www.welcometosheffield.co.uk/business/help-for-local-businesses/workshops-webinars-networking/>

Future Monthly 1-1 drop in sessions

- The ERF team are booking monthly drop-in sessions with Business Sheffield
- We will be here to answer your specific business questions
- Sessions are free of charge and bookable in advance or turn up on the day
- Dates and times will be provided once finalised
- These are on top of the High Street visits you will get every 6 weeks