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(CCC) Grants - Covid 19 Small Business Support Grant

Small Business Support Grant

- How many businesses have been awarded the Grant since the first lockdown? 831
- How much money has been provided under this Grant? £8,310,000
- How many businesses have been refused access to the Grant? Information not known although all eligible applicants received a grant.

Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grant

- How many businesses have received the Grant? 628
- What is the split of businesses that were awarded the Grant that had a rateable value of up to and including £15,000 and those who had a rateable value of over £15,000 and less than £51,000? £1,210,000 was paid to 121 ratepayers with RV under 15,001 and £12,675,000 was paid to 507 ratepayers with RV's greater than 15,000.

Discretionary Grant

- How many businesses received the Discretionary Grant and how much has been provided in total? 230 receive a grant totalling £1,119,820.65
- Were any businesses refused access to this Grant on the basis that there was no further money available? If so, how many were refused the Grant?

Businesses who have failed to receive support?

- Please can you identify which types of businesses have failed to receive support because they have not met the necessary criteria?

All businesses and organisations that met the criteria of the grants schemes were awarded the appropriate grant. Availability of grants was publicised widely, and most businesses were identified by the Council in advance and were invited to apply for grants. This resulted in the Council using the vast majority of its funding allocations and exceeding the initial funding allocation for SBRR and RHL grants.

- Please can you identify how many businesses fall within these problem categories? No
- Can the Council please provide an indication of how many employees these businesses employ? Information not held

New Financial Support announced on 5th January 2021

- The Government announced new packages of support on 5th January 2021.
- Has the Council been notified of how much it will receive and if so, is this less than previous packages of support (for the small business grant; retail, hospitality, and leisure grant; and the discretionary grant)?

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Yes, all authorities have been notified how much will be received to fund grant schemes applicable from 5th January. The amount of the funding package announced so far is less overall than the funding provided in respect of the first national lockdown.

Further queries on this matter should be directed to foi@cambridge.gov.uk