

BID4Oban COVID-19 Update 19 1st May 2020

We are keeping businesses updated with the latest information regarding the outbreak of Corona Virus. Stay safe.

Update from Argyll and Bute Council:

Newly Self-Employed Hardship Fund successfully launched yesterday.

<https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/coronavirus-newly-self-employed-hardship-fund>

26 applications have been received in the first 24 hours

Target processing time is 10 working days from receipt of a fully complete application

Creative, Tourism & Hospitality Enterprises Hardship Fund launched yesterday. This is for small Scottish creative, tourism and hospitality businesses who have experienced at least 50% loss of current or projected revenue as a result of COVID-19 and who are ineligible for other COVID-19 grant support or are not yet in receipt of the funds they need to survive.

<https://findbusinesssupport.gov.scot/service/coronavirus/creative-or-tourism-and-hospitality-enterprises-hardship-fund>

The grant is being administered on behalf of the enterprise agencies by a third party. There were issues with the website for applications yesterday, but it appears to be functioning today.

<https://customerexperience.weareumi.net/supportbiz/Application.aspx>

A link to the fund will be posted on the Council website today

Pivotal Enterprise Resilience Fund launched yesterday. This grant is for businesses that can play a critical role in supporting Scotland's recovery but need some immediate support. It might be to get back up and running or to maintain or diversify current operations. It can support businesses with the potential to continue trading and supporting employment which have an immediate cash flow challenge.

<https://findbusinesssupport.gov.scot/service/coronavirus/pivotal-enterprise-resilience-fund>

Applications are being administered by a third party, before being passed to the relevant local enterprise agency. There were issues with the website for applications yesterday, but it appears to be functioning today

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Business Support Grant as of close of play 30 April

2115 applications have been processed. By grant type, 1944 have been processed for the £10k grant with 1735 approved, and 171 processed for the £25k grant, with 144 approved

£20.95m has now been awarded and 2338 applications have been received

The Council's website includes a summary of the current support available for businesses <https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/coronavirus-information-businesses> including the downloadable interactive infographic.

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