

# ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS GRANT



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### Dudley Borough

A further grant is now available for businesses in retail, hospitality, and those with business premises that have been affected by COVID-19 restrictions. The Additional Restrictions Grant (ARG) provides government funding to local councils to help these affected businesses.

The qualifying criteria for this grant aren't stated by the government and are instead determined by your local council. However, the idea of the grant is to help those who have been impacted by extended restrictions and travel constraints.

To apply for the Additional Restrictions Grant (ARG) businesses must supply evidence of the effect COVID-19 has had on their operations.

As each local council has the freedom to determine the eligibility for the grant, it is important that you check your local councils' website for information on what grants are available to you, and what information you will need to provide when applying.

Businesses across the Dudley borough can apply for the grant from November 2021 and are providing grants up to £5,000.

# GRANTS AVAILABLE

## **ARG Towards Net Zero (£5,000 grant)**

This grant is for all businesses that operate from commercial premises in the Dudley borough to help improve resource efficiency or implement new processes that help the business move forward.

## **New Occupier Fit Out (£5,000 grant)**

This grant is for retail & hospitality businesses that are in the process of negotiating a lease for new premises with a commercial shop frontage and require support for fit-out costs.

## **Shopfront Improvement (£5,000 grant)**

This grant is for retail & hospitality businesses with commercial premises, operating in-person services and require support towards physical improvements to the shop-front.

## **Outdoor Hospitality (£2,000 grant)**

This grant is for retail & hospitality businesses that operate in-person services with commercial premises that need support towards the cost of temporary outdoor furniture and fixtures.

## **ARG Retail & Hospitality Access to Digital Grant (£1,000 grant)**

This grant is for businesses in the retail & hospitality sector operating in-person services within commercial premises that require support towards the implementation of new technology.

# ELIGIBILITY

In order to qualify for the ARG business must abide by strict [criteria set by the council](#).  
Businesses within the Dudley borough must:

- Not be in administration, insolvent, or in the process of striking off
- Be able to provide evidence that it was trading on 1st November 2021
- Must have fixed commercial property-related costs for a commercial premises located in the Dudley borough
- Not use ARG funding as a wage support mechanism
- Not already received grant payments that equal the maximum permitted levels of subsidy

# EVIDENCE

You must submit documentation when applying for your grant to provide evidence that you are eligible.

Documentation that is required with your application is as follows:

- A sales receipt, purchase order, invoice or delivery note dated 1st November 2021 or in the previous few weeks prior to that date
- Your most recent bank statement for your business account, clearly showing relevant information such as the account number, sort code, name, and address
- 2 documents dated in the last month from your business of the following; electricity, gas, water, landline, commercial mortgage, lease agreement, rent statement, insurance or other documents showing your commercial property has fixed costs

Any missing information within your application will render the process void.

Missing information may be requested, and if so, must be submitted within 3 working days. Otherwise, any open application will be closed.

# OTHER AREAS

If your business is not located within the Dudley borough, you will need to view documentation from your local council.

You can find and view more information from your local councils here:

<https://www.gov.uk/find-local-council>