

IMPORTANT:

Community Buildings and Village Halls - Emergency Grants Available Now

Government grants of £10,000 are available now. Local authorities should be in the process of contacting those eligible – money is already being received. Get in touch with your local authority if you are eligible and have not yet been contacted.

Retail, Leisure and Hospitality Grant (village halls are eligible)

£10,000 grant - businesses with rateable values up to £15,000.

£25,000 grant - businesses with rateable values between £15,001 and £50,999.

You must:

- be a 'business' ratepayer – note that charitable village halls are still business ratepayers even if they have been in receipt of the mandatory 80% rate relief and 20% discretionary rate relief
- be used either: a) as shops, restaurants, cafes, drinking establishments, cinemas and live music venues; b) for assembly and leisure; or c) as hotels, guest & boarding premises and self-catering accommodation.

Small Business Grant

£10,000 grant - businesses with rateable values up to £15,000.

You must be in receipt of one of the following:

- Small Business Rate Relief
- Rural Rate Relief.

Note – village halls are not eligible for the Small Business Grant as they are not eligible for Small Business Rate Relief or Rural Rate Relief.

Government guidance for Local Authorities about how to deliver these grants -

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-on-business-support-grant-funding>

ACRE's guidance on eligibility – <https://acre.org.uk/rural-issues/coronavirus-rural-halls-and-small-charities>