



MDC Parish Bulletin

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Funding opportunities

Mendip businesses act now! Grants still available, but deadlines are looming

Mendip District Council has paid out more than £55 million to support local businesses during the pandemic. And as we ease forward to the potential ending of all lockdown restrictions, there are some final funding streams still available – and worth applying for.

Mendip businesses who are eligible and registered for business rates have **until 30 June 2021** to submit their application for a one-off Restart Grant.

So if you haven't already applied for a Restart Grant, don't delay. Apply here: www.mendip.gov.uk/businessgrants

Qualifying sectors are:

- Non-Essential Retail with grants available ranging from £2,667 to £6,000 depending on the rateable value of the property.
- Hospitality, Accommodation, Leisure, Personal Care Services, Sports and Gym facilities with grants available ranging from £8,000 to £18,000, also depending on the rateable value.

Please note this is one-off funding. **If you have already received a Restart Grant, you are not eligible to reapply.**

All eligible applications must be received by 30 June 2021. They will be paid by the end of July.

If your business does not qualify for the one-off Restart Grant, but it has been severely impacted by the national lockdowns, you may still be eligible to apply for a discretionary fund called the Additional Restrictions Grant (ARG).

ARG (Round 4) funding is not guaranteed, but if applicants believe they could qualify there is time to receive a grant, and they are encouraged to do so.

For further information on both the Restart Grant (only eligible if you have not received a Restart Grant before), and the ARG (Round 4) funding, please visit www.mendip.gov.uk/businessgrants

Grants launched for communities and eco projects

Mendip District Council has recently launched two new grants –

- ✓ one for communities
- ✓ one for climate and ecological emergency projects

Who can apply?

Voluntary, community, not-for-profit organisations and City, Town and Parish Councils are invited to apply for the funding.

When to apply

Applications are open from now until **midnight on 31 August 2021.**

There's plenty of time to develop project plans.

Details can be found here:

The Communities Fund www.mendip.gov.uk/cf

Climate and Ecological Emergency Fund www.mendip.gov.uk/ccf



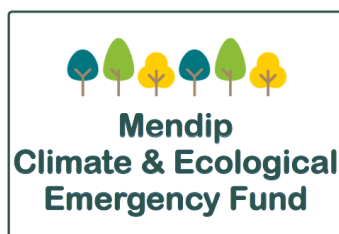
The Communities Fund will help project ideas that improve and support communities.

For example, you may want to improve community facilities or digital connections in your town or village. Maybe you want to expand volunteering schemes or training, or encourage accessibility to the arts, creativity, and our heritage.

The amount of money available for this particular fund is £350,000 in total.

Groups can apply for up to £2,000 for smaller projects or up to £30,000 for larger schemes.

The Communities Fund www.mendip.gov.uk/cf



The Council has put aside a total of £50,000 for the Climate and Ecological Emergency Fund, where community organisations can apply for up to £2,000 to fund eco projects.

Applications for this fund must demonstrate how projects impact on net-carbon emissions and/or the ecological benefits to the community.

Climate and Ecological Emergency Fund www.mendip.gov.uk/ccf

Please take a look at these funding opportunities and share them with your networks, family, and friends. Full details are online. Thank you!