

BUSINESS SUPPORT GRANTS WEEKLY DATA ANALYSIS – 16th July 2020

In total, as at 14th July 2020, Aberdeen City Council had, cumulatively, received 2,948 grant fund applications and issued 2,404 awards from the two grant streams below, to a combined value of £27,505,000 (+ £1.09m on the prior week).

Grant Stream	No of Applications	No of Grants Awarded*	No of Grants Rejected, Referred or Deferred	Value (£)
Small Business/RH&L Grants	2,686	2,224	408	27,145,000
Newly Self-Employed/Bed & Breakfast Hardship Grants	262	180	76	360,000
Total	2,948	2,404	484	27,505,000

*Figures may exclude grant payments authorised and awaiting final daily payment run schedule

1. Small Business and Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grant Fund Awards

Across Phases 1, 2 and 3 of this funding stream, a total of 2,224 Small Business and Retail, Hospitality & Leisure grant payments have been issued to a value of £27,145,000*

Grant Stream	No of Applications	No of Grants Awarded	No of Grants Rejected, Referred or Deferred	Value (£)
Business Grants Phase 1	2,302	1,962	302	24,405,000
Business Grants Phase 2	242	177	49	1,889,500
Business Grants Phase 3	142	85	57	850,000
Total	2,686	2,224	408	27,145,000

1.1 Small Business and Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Funding – Phase 1 Awards

1,962 payments, amounting to £24.4m, had been released against Phase 1, with 1,643 payments of the Small Business Grant (totalling £16.43m) and 319 payments against the Retail, Hospitality and Leisure strand. (totalling £7.975m)

	10K		25K		Overall Total	
Date 14.07	No of Grants Awarded	Value £	No of Grants Awarded	Value £	No of Grants Awarded	Value £
Total	1,643	16,430,000	319	7,975,000	1,962	24,405,000

1.2 Small Business and Retail, Hotel and Leisure Funding – Phase 2 Awards Breakdown

147 grant payments, to a value of £1.552m had been processed against Phase 2 applications.

	7.5K		18.75K		Overall Total	
Date 14.07	No of Grants Awarded	Value £	No of Grants Awarded	Value £	No of Grants Awarded	Value £
Total	127	952,500	50	937,500	177	1,889,500

1.3 Small Business and Retail, Hotel and Leisure Funding – Phase 3 Awards Breakdown

Phase 3 of the Small Business & Retail, Hospitality Business Grant Fund, extending support to non-NDR paying tenancies was launched on 8th June.

Date 14.07	No of Applications	Number of Grants Awarded	Value of Grants Awarded (£)
Total	142	85	850,000

1.4 Small Business and Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Business Grant Fund Application Processing

Of the 2,686 SB and RH&L applications received, 2,632 (97.9%) had been processed.

408 (15.1%) of the total cumulative applications had been Rejected, Referred or Deferred on the basis that they failed to meet the criteria for the funding streams and/or additional detail was required from the applicant to complete the application.

Date 14.07	Applications Received	Applications Processed	Rejected/Referred/Deferred
Total	2,686	2,632	408

1.5 National Business Support Fund Grant Statistics ^ – Grant Fund Application Processing

The NBSFG Statistics for the same period note that awards had been released against 82.7% of all cumulative applications received to date. (including those subsequently

Rejected/Referred or Deferred) At this level of overall award provision, Aberdeen's outcome is above the Scottish figure of 81.9% and national median that was 80.9%

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-business-support-fund-grant-statistics/>

^ Award percentages offered against the national Small Business and Retail, Hospitality & Leisure data are an informal arithmetical benchmark derived from the more limited national dataset that presently does not incorporate data sensitivity arising from the proportion of Applications pending review or the effect of RRD data

2. Newly Self- Employed and 'Small Serviced Accommodation' Hardship Grants

262 applications against this funding stream had been received with 180 awards (91.8% of valid applications, having been processed for payment. 29.0.% of applications had been rejected as being out with the scope of funding defined by the stream criteria.

Date 14.07	No of Applications	Number of Grants Awarded	Number of Applications Rejected	Value of Grants Awarded (£)
Total	262	180	76	360,000

3. Business Enquiries Handling

As at 14th July, a total of 2,744 enquiries had been received and allocated through the Aberdeen City Council Business Response Hub, an increase of 317 on the previous week, with a query closure rate of 93.8%.

2,026 Business Rates Enquiries had been allocated of which 1,915 (94.5%) had been closed, and 111** were open or in progress. 718 General Business Enquiries had been recorded, with 659 (91.7%) having been closed and 59** remaining open or in progress.

**These figures include enquiries which were incomplete, awaiting further contact with/from the applicant or may have concluded with a separate application to the above grant schemes independently of the Hub, so are likely an over-estimate.

Data description

All data is reflective of the cumulative position as at 1500 hours on 14th July 2020.

In order to meet the timelines for reporting of local authority data to the Scottish Government, while checks are completed before publication to ensure data robustness, these data are not currently subject to the full range of processes and quality assurance that would be required for designation as an official statistical release.

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