

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE COUNCIL

COVID-19 Business Grants Program



Application guidelines and information



South Gippsland
Shire Council



Summary

Council is committed to helping our region recover from COVID19 by working alongside communities and by supporting and building the capacity of individuals, communities, businesses and organisations.

To assist with the immediate hardship our businesses are facing, Council has created the COVID19 Business Grants program for businesses with a shopfront in South Gippsland.

Eligible businesses will receive a one-off payment of \$1000 (ex GST) to expend on essential business fees, services and/or materials. *We ask that South Gippsland Be Kind to Business!*

Funding can be used for fees, services and materials such as:

- financial advice/accounting/bookkeeping
- materials to help make your business COVID-safe

It is our expectation that funding for services and materials should be expended in the local community.

Eligibility

To qualify you will need to meet the following criteria.

You must:

- Operate a business with a shopfront located in South Gippsland Shire. The business must have been operating as at 1 March 2020.
- Have an Australian Business Number (ABN) and be registered for GST. You must not be subject to any legal impediment, including bankruptcy or liquidation.
- Have paid your rates for 2019/20.
- Be registered in Victoria.
- Have turnover up to \$250K and less than 20 staff.
- Provide proof of Hardship (minimum 30% downturn from the previous year).
- Submit only one application per ABN.

Key dates

Applications open 9.00am 13 July and close 5.00pm 31 July or until such time the funding allocation is exhausted.

Applicants are expected to use their funds as soon as possible within three months.



Ineligible

- Australian, state and local government agencies, bodies and enterprises.
- Not-for-profit associations.
- Incorporated or unincorporated associations.
- Businesses where the applicant has outstanding debt to South Gippsland Shire Council.

Assessment

Applications will be assessed:

- In the order the applications are received;
- Until 5pm on 31 July 2020 or such time as the budget of \$300,000 is exhausted;
- Will be undertaken by an internal panel of skilled and relevant officers.

The South Gippsland Shire Council may request further information to assess your application.

Apply

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/covid-businessgrants

Please note:

- Applications must be submitted by the Business Owner and not a third party (i.e. an accountant).
- Applicants will be requested to provide bank details, please ensure that these details are accurate.

**Questions? Please contact
Council's Business Development Officer
on 5662 9200**