



South Gippsland COVID-19 Home-Based Business Grants NOW OPEN

South Gippsland Shire Council's COVID-19 Home-Based Business Grants are now open.

The grants are open to home-based businesses in South Gippsland with an annual turnover between \$25,000 and \$250,000 that have experienced a downturn as a result of COVID-19.

The grants are part of South Gippsland Shire Council's \$2M Community Support Package and are aimed at small food producers, home-based health and beauty services and creative and training businesses. Eligible businesses will receive a grant of \$1,000 (ex GST) that can be spent on essential business fees, services or materials.

South Gippsland Shire Council's Chair Administrator, Julie Eisenbise expects that the funding will provide much-needed support for many home-based businesses.

"Home-based businesses have been significantly impacted by COVID-19 and many have only received limited financial support due to restrictions on government funding. We hope that these grants will provide a small amount of relief and help business owners to revitalise their businesses now COVID-19 restrictions are easing.

"The funds can be used on services such as financial or legal advice, or on materials to help make businesses COVID-safe, or on marketing or industry development. We do expect, however, that funds will be spent locally. Spending money in South Gippsland means that other people and businesses in our community can also benefit," said Ms Eisenbise.

The Home-Based Business Grants open are open until 5.00pm Friday 20 November or until the \$100,000 allocation is exhausted. Applications will be assessed as they are received and awarded when the assessment process is complete. To apply, please visit:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/covidsupport

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