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| **Tameside Discretionary Grant Round 2** |

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| Tameside Council is launching round 2 of the [Tameside Discretionary Grant Fund](https://liveworkinvest.us13.list-manage.com/track/click?u=c82daebd778d6cd9667beed7e&id=be6d223507&e=7ab728a9f9) this afternoon. The fund is aimed at supporting micro and small businesses with high fixed property costs who have suffered a loss of income due to COVID-19 and who are unable to access other government funding schemes.Round 1 closed on Thursday 18 June at 5pm. There is around £1,682,000 remaining for Round 2.Round 2 is open for applications from eligible businesses who are:

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| **Round 2 eligible** | **Criteria** (Criteria for Round 1 unless stipulated differently below) |
| Manufacturing and Engineering companies  | Rateable value £15-51K (non-domestic trading properties are eligible, domestic trading properties are not eligible)  |
| Digital and Creative |
| Childcare (Nursery) providers |
| Construction |
| PLEASE NOTE WE AWAIT FURTHER GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE ON ELIGIBILITY FOR THIS CATEGORY.   Businesses (for clarity must be micro or small) awaiting Valuation Office assessment that subsequently were not eligible for a grant in RHLG or SBRR Grant**If you believe that you fall within this category and satisfy the scheme's criteria, please register your interest through the application form, but do not upload any evidence. Further evidence will be requested once clarity is provided on your eligibility.** | Rateable value will be unknown (non-domestic trading properties are eligible, domestic trading properties are not eligible)  |
| PLEASE NOTE WE AWAIT FURTHER GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE ON ELIGIBILITY FOR THIS CATEGORYBusinesses that were trading before 11 March but were not in their current premise or a new owner has taken over the operation (contractually obliged to do so) **If you believe that you fall within this category and satisfy the scheme's criteria, please register your interest through the application form, but do not upload any evidence. Further evidence will be requested once clarity is provided on your eligibility.**  | Rateable value £15-51K Business trading before 11 March and new owner able to demonstrate contract in place prior to 11 March to trade from the hereditament applied for. (non-domestic trading properties are eligible, domestic trading properties are not eligible) |
| Registered Charities not supported under the Government set priority criteria | Registered Charity, (non-domestic trading properties are eligible, domestic trading properties are not eligible) |

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This grant funding is for businesses that are not eligible for other support schemes. Businesses which have received cash grants from any central government COVID related scheme are ineligible for funding from the Discretionary Grants Fund. Such grant schemes include but are not limited to:  * Small Business Grant Fund
* Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grant
* The Fisheries Response Fund
* Domestic Seafood Supply Scheme (DSSS).
* The Zoos Support Fund
* The Dairy Hardship Fund

It is important that any business considering an application reviews the [Tameside guidance before applying](https://liveworkinvest.us13.list-manage.com/track/click?u=c82daebd778d6cd9667beed7e&id=c5d7bf4e80&e=7ab728a9f9).There is limited, fixed funding available remaining to the council from the government  for this scheme and we aim to support as many businesses as possible with mainly grant allocations of upto £10,000 (grants of £25,000 will be made only in exceptional circumstances). **With a deadline for applications 5pm on Thursday 9 July, and the need to provide robust evidence to support each application, we encourage all eligible businesses to apply as soon as possible to help ensure there are no delays in processing and awards.****If the fund is oversubscribed with the applications received, the council reserves the right to amend the grant levels to a pro-rata basis, based on the applications received and approved, as a way of dealing with this situation, should it arise. The council reserves the right to vary the terms of the scheme at any time, and without notice, should it be necessary to do so.**To be eligible (please review Tameside guidance in detail) to apply for a grant under this scheme, a small business must: * Be a trading business in Tameside
* Have been trading on 11th March 2020
* Be small, with fewer than 50 employees
* Have a rateable value below £51,000
* Have relatively high ongoing fixed property-related costs (over £1,000 per annum) in Tameside, and
* They must also be able to demonstrate that they have had a significant drop of income due to coronavirus restriction measures (10% fall in income in the period since 11 March 2020).

In order for the application to be considered, we require businesses to demonstrate that they meet the eligibility criteria above. We anticipate that to do this, you will need to provide per business, per hereditament (Where an eligible business has more than one qualifying property in the borough, they will be eligible for 1 payment per property. Where multiple businesses operated from the same property, each distinct eligible business can receive one payment for their costs incurred at that property). * **Evidence of Tameside property costs such as rent, rates, utility or mortgage payments above £1,000 per annum. This should take the form of leases/agreements showing an obligation to pay and bank statements showing that payments have actually been made**
* **Evidence to demonstrate a substantial loss in income as a result of the current situation (10% fall in income in the period since 11 March 2020). This is likely to be in the form of filed accounts for previous years and management accounts/bank statements for the current period and or evidence that the business was to close to members of the public as a result of COVID19 by Government Guidance. Where a company does not have filed accounts for the previous year’s management accounts and bank statements will be used.**
* **Evidence of complying with the definition of a Small or Micro Business**
* **Confirmation that the business has not received any grant under the grant schemes mentioned above.**
* **Confirmation of State Aid compliance.**
* **Website or online sales catalogue in the first instance to prove sector (if manufacturing/engineering/digital and creative/construction).**
* **A contract (in place before 11 March 2020) to show obligation to acquire new premise (after 11 March 2020) and where appropriate evidence of relevant insurances (if business was trading before 11 March but was not in their current premise or a new owner has taken over the operation because they were contractually obliged to do so.**

**Timeline*** **Applications open - Thursday 25 June, 4pm**
* Application window closes – Thursday 9 July, 4pm
* Award of grants – from Thursday 9 July onwards

Applications for the grant can be [made online](https://liveworkinvest.us13.list-manage.com/track/click?u=c82daebd778d6cd9667beed7e&id=9cc265bb8f&e=7ab728a9f9), or if you are unable to apply online please email tamesidegrant@tameside.gov.uk to request a printed copy to be emailed or posted to you.   |

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