

Dear Local Wealden Markets,

You may not be aware but a Discretionary Grant for certain small businesses, including regular market traders, **not** eligible for either of the previous business grants - [Small Business Grants Fund \(SBGF\)](#) and [Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grants Fund \(RHLGF\)](#) – is now available and those eligible may be able to receive a £3,000 grant.

Any small and micro businesses within the Wealden District with fixed property-related costs which can demonstrate that they have suffered a significant fall in income due to the COVID-19 pandemic, **including regular market traders** with fixed building costs such as rent and who do not have their own business rates assessment are able to submit their details to apply for a grant from the Discretionary 'top-up' Grant.

The Discretionary Grant is only available to those traders operating at least weekly within the district of Wealden.

**The closing date for applications is Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2020.** Details of the application process can be found at [Wealden.Grantapproval.co.uk](http://Wealden.Grantapproval.co.uk)

For further information on the discretionary grant scheme go to - <https://www.wealden.gov.uk/news-and-events/coronavirus-covid-19-latest/covid-19-discretionary-grant-scheme-for-businesses/>.

Alternatively, you can contact the Councils' business rates team on 01323 443345 or by emailing: [businessrates@wealden.gov.uk](mailto:businessrates@wealden.gov.uk)

Kind regards,

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