**ERDF Recovery Grants – Eligibility**

**Please read all sections below before submitting your application.**

**What can the grants be used for?**

Activities supported through the scheme must directly respond to the impact of COVID-19. The

grants can be used to:

* Help visitor and wider economy SME’s access specialist professional advice e.g. human
* resources, accountants, legal, financial, IT/ digital.
* Purchase minor equipment to adapt or adopt new technology to continue to deliver a
* business activity or diversify.
* These are not cash grants for general business revenue use.
* You must be a company operating since at least 1st March 2019.
* There is a very limited fund available, SWLEP/Growth Hub reserves the right to decline
* applications.

**To apply to for an ERDF Recovery Grant, a business must meet the following eligibility criteria:**

* Been trading for a minimum of one year, since 01/03/2019
* The business registration address must be in the Swindon & Wiltshire boundary region.
* Employ a minimum of 3 staff and up to 10 full-time equivalent staff.
* Be directly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, Tourism sector businesses must be directly
* affected by a drop in footfall being based in a ‘visitor’ area of Swindon & Wiltshire.
* Businesses that have received previous grant funding are eligible to apply and will be
* considered within this scheme.

**Evidence potentially required to meet eligibility**

* Geographic evidence of locality of business for Wiltshire – Full address, Google Maps
* Proof of registered business – Companies House, registration no, address, date of founding, tax registration document if not registered with Companies House
* Evidence of employees – PAYE references?, PAYE company tax reference? Companies House
* Last tax assessment showing profit
* Current statement of profit
* Statement of business purposes – to show relation to tourism and potential affect of crisis
* Evidence of grant purpose (3 for comparison) – screen prints of product, service costs and benefits to preference