

## **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 11th 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 up to 20 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