

ERDF Recovery Grants – Eligibility

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 registered with Companies House 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:

- 1) Been trading for a minimum of one year, since 01/03/2019
- 2) The business registration address must be in the Swindon & Wiltshire boundary region.
- 3) Be incorporated as a Limited company.
- 4) Employ a minimum of 3 staff and up to 10 full-time equivalent staff.
- 5) 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.
- 6) Provide evidence of 3 quotations for the product or service you wish to purchase to support the recovery of your business.
- 7) Be encouraged to spend the grant funds within Swindon & Wiltshire when procuring your product or service.
- 8) Businesses that have received previous grant funding are eligible to apply and will be considered within this scheme.