

East Hampshire District Council Business Start-up Incentive Grants

East Hampshire District Council is committed to encouraging the strength and vitality of its local economy.

The Business Start-up Incentive Grant is intended to make a positive contribution towards the cost of creating a new small business.

What is the Business Incentive Grant?

Grants of £500 are available to new businesses starting up.

Who qualifies?

Any new small business starting up.

Any new small business that has been trading for less than 12 months.

The business must be located within East Hampshire.

The enterprise must be a new Full Time Business

Any other rules?

Any planning, building control, licence or other necessary consents must have been obtained.

A Council officer will visit you following receipt of your application, to establish whether you are eligible for a grant.

The new business must prove it has been trading successfully for six months. This will normally be confirmed at a second visit from the council, six months from the first. The proof of successful trading can be a bank statement, invoices paid or other documentary evidence.

Only one grant per business will be paid, and cannot cover a purchase already made.

Normally you will receive a decision from the Council within 20 working days of a visit.

When will I get the money?

When the new business has been trading successfully for 6 months the £500 grant will be paid to eligible applicants.

How do I apply?

Complete the application form below and return to

The Economic Development Office
East Hampshire District Council
Penns Place
Petersfield
Hants
GU31 4EX

Application forms may also be obtained from the above address or contact:

Tel: 01730 234165

Fax: 01730 234339

Email: business@easthants.gov.uk

Start-up Business Incentive Grant Application Form

1. APPLICANT

Mr/Mrs/Ms/Other

First Name

Last Name

2. BUSINESS NAME AND ADDRESS

3. TYPE OF BUSINESS (and site address if different from above)

4. The business was established / is to be set up from: (Date) (Delete as appropriate)

5. Telephone Number:

Business Telephone Number:
 (if different from above)

Email Address:

6. Information about your new full time business.

a) Type of business proposed

b) Where will the business operate from?

c) Have all necessary consents been received?

Yes No

d) Have you attended any training course concerning running a small business?

Yes No

if yes, please detail where and when

e) Have you arranged a Business Account at your bank?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
f) Have you applied for a grant or loan from any other institution or group or similar body? <i>This will not count against you, the information will be used merely as verification that this is a genuine application.</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> <i>If yes, from whom?</i>
7. How did you learn of the Business Incentive Grant?	
<p>When completed, please return this form to:</p> <p>The Economic Development Office East Hampshire District Council Penns Place Petersfield Hants GU31 4EX</p>	
EHDC would like to include your details on a list of start-up businesses which have received this grant. This list will only be made available to other Business Incentive Grant recipients with who you may wish to collaborate, do business or share experiences. If you do not wish to be included on this list, please tick this box. <input type="checkbox"/>	

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