

Quick Eligibility Checker

Before submitting an Expression of Interest, please confirm that you can answer YES to all of the following questions.

Business Eligibility

- ☐ My business is based within Blaenau Gwent.
- ☐ My business is actively trading.
- ☐ My business operates on a full-time commercial basis.
- ☐ My business is financially viable.
- ☐ I can demonstrate that my business has the capacity to deliver the proposed project.
- ☐ My business operates within an eligible sector:
 - Retail
 - Service
 - Hospitality
 - Tourism
 - Leisure
- ☐ My business falls within one of the eligible organisation types:
 - Sole Trader
 - Partnership
 - Limited Company
 - Cooperative
 - Community Interest Company (CIC)
 - Social Enterprise
 - Charity undertaking commercial trading activity
 - Limited Liability Partnership (LLP)

Project Eligibility

- ☐ The project will support business growth, productivity, competitiveness, sustainability or customer experience improvements.
- ☐ The project will contribute towards economic activity within Blaenau Gwent.
- ☐ The project will help create jobs, safeguard jobs, improve business sustainability, or support future employment growth.
- ☐ The project demonstrates clear additionality (the project would not proceed in the same way without grant support).
- ☐ The grant will primarily be used for capital investment.

- ☐ The proposed expenditure will deliver a measurable improvement to the business.
- ☐ The expenditure is not simply a like-for-like replacement.
- ☐ The project has not started and no items have been purchased, ordered or committed to.
- ☐ The project can be fully completed, paid for and claimed by **31 January 2027**.

Financial Eligibility

- ☐ I can provide at least **50% match funding** towards the total project costs.
- ☐ I understand that the grant is paid in arrears.
- ☐ I can cashflow the project before grant reimbursement is received.
- ☐ I can provide evidence of match funding.

Supporting Evidence

- ☐ I can provide three comparable quotations for each item (where available).
- ☐ I can provide business accounts.
- ☐ I can provide management accounts (if requested).
- ☐ I can provide a 12-month cashflow forecast.
- ☐ I can provide a 12-month profit and loss forecast.
- ☐ I can provide a detailed project delivery plan.
- ☐ I can provide employment information where relevant.

Declaration

- ☐ I have read the full Retail, Service, Hospitality & Tourism Growth Grant Guidance Notes.
- ☐ I understand that this is a competitive grant scheme and meeting the eligibility criteria does not guarantee funding.

Outcome

If you answered YES to all questions:

You are likely to be eligible to submit an Expression of Interest.

If you answered NO to any question:

Please review the guidance notes before proceeding, as your application may not be eligible for support.