



Further to yesterday's Business Matters, please see below about accessing the online version of the form.

To avoid any delay you can download the form below to apply for the grant.

The Council has also written to businesses they think are eligible, and this should arrive by Friday 3rd April.

To apply for the grant immediately, please:

1. Complete the form below and return it with a copy of your most recent business rates bill. If you qualify for the grant and don't provide all the information requested it will delay payment of the grant.
2. Return the form to the Council:
 - a. By email business.grants@rochdale.gov.uk
 - b. By post PO Box 490, Rochdale OL16 9AJ
3. The Business Rates Team will aim to respond to you within 5 working days.
4. If you have any questions please email business.rates@rochdale.gov.uk

[Download the Business Grant Scheme form in Word \(29kb doc\)](#)

[Download the Business Grant Scheme form in PDF \(130kb pdf\)](#)

If the links above don't work, they can also be found at:

<http://www.rochdale.gov.uk/business-and-industry/business-advice-and-support/Pages/business-grants-and-loans.aspx>

The Government is looking to the private sector for support in the following areas:

- medical testing equipment
- medical equipment design
- protective equipment for healthcare workers, such as masks, gowns and sanitiser
- hotel rooms
- transport and logistics, for moving goods or people
- manufacturing equipment

- warehouse or office space, for medical use or storage
- expertise or support on IT, manufacturing, construction, project management, procurement, engineering or communications
- social care or childcare

If you think you can help, please complete the short questionnaire here:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus-support-from-business> You'll be asked some questions about the type of support you can give and you'll then be contacted if your support is needed.

Linked to this, information about the actual specifications for the production of gowns, surgical face masks, respirator masks and eye protection can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/technical-specifications-for-personal-protective-equipment-ppe>

Do you have a **3D printer**, or know someone who has? Then you may be able to help a business looking to produce face shields for NHS staff. They are currently working up the design and checking its suitability but hope to be able to share the open source code soon. If you would like to know more about this project, please email my colleague n.eccles@investinrochdale.co.uk

Please feel free to share this widely and encourage people to sign up to receive it direct at: <https://connect.investinrochdale.co.uk/email-updates/>

Regards

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