



As you will be aware from an earlier newsletter the government has now announced the second round of grant funding. We asked for clarification about the scheme which I am hoping to confirm the first round of funding on Monday. This will be for the government's main priority of **businesses** in multi occupancy buildings where the business rates are incorporated into the rental figure.

This will be available to businesses employing 50 people who can evidence they have on going fixed property costs, and a fall in income due to the COVID-19 restrictions.

Grants of up to a maximum of £10,000 will be available.

Guidance on the application form will be available from Monday 11th May 2020 via the council's website <http://www.rochdale.gov.uk/business-and-industry/Pages/default.aspx>

Many of you are already operating (and have done so since the lockdown) safe working practices. Many more of you are now starting to think about how you can now implement safe working practices for you and your staff.

Over the coming days and weeks we will work with public health colleagues, trade bodies and other industry experts to provide you with help and guidance. We want all our businesses and employees to feel safe and we will do what we can to help you with this. We will also work with businesses who have implemented safe working practices and where possible share these with others.

Regards

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