

Business Support Fund – Expansion CBD Small Hospitality Grant Stream

Support for CBD businesses

The Victorian Government announced it would provide \$20 million in targeted assistance to businesses in the Central Business District (CBD) as they are facing a large and sustained shock to their trading environments. This CBD support is being delivered through the following mechanisms:

1. A \$10 million CBD Small Hospitality Grant targeting small and medium businesses that will operate as a stream of the Business Support Fund expansion program (BSFe). The requirements for this grant are explained in this appendix.
2. A \$10 million grant to the City of Melbourne to assist impacted businesses in other sectors.

A further \$30 million targeted assistance is being provided through the Hospitality Business Grant Program for businesses with a payroll of \$3 million and up to \$10 million, with additional support provided to larger CBD businesses.

CBD Small Hospitality Grant Stream

1 Standard Eligibility Criteria

1.1 To be eligible for the CBD Stream of the BSFe, businesses must:

- Be a recipient of a BSFe¹ grant and may have received an invitation to apply for a CBD Small Business Hospitality Grant.
- Operate in Melbourne CBD as designated by the following postcodes 3000 (Melbourne), 3005 (World Trade Centre), 3006 (Southbank) and 3008 (Docklands).
- Operate a restaurant, cafe, pub, bar, club, reception centre, coffee and dessert outlet, or takeaway food venue² with food service seating capacity³ of 11 or more seats.
- Hold a Class 2 or 3 Service Sector Certificate of Registration under the *Food Act 1984* (Vic) as identified by the City of Melbourne.

¹ Businesses that have received a BSFe grant have been assessed on the following eligibility criteria:

- a) Be a participant in the Commonwealth Government's JobKeeper Payment scheme¹;
- b) Employ people¹ and be registered with WorkSafe¹ on 30 June 2020; and
- c) Have an annual payroll of less than \$3 million in 2019-20 on an ungrouped basis¹; and
- d) Be registered for Goods and Services Tax (GST) on 30 June 2020¹; and
- e) Hold an Australian Business Number (ABN) and have held that ABN at 30 June 2020; and
- f) Be registered with the responsible Federal or State regulator¹.

² Restaurant, cafe, pub, bar, club, reception centre, coffee and dessert outlet, or takeaway food venue are defined by the premise type as described on the Class 2 or 3 Service Sector Certificate of Registration issued by the City of Melbourne under the *Food Act 1984*.

³ Seating capacity must be aligned with the service of food.

- Not received funding assistance through the Night-time Economy Business Support Initiative or the Victorian Live Music Venues Program.

2 Other application information

- 2.1 As part of the assessment process, evidence provided by applicants may be subject to a crosscheck with the City of Melbourne and other Government agencies.
- 2.2 Applicants will be invited by the Department to apply for the CBD Small Hospitality Grant Stream if they have received a BSFe grant and been identified by the City of Melbourne as holding a Class 2 or 3 Service Sector Certificate of Registration for relevant premises as at 30 June 2020.
- 2.3 Applicants can also submit an application online via the Department's Business Victoria website. All questions in the application need to be completed to ensure timely assessment and grant payment.

3 Available funding

- 3.1 The grant amount is:
 - \$5,000 for a business with food service seating capacity of 11 to 100 seats; or
 - \$15,000 for a business with food service seating capacity of 101 seats or more.
- 3.2 Hospitality businesses with seating of 10 seats or less are not eligible for assistance under the CBD Small Hospitality Grant Stream.

4 Additional requirements for CBD Stream participants

- 4.1 Applicants will be required to provide the address of all hospitality premises operated by their business and eligible for grant support under this program. This information will be checked against the Certificate(s) of Registration information held by the City of Melbourne.
- 4.2 A business as defined by its Australian Business Number (ABN) can only receive one grant under this CBD Grant Stream.
- 4.3 If a business has more than one hospitality premise in the CBD under a single ABN then it is able to aggregate the seat numbers from all its CBD premises, with this to inform the size of the grant.
- 4.4 Applicants are required to provide information on seating capacity of the hospitality premise(s). Seating capacity is the sum of indoor and/or outdoor seating. Seating capacity information will be checked with the City of Melbourne.
- 4.5 Applicants must certify that they meet the eligibility criteria and will be subject to the audit requirements of the BSFe program.