

## Help for artists cope with the impact of COVID 19 lockdown.

This is worrying time for most people, but for the self-employed it can be even more uncertain financially and planning for the future/.

For artists, tutors, freelance artists, practitioners and individual workers in the arts and cultural sector there is funding and advice available through;

- 1. South and Vale Business Support** Most artists are self employed, freelance workers or small local businesses. [South Oxfordshire](#) and [Vale of White Horse District Councils](#) are committed to supporting all local businesses. We are working with the [Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy \(BEIS\)](#) to understand the UK Government's support available and when it will be available. The information about the available support can be found here: <https://www.svbs.co.uk/coronavirus-guidance-and-support/212970> and <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/claim-a-grant-through-the-coronavirus-covid-19-self-employment-income-support-scheme>

**CORONAVIRUS FINANCIAL BUSINESS SUPPORT**

- £10K GRANT**  
A ONE-OFF GRANT FOR BUSINESSES WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR SMALL BUSINESS RATES RELIEF OR RURAL RATE RELIEF.
- £25K GRANT**  
AVAILABLE FOR RETAIL, HOSPITALITY AND LEISURE BUSINESSES WITH PROPERTY WITH A RATEABLE VALUE BETWEEN £15,000 AND £51,000.
- BUSINESS INTERRUPTION LOAN SCHEME**  
SUPPORTS SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED BUSINESSES WITH ACCESS TO LOANS, OVERDRAFTS, INVOICE FINANCE AND ASSET FINANCE OF UP TO £5 MILLION, AND FOR UP TO SIX YEARS.
- SELF-EMPLOYMENT INCOME SUPPORT SCHEME**  
A GRANT FOR SELF-EMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS OR PARTNERSHIPS, WORTH 80% OF THEIR PROFITS UP TO A CAP OF £2,500 PER MONTH.

**IF YOUR BUSINESS IS ELIGIBLE FOR SMALL BUSINESS RATES RELIEF OR RURAL RATE RELIEF, YOU WILL BE CONTACTED BY YOUR LOCAL AUTHORITY.**

LOCAL AUTHORITIES WILL RECEIVE FUNDING FROM THE GOVERNMENT IN EARLY APRIL. THE SELF-EMPLOYMENT INCOME SUPPORT SCHEME WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM JUNE.

- JOB RETENTION SCHEME**  
HMRC WILL PAY EMPLOYERS 80% OF THEIR EMPLOYEES USUAL WAGES, UP TO £2,500 A MONTH. CALL THE HELPLINE ON 0800 0159 599.
- SICK PAY RELIEF**  
SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED BUSINESSES CAN RECLAIM STATUTORY SICK PAY (SSP) FOR SICKNESS ABSENCE DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS.
- BUSINESS RATES HOLIDAY**  
ALL RETAIL, HOSPITALITY, LEISURE, PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL SERVICES AND BUSINESSES WILL HAVE A 12 MONTHS BUSINESS RATES HOLIDAY.
- VAT AND INCOME TAX**  
VAT PAYMENTS FROM MARCH TO JUNE 2020 HAVE BEEN DEFERRED UNTIL THE END OF THE TAX YEAR. FOR THE SELF-EMPLOYED, JULY INCOME TAX PAYMENTS HAVE BEEN DEFERRED UNTIL JANUARY 2021.
- ACCOUNTS AND IR35**  
BUSINESSES WILL RECEIVE A 3-MONTH EXTENSION PERIOD TO FILE ACCOUNTS WITH COMPANIES HOUSE. FOR THE SELF-EMPLOYED, IR35 TAX REFORMS WILL BE DELAYED BY ONE YEAR.

**FIND OUT MORE AT [SVBS.CO.UK/CORONAVIRUS-GUIDANCE-AND-SUPPORT](https://www.svbs.co.uk/coronavirus-guidance-and-support)**

South Oxfordshire District Council | Vale of White Horse District Council | South & Vale Business Support | BUSINESS.SUPPORT@SOUTHANDVALE.GOV.UK | @TEAMSVB

- 2. Emergency Response Fund: Individuals** Arts Council England has published guidance for its grants to help individuals during the Covid-19 coronavirus emergency. Grants will be up to £2,500, or up to £3,000 for those who have extra costs relating to a disability. Applicants must have made or delivered work that

was funded by public money. **PLEASE NOTE:** There will be two rounds with round one open for applications 9-16 April 2020, and round two open for applications 16-30 April 2020. <https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding/financial-support-artists-creative-practitioners-and-freelancers>

further advise and signposting can be found at;

<https://www.icaew.com/insights/coronavirus/uk-practical-business-advice-covid-19>

<https://www.fsb.org.uk/campaign/covid19.html>

<https://www.businesssupport.gov.uk/self-employment-income-support-scheme/>