

## Support for pubs and bars serving alcohol without meals (Tier 2)

(Local Restrictions Support Grant (Closed))

### Eligibility criteria

#### What grant funding is the Government offering?

1. The Government is offering grant support to businesses who are required to close under localised restrictions. Localised restrictions are legally binding restrictions imposed on specific local authority areas or multiple local authority areas, where the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care requires the closure of businesses in a local area under regulations made using powers in Part 2A of the Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984 in response to the threat posed by coronavirus.
2. West Suffolk was placed in tier 2 restrictions by the Government in December 2020 and is therefore distributing funding through the Local Restrictions Support Grant (Closed) to those businesses required to close – namely pubs and bars who serve alcohol without table meals.
3. In tier 2, “businesses running a public house, bar or other business involving the sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises must cease to carry on that business, unless alcohol is only served for consumption on the premises as part of table meal, and the meal is such as might be expected to be served as the main midday or main evening meal, or as a main course at either such meal. For the purposes of the above definition, a “table meal” is a meal eaten by a person seated at a table, or at a counter or other structure which serves the purposes of a table and is not used for the service of refreshments for consumption by persons not seated at a table or structure serving the purposes of a table.”  
(Source: [Local Restrictions Support Grant \(Closed\): applicable 2 December 2020 onwards - guidance for Local Authorities \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#))

#### How much funding will be awarded?

4. Pub and bar businesses forced to close that have premises with a rateable value of £15,000 or below on 2 December 2020 will receive a grant of £667 for every 14 day period that West Suffolk is covered by tier 2 restrictions, subject to eligibility criteria. Proportionate (pro-rata) amounts may apply.
5. Pub and bar businesses forced to close that have premises with a rateable value of £15,001 to £50,099 on 2 December 2020 will receive a grant of £1,000 for every 14 day period that West Suffolk is covered by tier 2 restrictions, subject to eligibility criteria. Proportionate (pro-rata) amounts may apply.

6. Pub and bar businesses forced to close that have premises with a rateable value of £51,000 or above on 2 December 2020 will receive a grant of £1,500 for every 14 day period that West Suffolk is covered by tier 2 restrictions, subject to eligibility criteria. Proportionate (pro-rata) amounts may apply.
7. In the case of the tier 2 restrictions in West Suffolk in December 2020, the grant amounts will be as follows, as the restrictions were not in place for a full 14-day period before tier 4 restrictions were imposed:

<b>Rateable value (£)</b>	<b>Grant amount (£) 2 – 15 December</b>	<b>Grant amount (£) 16 – 25 December</b>
Up to 15,000	667	477
15,000 - £50,999	1000	715
51,000 or above	1500	1072

8. Subject to EU State Aid limits, businesses are entitled to receive a grant for each eligible premises for which they are the ratepayer.

### **Which businesses are eligible?**

9. The types of pubs and bars that must close under tier 2 restrictions and are therefore eligible for grant support, providing other criteria are met, is available at: [Check if you're eligible for the coronavirus Local Restrictions Support Grant \(for closed businesses\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)
10. To be eligible for grant support, businesses on the above list must have been open as usual in week commencing 2 November 2020 and providing in-person services to customers from the above premises before being required to close as a result of regulations made under the Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984.

### **Which businesses are not eligible?**

11. The following businesses are not eligible for grant assistance:
  - Businesses that have chosen to close but not been required to.
  - Businesses which have already receive grant payments that equal the maximum levels of EU State Aid permitted under the De minimis and the COVID-19 Temporary State Aid Frameworks.
  - Businesses that were in administration, are insolvent or where a striking-off notice has been made.
12. If a business that is required to close by Government but continues to operate in-person services and successfully applies for a grant, the grant may be recovered, and the business referred for enforcement action under public health legislation.

### **Who are the grants payable to?**

13. The person who according to the billing authority's records was the ratepayer in respect of the property on 2 December 2020.

14. Where West Suffolk Council has reason to believe that the information held about the ratepayer on 2 December 2020 is inaccurate, the council may withhold or recover the grant and take reasonable steps to identify the correct ratepayer.
15. Any changes to the rating list (rateable value or to the hereditament) after 2 December 2020 will not be taken into account.

**How does it work for properties where the landlord or management agent pays the business rates for more than one business in the property?**

16. Please contact [covid19.BusinessGrants@westsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:covid19.BusinessGrants@westsuffolk.gov.uk) or 01284 776333 to discuss this.