

Appendix Seven - ARG examples

ARG with RV examples:

Cleaning company to the hospitality sector – with business rates liability

A cleaning company that provides cleaning services to pubs, clubs, restaurants had been heavily impacted due to the restrictions within the hospitality sector.

The business was able to claim Additional Restrictions Grant funding of £11,622.57 for the period up to 31 March 2021 and a one-off £5,600 in Restart Additional Restrictions Grant to help them adjust to the gradual reopening of the sector they operated in.

Linen hire company – with business rates liability

A business that supplied linen hire and laundry services for events, restaurants, bars, caterers, gyms, beauticians and the accommodation sectors were severely impacted as the sector they supplied had to close. Their income reduced by 90% but they could not claim any help under the schemes for businesses that were forced to close due to local or national restrictions.

The business was able to obtain an Additional Restrictions Grant of £11,003.22 and a one-off Restart Additional Restrictions Grant of £5,600.

Post Office in the city centre business – with business rates liability

A post office in the city centre also incorporating a convenience store depended heavily on the day-time economy from commuters, tourists and other people visiting the city for hospitality or leisure purposes. Due to local and national restrictions the business was severely impacted as visits to the city centre reduced significantly and office workers moved to homeworking.

This business was not mandated to close and therefore could not claim help under grants that were for businesses that could not trade. However, they were able to claim Expanded Additional Restrictions Grant funding of £12,143 which included a one-off payment of £6,000. They were also entitled to a one-off Restart Additional Restrictions Grant of £2,800 to help them prepare for the lifting of restrictions in April 2021 and the gradual return of visitors to the city.

In total this business received £14,943 in support under the Additional Restrictions Grant scheme which was vital in its survival during restrictions.

Coffee shop in a city centre station –with business rates liability

A takeaway coffee unit beyond the ticket barriers at Victoria Station with access only granted to rail passengers were forced to close. This was a business decision based on the collapse of commuter trade within the station. They did not qualify for help under grants for businesses that could not trade. However, they were able to claim Expanded Additional Restrictions Grant funding of £12,143 which included a one-off payment of £6,000. They were also entitled to a one-off Restart Additional Restrictions Grant of £8,400 to help them prepare for the lifting of restrictions.

In total this business received £20,543 in support under the Additional Restrictions Grant scheme.

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Barbers in the city centre not liable for business rates

A barber in the city centre could not claim Local Restrictions Support Grant or Restart Grants in the city centre because they were not registered for Business Rates due to the set-up of their premises.

Due to the lockdowns and restrictions the business had to close due to government guidelines and turnover had dropped by over 50% in 2020 compared to 2019.

The business was able to claim Additional Restrictions Grant funding of £17,964.43 for the period up to 31 March 2021 and a one-off £8,400 in Restart Additional Restrictions Grant funding to help them open safely when restrictions eased in the personal care sector from April 2021.

Beauty studio – ARG no business rates liability

A beauty studio in Affleck's Palace could not claim Local Restrictions Support Grant or Restart Grants in the city centre because they were not registered for Business Rates due to the set-up of their premises.

Similar to other retail businesses they had no customers attending when local or national restrictions were in place and lost a significant part of their annual turnover.

The business was able to obtain an Additional Restrictions Grant of £11,246.29 and a one-off Restart Additional Restrictions Grant of £5,600.