The Welsh Government is making a further package of business support available through the Economic Resilience Fund (ERF). The ERF will provide support in the form of cash grants for businesses, social enterprises and charities and associated supply chain businesses that have experienced a material negative impact as a result of ongoing COVID-19 restrictions. The grants will help meet operating costs (excluding staff wages) for the period 1st July 2021 and 31st August 2021.

Specifically, the ERF will support businesses that are either:

a) Forced to remain closed or unable to trade by on-going restrictions between 1st July 2021 and 31st August 2021

b) Exclusive event Space and attractions severely impacted by ongoing social distancing regulations

c) Other businesses with >60% impact on Turnover as a direct result of ongoing restrictions since 1st of May and were unable to open indoors before the 17th May 2021

d) A supply chain business that generates 60% or more of its sales revenue from businesses falling into categories a), b) and/or c)

AND **(applies to all):**

Have experienced a severe impact through reduced turnover of 60% or more in July and August 2021 as compared to July and August 2019 caused directly by on-going COVID-19 restrictions.

**The grant will be open to applications from the week commencing the 26th July 2021 and will remain open for a period of 2 weeks.**

You are **not eligible** for this grant if:

* The business generates less than 50% of your income if you are a sole trader or partnership. The business must be your main source of income.
* Your turnover has not reduced by at least 60% compared to the July / August period in 2019 or an equivalent trading period if you started after that date
* You are eligible for support from the Cultural Recovery Fund - Freelancer Support (launched on 17 May 2021).
* The total amount of Covid-19 support grants you have received (including any further award through this discretionary fund) is more than 100% of your turnover for a typical trading year (pre-Covid-19 or estimated without the impact of Covid-19 if your business was established after March 2019).
* **You have received funding for costs for the same time period from funds such as the “Be Active Wales Fund” or the “Communities Resilience Fund**”.

For further information on this grant please read the Economic Resilience Fund Guidance Document by clicking [here](http://umbraco.npt.gov.uk:7153/media/15952/erf-less-than-85k-turnover-edited-guidance-doc-eng-29-06-21.docx)

The Fund is administered in two parts; support for businesses with a turnover greater that £85,000 will be provided directly by the Welsh Government; support for businesses with a turnover of less than £85,000 is administered by Local Authorities. Turnover levels should be for a normal trading year or an estimate if the business started post March 2020.Businesses with a turnover of over £85,000 should go to <https://businesswales.gov.wales/coronavirus-advice/>

Economic Resilience Fund **Application**

**SECTION 1 – Your Personal Details**

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| Title | First name | Last name |
| Address | | |
| Contact telephone number | | E-mail address |
| Post Code | |  |

**SECTION 2 – Information about your business**

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| Business or trading name | Business sector / type of business |
| Street | Town / City |
| Local Authority | Postcode |
| Applicants must provide one of the following: | Number of Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staff as calculated on the 1 May 2021 \* |
| Vat Registration No (if applicable) | Business Rates Account No (if applicable) |
| HMRC Unique Taxpayer Reference (sole traders / partnerships) | Date business started trading |
| Company Registration No (limited companies) | Hackney carriage license number or private minicab licence number (if applicable) |
| Charity Number (if applicable) |  |

**\* The FTE figure can include the owners which may be taking drawings etc., however any employees must be paid through PAYE.**

**SECTION 3 – Impact of the restrictions on your business**

Please tick the following statements if they apply to your business:

My business falls into one of the following categories:

a) Forced to remain closed or unable to trade by on-going restrictions between 1st July 2021 and 31st August 2021, or

b) Event Space and attractions severely impacted by ongoing social distancing regulations, or

c) Other businesses with **>60% impact on Turnover** as a direct result of ongoing restrictions since 1st of May and were unable to open indoors before the 17th May 2021

d) A supply chain business that generates 60% or more of its sales revenue from businesses falling into categories a), b) and/or c)

AND (applies to all):

Have experienced a severe impact through reduced **turnover of 60% or more in July and August 2021** as compared to July and August 2019 caused directly by on-going COVID-19 restrictions.

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| Annual turnover (sales). Please provide the turnover figure for the last full year of trading **prior to** the coronavirus pandemic.  If the business is less than 12 months old, please provide an estimated annual turnover figure since trading commenced. |  |
| **Please provide your Turnover for the following months and attach Business bank statements to evidence these**  (*If you don’t have a Business Bank account we will accept personal bank statements with all relevant* ***BUSINESS transactions highlighted.*** *If transactions aren’t highlighted we will take into account all payments received into the account*for that period.  **NB: If you do not provide Bank Statements, your application cannot be assessed and will be declined.** | |
| Turnover July 2019 £ | Turnover July 2021 (to date) £ |
| Turnover August 2019 £ | Estimated Turnover August 2021 £ |
| Please explain what your business does and provide details of how the ongoing restrictions for the period 1st July 2021 to the 31st August 2021 have / will continue to affect your business and will reduce your turnover by 60% or more during this period.  If you work within the supply chain, please provide full details of the businesses who are your customers. | |

**SECTION 4 – Your business bank details**

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| **Bank Name** | **Account Name** |
| **Sort Code** | **Account Number** |

**In order to assess your application, the local authority requires your latest bank statements and may request further information to evidence trading activity. Failure to provide this information may result in your application being declined.**

**SECTION 5 – Subsidy Control**

Have you received any subsidy (as defined in the UK-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement) during the previous 3 fiscal years (i.e. current fiscal year and the previous two fiscal years)? **YES / NO** If YES, please provide details in the table below.

***Please include all Covid-19 related financial support you have received since March 2020. Examples could include Non Domestic Rates Grants, Economic Resilience Fund, Start-up Grant, Freelancer Fund, Sector Specific Fund and any other discretionary grants.***

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| Body providing assistance | Amount £s | Date |
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Have you received any UK Government subsidies for your business since the start of the pandemic in March 2020 e.g. Self Employment Income Support Scheme (SEISS), Job Retention Scheme (JRS). **YES / NO** If YES, please provide details in the table below.

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| Type of Assistance | Amount £s | Date |
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**SECTION 6 - Declarations**

I confirm that:

* I have read and understood the Economic Resilience Fund guidance document.
* My business operates in Wales.
* I confirm that this business is my main source of income (>50%)
* For limited companies only – I confirm that my business has an annual turnover of between £10,000 and £85,000
* For sole traders / partnerships only – I confirm that my business has an annual turnover of less than £85,000
* I confirm that I will provide all the required evidence to support my application for the Economic Resilience Fund Grant if it is requested.
* If awarded a grant I confirm my business has sufficient financial resources to resume normal trading.
* My business was actively trading and generating sales revenue up to 6pm on the 4th of December 2020 for hospitality businesses or the 19th of December 2020 for other businesses
* I acknowledge that my Local Authority or the Welsh Government will undertake any appropriate business checks considered necessary to assess the application and to check the nature, use and impact of the funding in the future
* I am not eligible for the ‘Cultural Recovery Fund - Freelancer Support (launched on 17 May 2021)
* My business has not been forced to close having infringed social-distancing rules
* I have not received funding through the Third Sector Resilience Fund
* I have not received funding through the Be Active Wales Fund.
* I understand that if a grant payment is made and evidence subsequently emerges to show that I am not eligible for that grant payment, the Local Authority, acting on behalf of Welsh Government, may require repayment of the grant in full or part from me. Also, should it be determined that the payment was made as a result of an act of fraud by me or on my behalf, legal action may be taken against me.
* I confirm that I have read and understood the [privacy statement](https://businesswales.gov.wales/privacy-notice-welsh-government-economic-resilience-fund-grants-start-grant) of the Economic Resilience Fund.
* **I declare that the information provided in this application is true and accurate.**

I agree to **ALL** the above declarations **YES / NO**