



*Via email*

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021

Dear (Business Manager /Owners Name)

### **Hospitality Recovery Grant**

The Council is supporting its hospitality businesses with a life raft of grants ringfenced specifically for pubs, restaurants, bars, cafés and hotels in the Royal Borough of Greenwich.

The application window is now open for the Hospitality Recovery Grant (HRG) scheme with up to £3million available for businesses whose core business is serving customers seated to eat and drink in their premises.

The Hospitality Recovery Grant fund offers larger grants to businesses operating within the hospitality sector that have been significantly affected by the national lockdown and Local Tier 2/3/4 restrictions. The Grant will help meet existing fixed costs such as rent and business rates as well as any costs associated with the reopening of the business. This will be supplemented by the Restart grants which were recently announced in the Budget statement on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021 which businesses will be eligible to receive from April 2021.

In light of this announcement, the HRG scheme has been amended to reflect the introduction of the Restart grants to support recovery and to enable an expanded number of local businesses to benefit from the financial support available through the HRG scheme.

The grant is targeted towards supporting the ongoing business operations of the following types of independent businesses trading within Royal Greenwich:

- Public houses, bars and wine bars
- Café and restaurants (where the substantive part of the business operations is focused towards providing a table service or the café is located within a public park). For the avoidance of doubt this precludes Take Aways
- Licensed function venues such as a banqueting venue or sports club
- Hotels and bed & breakfast
- Supplier businesses servicing the hospitality sector
- Leisure businesses providing indoor recreational / play activities for groups

## The level of Hospitality Recovery Grant Awards

- Businesses with a rateable value of £15,001 or below will receive a cumulative grant of £10,000, which will include the Restart Grant.
- Businesses with a rateable value of between £15,001 and £50,999 will receive a cumulative grant of £15,000, which will include the Restart Grant.
- Businesses with a rateable value of over £50,999 will receive a cumulative grant £25,000, which will include the Restart Grant.

The Council is inviting applications from businesses, up to 15 April 2021. Businesses will be required to provide information and evidence to support the claim via the online application form which can be accessed at [royalgreenwich.gov.uk/hospitalityrecoverygrant](http://royalgreenwich.gov.uk/hospitalityrecoverygrant)

Decisions on applications and grant payment awards will commence at the beginning of April and applicants will be notified of the outcome of their grant application via email no later than the end of April 2021.

Kind regards,



Cllr Danny Thorpe  
Leader, Royal Borough of Greenwich

