

Kick Start Plus Grant

Kick Start Plus is a joint initiative funded by UK Steel Enterprise and administered by Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council. The scheme has been developed to complement the existing business start-up grant initiative. The grant is aimed at supporting businesses from 6 months to 3 years, to help develop and expand their business within Blaenau Gwent.

WHO CAN APPLY

- Blaenau Gwent must be based in Blaenau Gwent to be eligible.
- Sole traders, Partnerships, Limited Companies, Co-operatives, Limited Liability Partnerships
- The business should be operating for more than 30 hours per week.

ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE

- Marketing
- Website
- ICT
- Training/Accreditations
- Other items may be considered providing they add value to the business.

INELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE

- Stock/Consumables
- VAT
- Repair and maintenance costs.
- Revenue costs

AMOUNT OF GRANT

- 50% of eligible and reasonable costs
- Maximum grant up to £2,500.00 (depending on level of demand).

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Initial expression of interest form providing brief outline of project, if accepted then: -
- Application form and cash flow forecast accompanied by:
 - 2 comparable quotations for each item
 - At least 6 months management accounts

FACTORS CONSIDERED

- Jobs created and/or safeguarded Economic Impact i.e. local supply chain opportunities.
- Value for money
- Case Officer evaluation

GRANT OFFER

- Approval letter and grant agreement

PAYMENT

- Proof of expenditure will be required for all items being claimed.
- Paid direct into business bank account.

**For further information on the scheme and/or to register your interest
please contact a member of Blaenau Gwent CBC, Economic Development Unit on 01495 355700**