

COVID-19 Business Advisory Fund – Information for Businesses

- The Government has allocated an additional \$25 million to support businesses through the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The funding is to enable businesses to access expert advice and support.
- Business owners can access up to \$5000 excl. GST per business from the COVID-19 Business Advisory Fund: To use with a range of providers;
 - for a variety of services;
 - depending on their business needs
 - For 100% funding, no co-funding is required.
- Regional Business Partner (RBP) Growth Advisors will work with businesses to assess priority needs and provide access to funding for registered services.
- Funding is available through the RBP Network.
- Register here: www.regionalbusinesspartners.co.nz
- Businesses already registered with the RBP should contact their RBP Growth Advisor or local RBP Partner organization. Contact details are on the RBP website.

Eligibility Criteria for Businesses

Businesses must:

- Have undergone an assessment with a Regional Business Partner Growth Advisor
- Have fewer than 100 full time equivalent employees, and
- be GST registered in New Zealand, and
- have a New Zealand Business Number, and
- be operating in a commercial environment; and
- are a privately owned businesses, or are a Māori Trust or incorporation under the Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993 or similar organisation managing Māori assets under multiple ownership.

Non-eligible organisations

- Charitable trusts
- Incorporated societies