

## BID4Oban COVID-19 Update 16 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2020

We are keeping businesses updated with the latest information regarding the outbreak of Corona Virus. Stay safe.

**Wednesday Update:**

**BUSINESS GRANTS:**

Please see below the latest update from Argyll and Bute Council regarding business grants. If you require support or advice, please contact Andrew Spence via email or phone. Details at foot of this email.

- **Business Support Grant** as of close of play 21<sup>st</sup> April
  - 2067 applications have been processed. By grant type, 1115 have been processed for the £10k grant with 1029 approved, and 129 processed for the £25k grant, with 115 approved
  - **£13.165m** has now been awarded
  - 2890 applications have been received
  - Guidance is still awaited from the Scottish Government on some eligibility issues
  - An updated application form will be required for the extended eligibility (additional grants for multiple properties), launching 5 May

<https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/news/2020/apr/business-grant-support-update>

### **Business Gateway Support**

- Business Gateway webinars running this week to help businesses respond to the COVID-19 crisis include:
  - [An Overview of Digital Marketing in a COVID-19 World – DigitalBoost National Webinar](#)
  - [Managing Your Business Reputation - National Webinar](#)
  - [Taking your Business Online During the Coronavirus Pandemic – National Webinar](#)
  - [How to get Your Business Found in an Increasingly ‘Online’ World – DigitalBoost National Webinar](#)
  - [Getting Your Business Through Covid19 - National Webinar](#)

- [Webinars, Live Streams and Video Conferences: Running a business remotely – DigitalBoost National Webinar](#)
- [Facebook for Business – DigitalBoost National Webinar](#)

## **Government Information**

- **Government launches new coronavirus business support finder tool.** The tool helps businesses and self-employed people across the UK to determine what financial support is available to them during the corona virus pandemic. <https://www.gov.uk/business-coronavirus-support-finder> A link to this will be added to the Council website
- **An independent advisory group has been set up to provide expert economic advice to the Scottish Government** in response to the COVID-19 crisis <https://www.gov.scot/news/advisory-group-on-economic-recovery>

### **OBAN TIMES OPEN FOR BUSINESS PAGES:**

These pages are updated daily. If your business is not listed and you want it listed, please contact us via email.

[www.obantimes.co.uk/openforbusiness/](http://www.obantimes.co.uk/openforbusiness/)

[http://www.bid4oban.co.uk/files/6615/8628/3502/Open for Business 7.4.2020.pdf](http://www.bid4oban.co.uk/files/6615/8628/3502/Open_for_Business_7.4.2020.pdf)

Argyll and Bute Council:

Call centre number for any Corona Virus related issues - 01546 605524

Please see link to all the support that Argyll and Bute Council are offering to business community and a wider range of services on offer. This is a one stop shop for local services:

<https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/coronavirus-help-and-advice>

For all updates please visit our website:

<http://www.bid4oban.co.uk/>

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