

£500m Welsh Economic Resilience Fund

The First Minister of Wales announced a new £500 million fund to provide additional support to the Welsh economy, businesses and charities who are experiencing trading difficulties.

The fund will support firms of all sizes, including social enterprises, with a focus on those which have not already benefited from the coronavirus grants already announced by Welsh and UK Government

The £500 million fund is made up of 2 main elements:

A new £100 million Development Bank of Wales fund will be available for companies experiencing cash flow problems as a result of the pandemic and will provide loans of between £5,000 and £250,000 at favourable interest rates

Businesses will also be able to benefit from a £400 million emergency pot providing:

- Grants of £10,000 for micro-businesses employing up to 9 people. This includes sole traders employing staff. Qualifying businesses will be able to apply by mid-April.
- Grants of up to £100,000 for small and medium sized firms with between 10 and 249 employees. Qualifying businesses will be able to apply from next week.
- Support for larger Welsh companies, which are of critical social or economic importance to Wales. This element will be open to qualifying businesses within the next 2 weeks.

This will support business which essentially need to go into “hibernation” or need cash flow support to adapt to a remote way of working.

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