

Independent Retailer Grant

Eligibility:

- New or existing businesses moving into ground floor premises which have been vacant for at least one month in the Primary Shopping Areas of Andover and Romsey
- Use Classes E(a) (Shops), E(b) (Restaurants and Cafés) and E(e) (Provision of medical or health services (except the use of premises attached to the residence of the consultant or practitioner))
- Sui Generis Tattoo Parlours, Beauticians, Massage Parlours and Nail Bars
- Dependent on all other relevant Council consents (e.g. planning permission, other licenses etc.).
- You should apply for the grant **BEFORE** you start the new business.
- Only one grant per business in any 5 years will be paid.

Please see the maps attached indicating the primary and secondary areas for Andover and Romsey town centres, plus Key. The Primary Shopping Area (solid light blue coloured area) within which are Primary Shopping Frontages (dashed/broken dark blue line) and Secondary Shopping Frontages (solid dark blue line)

The grant does not apply to:

- Nationally-owned multiple chains
- Remaining Class E uses¹ and Sui Generis uses (with the exception of Tattoo Parlours, Beauticians, Massage Parlours and Nail Bars)
- Charity shops
- Businesses already in receipt of the Business Incentive Grant.

Decisions on awarding the grant are made by the Economic Development Officer in consultation with the Head of Finance and Revenues and Economic Development and Tourism Portfolio Holder.

Payment is staged, £600 after 3 months and £600 after 9 months subject to the applicant providing evidence of trading (based on a pro forma) to the Economic Development Officer.

Any Independent Retailer occupying the Andover Retail Incubator (which has received the £250 IRG) is eligible for a second Independent Retailer Grant within 5 years subject to the total combined grants not exceeding £1200 and meeting the other eligibility criteria.

¹ Classes E(ci/ii/iii), E(d), E(f) and E(gi/ii/iii)