

Small Retailers Capital Grants Fund

A Quick Guide/Summary

Introduction

Plymouth Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) is delighted to announce that it is one of 50 priority areas identified to access funding to support small retailers to reduce the risk and incidence of crime. Selection of Plymouth as one of the priority areas has been made on the basis of:

- Deprivation (as measured by the Index of Multiple Deprivation)
- The proportion of small retailers
- Overall crime rates

A total of £5 million funding has been made available to the 50 priority areas, as part of the National Retail Crime Steering Group Action Plan

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/documents/retail-crime-action-plan>

The action plan and grants fund marks real progress in our partnership approach to tackling retail crime and demonstrates our determination to support small retailers during the current hard times. Retail businesses are at the heart of our local communities, employing many people, and also providing vital services to residents. This grant will enable small retailers to apply to purchase security/crime prevention equipment such as Lighting, CCTV (cameras/monitors), Radios (shopwatch or similar scheme), Mirrors, Locks, Bars, Grills, key cabinets, Fences, Alarms, Safes, Fences, bollards, Anti-fraud/counterfeit equipment.

Aim of Funding

The main aim of the funding is to:

- Support work to reduce the risk and occurrence of crime against smaller retailers
- Strengthen local retail partnerships to work collectively to reduce crime and disorder
- Identify creative and effective means to tackle crime against small retailers which can be shared more widely with the business community

Eligibility Criteria

For the purpose of this fund, the definition of **Retailing** is the **sale of goods or commodities directly to the consumer** (e.g. household, retail, newspapers, fruit and vegetables and other foods) as opposed to offering services (e.g. hair dressing, dry-cleaning, funeral services etc).

How do we define a Small retailer? A Retailer sells goods or commodities directly to the consumer (e.g. household, retail, newspapers, fruit and vegetable and other foods) from a fixed premise.

To be eligible for this fund, retailers must also:

- Have no more than 3 shops/ retail outlets which are each
- less than 280 sq metres and
- have fewer than 10 staff working in each store at any one time

Size of your company:

We also expect that you have a balance sheet (shows what assets and liabilities a company has) of no more than £3.26 million, or an annual turnover (total sales revenue) of less than £6.5 million 10.

Applications are expected to contribute to one or more of the following themes to make your shopping district more attractive to customers and employees:

- **Theme 1** - Work that reduces the risk and occurrence of crime such as anti-social behaviour, shoplifting, fraud, criminal damage, robbery, burglary, hate crime and violent crime through the installation of equipment within your shop(s)/ retail outlet(s).
- **Theme 2** - Work that adds value to existing crime/anti social behaviour prevention and reduction schemes to improve local shopping districts.
- **Theme 3** – External work that is visible, provides reassurance and builds confidence that shops and shopping areas are safe.
- **Theme 4** - Equipment that help small business work collectively and in partnership with the police and other statutory agencies such as local authorities and fire and rescue authorities.
- **Theme 5** – Work that supports particularly vulnerable retailers including those in rural and minority communities where crime is a particular problem.

All money must be spent on capital equipment or capital works by 31st March 2010 to reduce the risk of and help to prevent crime and meet the aims as listed above.

For more information on fund criteria please visit:

www.grantsadmin.co.uk/smallretailerscapitalfund or call 0845 223 5454

How much funding can I/We apply for?

- You can apply for a **small grant** worth up to £3,000 for individual small retailers, **or**
- You can apply for a **Partnership grant** worth up to £50,000 for groups of small retailers (eg a parade or row of shops)

You can apply for a single Small Grant, and be a Partner in a single Partnership Grant, but more than one Small Grant application and one Partnership Grant application per applicant will not be accepted.

How do I/We apply?

Please read all the Guidance before you apply:

<http://grantsadmin.co.uk/smallretailerscapitalfund/SRCGFGuidanceNotes.pdf>

You can apply either:

- 'on-line' at: www.grantsadmin.co.uk/smallretailerscapitalfund
- by post to: **Small Retailers Capital Grant Fund, Grants Programme Administrator, 2nd Floor, 154 Great Charles Street, Queensway, Birmingham, B3 3HN**

**ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY NOT LATER THAN
2.00PM ON 30TH SEPTEMBER 2009
(Applications received after the deadline will not be considered!)**

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