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COVID-19 BUSINESS SUPPORT EXPERIMENTAL STATISTICS: STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK BUSINESS FUND (TRANCHE 5) AND OTHER LOCAL AUTHORITY SUPPORT SCHEMES

Additionally contains information on:

- Hospitality, Retail and Leisure Top-Up fund
- Island Equivalent Payments
- Island Equivalent Payments Top-Up
- Local Authority Discretionary Fund
- Taxi and Private Hire Driver Support Fund
- Contingency Plus: Travel Agents
- Contingency Plus: Brewers
- Contingency Plus: Indoor Football Centres
- Exclusive Use and Large Self Catering Grant
- Small Accommodation Providers paying Council Tax Fund

Summary

This publication provides experimental statistics for the Strategic Framework Business Fund (SFBF), which was set up to support businesses in Scotland that are required by law to close or to significantly change their operations due to direct COVID-19 restrictions. The Fund was opened on 2nd November 2020 and provides support through a temporary closure grant or a business restrictions grant (see introduction section for more details). This publication provides information on these funds cumulatively from their introduction on 2nd November 2020, to the 22nd of March 2021.

Additionally, this publication provides information on other support funds administered by Local Authorities across Scotland from their introduction up to the 26th of March (see introduction section for details). Information is available for payments made under the following schemes:

- Hospitality, Retail and Leisure Top-Up grant;
- Island Equivalent Payments;
- Island Equivalent Payments Top-Up;
- Local Authority Discretionary Fund;
- Taxi and Private Hire Driver Support Fund;
- Contingency Plus: Travel Agents;
- Contingency Plus: Brewers;
- Contingency Plus: Indoor Football Centres;
- Exclusive Use and Large Self Catering Grant;
- Small Accommodation Providers paying Council Tax Fund.

Below is a set of tables summarising the funding paid under these schemes and a summary of the funds and status of each scheme

Table 1: Funding summary

Scotland level summary

SFBF - restrictions and closures as at 22 March

Premises Applying*	Applications Awaiting processing*		Premises Rejected, Referred or Deferred		Accepted Premises		Total paid
Number	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	value (£)
68,705	1,420	2%	21,054	31%	46,231	67%	330,144,331

*Processing applications may have more than one premise, therefore processing may underestimate the number of premises. Due to this the total premise applying may also be a slight underestimate until the processing records have resolved

Retail Hospitality Leisure Top Up as at 26 March

Eligible premise	Eligible premise paid	% of eligible that have been paid	Total paid (£)
34,608	32,748	95%	228,345,650

Island Equivalent Payments (IEP) - equivalent to SFBF closure and restrictions as at 26 March

total premise	Number processing	Processing (%)	Number approved	approved (%)	premises paid	premise paid as percent of accepted	Total paid (£)
1,970	60	3%	1,723	87%	1,570	91%	8,148,300

Island Equivalent Top Up as at 26 March

Eligible premise	Eligible premise paid	% of eligible that have been paid	Total paid (£)
647	588	91%	4,047,000

Discretionary fund as at 26 March

total premise	Number processing	Processing (%)	Number approved	approved (%)	premises paid	premise paid as percent of accepted	Total paid (£)
17,318	2,047	12%	10,613	61%	10,039	95%	38,096,603

Taxi and private hire driver support as at 26 March

Eligible drivers	Drivers paid	% of eligible drivers paid	Total paid (£)
33,764	21,517	64%	32,275,500

Contingency plus as at 26 March

Fund Type	Number of premise paid	Total paid (£)
Travel Agents	212	3,320,000
Breweries	98	1,480,000
Indoor Football Centres	10	205,000
Total	320	5,005,000

Tourism accommodation as at 26 March

Fund Type	Number of premise paid	Total paid (£)
Exclusive Use and Large Self Catering	1,047	2,178,000
Small Accommodation Providers (SAP-CTF) – Wave 1	306	1,809,000
Small Accommodation Providers (SAP-CTF) – Wave 2	110	660,000
Total	1,463	4,647,000

Total paid (£) (8 schemes above)
650,709,384

As at 22nd March 2021 a total of £330,144,331 has been paid out to 46,231 premises under the SFBF business restrictions and closure grants. As at 26th March a total of £228,345,650 has been paid out to 32,748 premises under the Hospitality, Retail and Leisure Top Up funds, giving a combined total of £558,489,981 for the two schemes.

The maximum amount forecast for SFBF payments for the period from 2nd November 2020 to the 22nd March was £419,570,000 (assigned pro rata for the period¹). Of this amount, £330,144,331 (79%) of the forecasted spend has so far been disbursed to 46,231 businesses premises. The 22nd March payment was the final 4-weekly award from this fund. In April all SFBF recipients will be paid a final 2-week transitional award and a one-off restart grant.

At the national level, 67% of the 68,705 premises applying for SFBF were accepted. 30% of applications were rejected, and 1% were either referred or deferred². The remaining 2% were still awaiting processing.

Of the £330,144,331 paid to businesses under the SFBF scheme (not including the 'Hospitality, Retail and Leisure top-up funds') the breakdown of funding is as follows:

- 90% of funds were paid to businesses with rateable value less than £51,000, the remaining 10% being paid to larger businesses.
- 93% of funds were paid out under the temporary closure fund with the remaining 7% paid out under the business restrictions fund.

Under the Island Equivalent Payments (IEP) scheme £8,148,300 has been paid to 1,570 premises. An additional £4,047,000 has been paid to 588 premises under the IEP Top-Up scheme, for a total payment of £12,195,300 across both schemes.

Under the 'taxi and private hire driver support fund' a total of £32,275,500 has been paid out to drivers as of 26th March 2021. This money was paid to 21,517 drivers, which accounts for 64% of the 33,764³ eligible drivers.

Under the Local Authority Discretionary fund £38,096,603 has been paid to 10,039 premises. Of the 17,318 premises applying; 61% have been accepted, 27% rejected, referred or deferred, and 12% are still to be processed.

For the Contingency Plus payments a total of £5,005,000 has been paid to 320 Travel Agents, Breweries and Indoor Football Centres. The majority of these businesses were Travel Agents.

¹ This is using an 'indicative allocation' for the period 28 December 2020 to 22 March 2021 which would have been the amount that would have allocated the 4 week cycle of payments had been kept. This allows a comparator percentage of payments made to date in line with previous publications.

² Referral or deferral can occur for a variety of reasons and refers to applications that have been passed to a different processing body or have been set aside pending resolution of an issue that goes beyond normal processing.

³ This figure is an estimate based on the number of eligible drivers each Local Authority reported that they have in their area.

For Exclusive Use Properties that provide accommodation £102,000 has so far been paid to 12 premises and for 1,035 large self-catering properties a total of £2,076,000 has been paid. Additionally, £2,469,000 has been awarded to 416 small accommodation providers who pay council tax.

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1. Introduction and background

All businesses in Scotland that are required by law to close or to directly and significantly change their operations due to COVID-19 restrictions from 2nd November 2020 have been eligible to apply for grant funding available through the Scottish Government's Strategic Framework Business Fund (SFBF). This fund is now closed for applications. The SFBF is administered by Local Authorities. A business could previously apply for a:

- temporary closure grant of £2,000 or £3,000 (depending on rateable value for the premises from which businesses operate) if it is required to close by law; or,
- business restrictions grant of £1,400 or £2,100 (depending on rateable value for the premises from which businesses operate) if it can remain open but is specifically required to modify its operations by law, for example having to close earlier than normal. This does not include where a demand for products or services has been reduced because of the pandemic.

Payments have been made in arrears, and the final four-weekly payment from the Strategic Framework Business Fund was made on 22 March 2021. On 19 April 2021, all SFBF recipients will automatically receive a combined final two-week payment from the Fund and a one-off restart grant to help them reopen.

More information on the SFBF can be found here [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): Strategic Framework Business Fund - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/topics/coronavirus/covid-19/strategic-framework-business-fund).

The support provided through the SFBF is separate from that made available to businesses through the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Restrictions Fund, which supported businesses impacted by local COVID-19 restrictions from 9th October until 1st November. Applications for that funding closed on 3rd November 2020, and statistics are reported using a separate publication. ([Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - business support funding: statistics \(circuit breaker\) – 29 January 2021 - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/topics/coronavirus/covid-19/business-support-funding-statistics))

Hospitality , Retail and Leisure Top Up funds

The Scottish Government announced on 21st December 2020 (hospitality), 27th December 2020 (retail) and 11th January 2021 (leisure) a new package of support to help businesses in these sectors closed or impacted by protective measures. For more detail see [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): strategic framework business fund - sector top-up funds for hospitality, retail and leisure - information for local authorities - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/topics/coronavirus/covid-19/strategic-framework-business-fund-sector-top-up-funds)

Island Equivalent Payments and Top Up

The island equivalent payment recognises that while islands face a lower level of restrictions, there are significant impacts on many island businesses. For eligible businesses, this fund brings the support available to them in line with similar businesses subject to level 4 restrictions on the mainland, for January and beyond. This fund is available in Orkney, Shetland and Comhairle nan-Eilean Siar, and islands in Highland and Argyll and Bute. It also provides for an equivalent additional payment to the 'Hospitality , Retail and Leisure Top Up fund'. For more information please see:

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): Island Equivalent Payment - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/topics/coronavirus/covid-19/island-equivalent-payment)

Local Authority Discretionary Fund

This fund was established to mitigate the short term financial challenges being experienced by businesses adversely impacted by restrictions and regulations introduced to control the spread of COVID-19. It enables individual local authorities to direct additional financial support to groups, sectors or businesses within their local business communities who are experiencing immediate financial challenges as a result of current restrictions and regulations.

Local authorities can use this fund at their discretion, and undertake their own assessment of need and develop application processes accordingly. Relevant information is published on individual local authority websites.

The fund was doubled from its original £30 million to £60 million, and has since been doubled again to £120 million in February 2021 to allow councils to respond further to local economic pressures.

For more information please see [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): local authority discretionary fund - information - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/Topics/Coronavirus/COVID-19/local-authority-discretionary-fund-information)

Taxi and Private Hire Driver Support Fund

Licensed taxi or private hire driver experiencing financial challenge as a result of coronavirus (COVID-19) may be eligible to receive a one-off grant of £1,500. This support is separate from and in addition to any other funding they may have received from the Scottish or UK Government, for example the Self-Employed Income Support Scheme and the COVID-19 Public Transport Mitigation Fund. This fund closed on 25th March 2021.

More details can be found here [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): Taxi and Private Hire Driver Support Fund - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/Topics/Coronavirus/COVID-19/taxi-private-hire-driver-support-fund)

Contingency Plus Travel Agents

This fund was introduced in recognition of the specific challenges that travel agencies and companies that sell outbound business and leisure travel services are experiencing as a result of COVID-19. It recognises the specific challenges Travel Agents have experienced since the outset of the pandemic and the ongoing disruption they are likely to face as a result of restrictions on international travel. This provided a one-off grant of up to £25,000 for eligible businesses based on the Rateable Value of the premises from which they operate. This fund closed on 31st March 2021.

More details can be found here: [Support for Travel Agents \(findbusinesssupport.gov.scot\)](https://findbusinesssupport.gov.scot)

Contingency Plus Brewers

This fund was introduced in recognition of the specific challenges that breweries are experiencing as a result of COVID-19 due to impacts on their business of the closure of the hospitality sector. Many breweries derive a substantial portion of their income from selling beer to pubs, bar and restaurants and have experienced a dramatic drop in sales since the outset of the pandemic due to the restrictions placed on hospitality businesses.

This provided a one-off grant of up to £30,000 for eligible businesses based on the Rateable Value of the premises from which they operate. This fund closed on 31st March 2021.

More details can be found here: [Brewers Support Fund \(findbusinesssupport.gov.scot\)](https://findbusinesssupport.gov.scot)

Contingency Plus Indoor Football Centres

This fund was introduced in recognition of the specific challenges that Indoor Football Centres are experiencing as a result of COVID-19. This provided a one-off grant of up to £25,000 for eligible businesses based on the Rateable Value of the premises from which they operate.

More details can be found here: [Support for Indoor Football Centres \(findbusinesssupport.gov.scot\)](https://findbusinesssupport.gov.scot)

Exclusive Use and Large Self Catering Grant

grant payments were made available to support:

- large self-catering properties
- exclusive use properties that provide accommodation

The Exclusive Use Grant was announced in December 2020

In recognition of the restrictions on gatherings and the one household rule for self-catering accommodation, Exclusive use properties that provide accommodation are eligible for one off grants of £10,000, if they pay Non Domestic Rates and have been evaluated by the Scottish Assessors Association as an Exclusive Use Venue providing overnight accommodation, either in their main building or in lodges at the property, or a combination of both. There is no cap on the number of premises per business.

The Large Self-Catering Grant was announced in December 2020 .

This fund has been designed in recognition that larger self-catering properties have been uniquely impacted by the single household rule introduced on 23 September 2020. Self-catering businesses are eligible if they have a property which accommodates 7 or more people for which they pay Non Domestic Rates. The number of bed spaces will be linked to records held by Rates Assessors. The large self-catering grant will make one off payments of £2,000 available to eligible applicants.

More details can be found here [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): support for large self catering and exclusive use properties - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot)

Small Accommodation Providers paying Council Tax Fund

The **Support for Small Accommodation Providers Paying Council Tax Fund (SAP-CTF)** is to support small accommodation providers in Scotland that pay council tax, including B&Bs, guest houses and self-catering properties, and which have been impacted by the coronavirus (COVID-19) restrictions.

This fund will be delivered in the three waves.

The first and second waves will support businesses that have previously been supported by either the Bed and Breakfast hardship fund or Creative, Tourism and Hospitality Hardship Fund in 2020.

The third wave is for other eligible businesses who have not previously been funded by either of these schemes. Applications for the third wave went live on Monday 15 March and applications closed on Monday 22nd March.

The grant took the form of one £6,000 award, the equivalent of three 4-weekly payments of £2,000.

More details can be found here [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): Small Accommodation Providers Paying Council Tax \(SAP-CTF\) - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/topics/council-tax/council-tax-reduction/council-tax-reduction-schemes/coronavirus-council-tax-reduction-schemes/coronavirus-council-tax-reduction-schemes-small-accommodation-providers)

2. Strategic Framework Business Fund applications

2.1 Disbursement of support

This section relates to funds paid to business premises. Table 2 to Table 6 show information from 2nd November to 22nd March for the temporary closure grant and business restrictions grant.

The maximum amount forecast for SFBF payments for the period from 2nd November 2020 to the 22nd March is £419,570,000. Of this amount, £330,144,331 (79%) of the forecasted spend has so far been disbursed to businesses, based on 46,231 accepted premises.

This fund is now closed to applications.

National level spend and forecast completed (2nd November to 22nd March)

Funding allocated to LAs £	Spend £	% forecasted spend that has been used
419,570,000	330,144,331	79%

2.2 Local Authority Level Spend

At the Local Authority level disbursement ranged from 10%⁴ to 100% of maximum forecast expenditure.

Table 2: SFBF Grant Spending and Budget Allocation by LA (2 November to 22 March)

Local Authority	Actual Spend (£)	Budget Allocated to LA (£)	% Budget that has been allocated
Aberdeen City	9,108,825	16,300,000	56%
Aberdeenshire	11,041,589	14,950,000	74%
Angus	6,218,414	7,480,000	83%
Argyll and Bute	12,447,600	17,380,000	72%
Clackmannanshire	2,245,600	2,350,000	96%
Dumfries and Galloway	14,174,500	15,210,000	93%
Dundee City	8,112,200	10,600,000	77%
East Ayrshire	6,330,775	7,040,000	90%
East Dunbartonshire	3,762,625	5,380,000	70%
East Lothian	4,933,800	6,090,000	81%
East Renfrewshire	2,855,734	4,290,000	67%
City of Edinburgh	34,943,600	48,990,000	71%
Falkirk	6,243,925	7,540,000	83%
Fife	21,055,850	21,850,000	96%
Glasgow City	41,614,025	52,130,000	80%
Highland	34,370,250	36,790,000	93%
Inverclyde	2,954,700	4,000,000	74%
Midlothian	2,768,200	4,080,000	68%
Moray	6,398,800	7,290,000	88%
Na h-Eileanan Siar*	3,398,400	3,880,000	88%
North Ayrshire	7,520,700	9,320,000	81%
North Lanarkshire	11,647,275	16,000,000	73%
Orkney Islands*	339,000	3,350,000	10%
Perth and Kinross	13,272,000	15,640,000	85%
Renfrewshire	8,623,250	11,790,000	73%
Scottish Borders	10,150,900	10,190,000	100%
Shetland Islands*	1,709,600	2,490,000	69%
South Ayrshire	8,314,880	10,750,000	77%
South Lanarkshire	11,788,754	18,910,000	62%
Stirling	9,783,835	11,580,000	84%
West Dunbartonshire	4,036,325	5,830,000	69%
West Lothian	7,978,400	10,100,000	79%

⁴ Na h-Eileanan Siar, Orkney and Shetland's forecast are indicative of levels 4 restrictions, and so may be a slight over-estimate. Additionally, these regions receive funds under the Island Equivalent Payment Scheme which are not included here, making their percentage appear lower.

Scotland	330,144,331	419,570,000	79%
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2.2.1 Local Authority level disbursements by support type

Disbursements were made amounting to a total of £307,131,735 for the temporary closure grant. For the business restrictions grant, a total of £23,012,596 was disbursed. Thus 93% of funds paid are for closures, with the remaining 7% being paid for restrictions. This reflects the nature and extent of Level 4 restrictions in place before and since 26th December 2020.

Table 3: SFBF funds by payment type and LA (from 2nd November to 22nd March)

Local Authority	Temporary Closure (£)	Business Restrictions (£)	Total (£)
Aberdeen City	8,398,050	710,775	9,108,825
Aberdeenshire	9,984,378	1,057,211	11,041,589
Angus	5,748,014	470,400	6,218,414
Argyll and Bute	11,385,000	1,062,600	12,447,600
Clackmannanshire	2,107,000	138,600	2,245,600
Dumfries and Galloway	13,345,000	829,500	14,174,500
Dundee City	7,660,000	452,200	8,112,200
East Ayrshire	5,277,525	1,053,250	6,330,775
East Dunbartonshire	3,604,250	158,375	3,762,625
East Lothian	4,504,000	429,800	4,933,800
East Renfrewshire	2,812,984	42,750	2,855,734
City of Edinburgh	31,788,000	3,155,600	34,943,600
Falkirk	5,938,500	305,425	6,243,925
Fife	19,508,500	1,547,350	21,055,850
Glasgow City	39,015,750	2,598,275	41,614,025
Highland	32,405,000	1,965,250	34,370,250
Inverclyde	2,759,250	195,450	2,954,700

Midlothian	2,547,000	221,200	2,768,200
Moray	6,018,000	380,800	6,398,800
Na h-Eileanan Siar	3,213,600	184,800	3,398,400
North Ayrshire*	6,950,900	569,800	7,520,700
North Lanarkshire	11,090,125	557,150	11,647,275
Orkney Islands	24,000	315,000	339,000
Perth and Kinross	12,330,600	941,400	13,272,000
Renfrewshire	8,275,000	348,250	8,623,250
Scottish Borders	9,601,850	549,050	10,150,900
Shetland Islands	1,567,000	142,600	1,709,600
South Ayrshire	7,966,455	348,425	8,314,880
South Lanarkshire	11,204,254	584,500	11,788,754
Stirling	8,558,700	1,225,135	9,783,835
West Dunbartonshire	3,835,250	201,075	4,036,325
West Lothian	7,707,800	270,600	7,978,400
Scotland	307,131,735	23,012,596	330,144,331

*North Ayrshire has revised down its estimate of restricted payments, and revised upwards its estimate of closure payments since our last publication of this data

2.2.2 Local Authority Spend by Rateable Value

For smaller premises with a RV less than £51K, 43,166 premises were paid a total of £295,992,633. For larger business with RV greater than £51K, a total of 3,065 premises were paid a total of £34,151,698. 90% of funds were paid to smaller businesses, with the remaining 10% going to larger businesses.

Table 4: SFBF Funds paid by Rateable Value and Local Authority (from 2nd November to 22nd March)

Rateable Value gives an indication of the size of the business premise receiving the funds and also determines the payment rate

Local Authority	RV ≤ 51k		RV > 51k		Total	
	Premises paid Number	Value (£)	Premises paid Number	Value (£)	Premises paid Number	Value (£)
Aberdeen City	1,081	6,901,350	208	2,207,475	1,289	9,108,825
Aberdeenshire	1,530	10,218,653	97	822,936	1,627	11,041,589
Angus	891	6,027,014	17	191,400	908	6,218,414
Argyll & Bute	1,853	11,872,200	49	575,400	1,902	12,447,600
Clackmannanshire	301	2,095,600	13	150,000	314	2,245,600
Dumfries & Galloway*	2,097	13,588,900	53	585,600	2,150	14,174,500
Dundee	996	6,812,000	112	1,300,200	1,108	8,112,200
East Ayrshire	754	5,839,125	44	491,650	798	6,330,775
East Dunbarton	537	3,550,750	26	211,875	563	3,762,625
East Lothian	695	4,505,400	38	428,400	733	4,933,800
East Renfrewshire	344	2,723,637	15	132,097	359	2,855,734
Edinburgh	4,259	28,924,400	560	6,019,200	4,819	34,943,600
Falkirk	829	5,466,100	69	777,825	898	6,243,925
Fife	3,022	19,194,200	171	1,861,650	3,193	21,055,850
Glasgow	4,561	34,379,450	577	7,234,575	5,138	41,614,025
Highland	5,218	32,313,250	181	2,057,000	5,399	34,370,250
Inverclyde	414	2,786,500	18	168,200	432	2,954,700
Midlothian	355	2,461,600	29	306,600	384	2,768,200
Moray	939	5,903,200	45	495,600	984	6,398,800
Na H-Eileanan Siar	537	3,277,800	6	120,600	543	3,398,400
North Ayrshire	1,060	7,015,500	43	505,200	1,103	7,520,700
North Lanarkshire	1,319	10,366,100	106	1,281,175	1,425	11,647,275
Orkney	34	297,000	2	42,000	36	339,000
Perth & Kinross	1,890	12,260,400	101	1,011,600	1,991	13,272,000
Renfrewshire	919	7,715,750	71	907,500	990	8,623,250
Scottish Borders	1,518	9,730,750	43	420,150	1,561	10,150,900
Shetland	239	1,545,200	15	164,400	254	1,709,600
South Ayrshire	991	7,607,815	68	707,065	1,059	8,314,880
South Lanarkshire	1,427	10,966,129	67	822,625	1,494	11,788,754
Stirling	1,163	8,715,760	96	1,068,075	1,259	9,783,835
West Dunbartonshire	545	3,681,500	32	354,825	577	4,036,325
West Lothian	848	7,249,600	93	728,800	941	7,978,400
Scotland	43,166	295,992,633	3,065	34,151,698	46,231	330,144,331

*Dumfries and Galloway has revised down its number of accepted premise since last publication

2.3 Application status

This section describes application status and it is important to recognise that the figures quoted in this section relate to applications rather than awards. Table 5 shows information from the payment period, from 2nd November 2020 to 22nd March 2021.

As of 22nd March there have been 68,705 premises⁵ applying for SFBF business support made to Local Authorities across Scotland. 46,231 (67%) of these premises have been accepted. The number of applications awaiting processing as at 22nd March was 1,420. This is equivalent to 2% of all premises applying for the SFBF since it was launched.

At the national level, approximately 30% of applications were rejected, and 1% were either referred or deferred⁶.

This fund is now closed to applications.

Application status at the national level

Premises applying*	Awaiting processing*		Premise Rejected		Premise referred or deferred		Premise accepted	
	Number	Number %	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
68,705	1,420	2%	20,272	30%	782	1%	46,231	67%

*Processing applications may have more than one premise, but may not have been filed into the councils database as of yet, therefore processing may underestimate the number of premises. Due to this the total premise applying may also be a slight underestimate until the processing records have resolve

The distribution of applications status varied considerably by Local Authority—see Table 5.

⁵ It should be noted that applications to this scheme may contain more than one premise. Since it is often not possible to know the number of premises on an application form until it is processed, unprocessed applications are counted as one premise. Given the low number of unprocessed applications the effects of this approximation are not expected to be large

⁶ Referral or deferral can occur for a variety of reasons and refers to applications that have been passed to a different processing body or have been set aside pending resolution of an issue that goes beyond normal processing.

Table 5: Business Restriction Fund Application Status by Local Authority

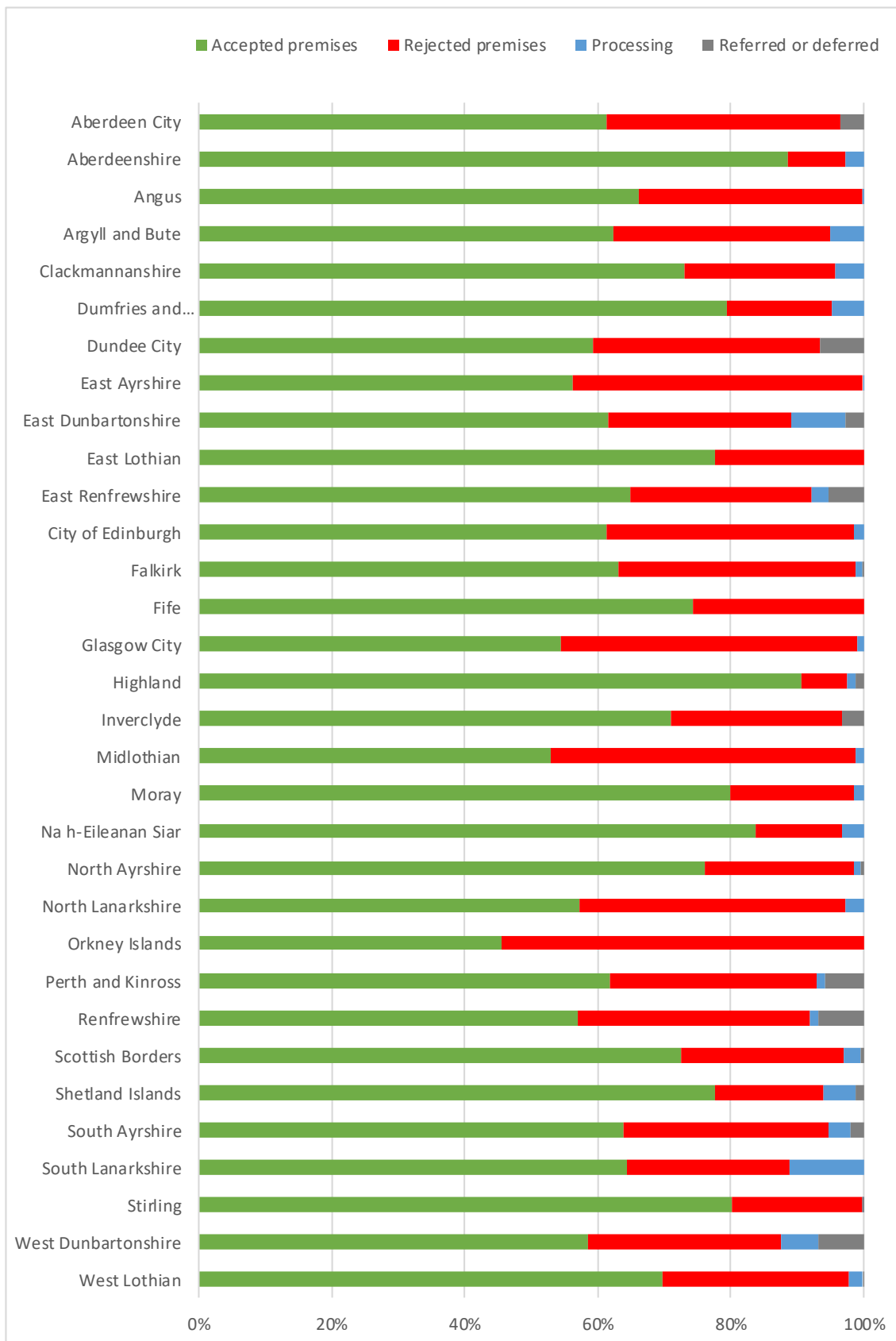


Table 6 summarises the reasons for rejecting applications. Applications may be rejected for several reasons including multiple applications made by a single business, not meeting the eligibility criteria or not providing sufficient information. The most common reason was that the applicant was in an ineligible sector. An estimated 54% of applications rejected (as of 26th March) fell into this category.

Table 6: Scotland level, reasons for rejection for SFBF ‘temporary closure fund’ and ‘business restrictions fund’ applications, as of 26 March

Reason	Rejections	Percentage
Ineligible sector	11,083	54%
Not Enough Information Supplied	475	2%
Duplicate Application	2,131	10%
HQ Outside Local Authority Area	301	1%
Not trading	365	2%
Other	2,975	14%
Reason not recorded	3,238	16%
Total rejections	20,568	100%

3. Hospitality, Retail and Leisure Top-Up Grants

Under the 'Hospitality, Retail and Leisure Top-Up Grants' scheme a total of £228,345,650 has been paid to businesses. These funds have been paid to 32,748 businesses, which accounts for 95% of businesses that are estimated to be eligible for top ups.

Businesses in na H-Eileanan Siar, Orkney and Shetland were not eligible for this funding they are however eligible to equivalent support under the Island Equivalent Payment fund.

Of the 29 Eligible Local Authorities 28 have reached 90% or more of eligible businesses and 21 Local Authorities have reached 100% of eligible businesses.

This fund is now closed.

Table 7: Hospitality, Retail and Leisure Top-Up payments as of 26 March

Local Authority	Eligible premise	Eligible premise paid	% of eligible that have been paid	Total paid (£)
Aberdeen	1,079	1,077	100%	8,430,000
Aberdeenshire	1,211	1,211	100%	8,241,950
Angus	707	707	100%	4,432,400
Argyll & Bute	746	746	100%	5,090,000
Clackmannanshire	286	281	98%	1,789,000
Dumfries & Galloway	1,206	1,206	100%	7,705,000
Dundee	976	976	100%	5,306,900
East Ayrshire	721	721	100%	4,803,750
East Dunbartonshire	437	437	100%	2,824,000
East Lothian	570	539	95%	3,689,000
East Renfrewshire	334	334	100%	2,143,000
Edinburgh	3,764	3,764	100%	29,781,000
Falkirk	813	813	100%	5,554,000

Fife	2,380	2,380	100%	16,065,000
Glasgow	4,946	4,755	96%	35,007,000
Highland	3,553	2,049	58%	14,463,000
Inverclyde	387	387	100%	2,483,000
Midlothian	333	333	100%	2,316,000
Moray	615	615	100%	4,108,000
Na H-Eileanan Siar	-	-	-	0
North Ayrshire	792	792	100%	5,399,000
North Lanarkshire	1,387	1,363	98%	9,160,000
Orkney	-	-	-	0
Perth & Kinross	1,065	1,029	97%	8,156,000
Renfrewshire	916	916	100%	6,220,000
Scottish Borders	1,032	1,026	99%	6,548,000
Shetland	-	-	-	0
South Ayrshire	867	806	93%	5,472,000
South Lanarkshire	1,396	1,396	100%	9,131,500
Stirling	761	761	100%	5,156,150
West Dunbartonshire	444	444	100%	3,089,000
West Lothian	884	884	100%	5,782,000
Scotland	34,608	32,748	95%	228,345,650

Footnote: Na h-Eileanan Siar, Orkney, and Shetland do not receive this funding and are instead paid under the Island Equivalent Payment top-up

4. Taxi and private hire driver support fund

Under the 'taxi and private hire driver support fund' a total of £32,275,500 has been paid out to drivers as of 26th March 2021. This money was paid to 21,517 drivers, which accounts for 64% of the 33,764⁷ eligible drivers. Local Authorities have contacted 99% of the eligible drivers to invite them to verify their eligibility for funding. So far 70% of all eligible drivers have submitted an application for processing. A budget of £57,000,000 is available for this fund, and payments so far have used 57% of this budget.

This fund closed on the 25 March, and all Local Authorities are in the process of making payments to drivers under this scheme.

Table 8: taxi and private hire driver support fund summary by Local Authority as of 26th March

Local Authority	Eligible drivers	Percentage of eligible drivers who have:			Total paid (£)
		been contacted	Returned application	Been paid	
Aberdeen	1,197	100%	81%	71%	1,278,000
Aberdeenshire	1,381	100%	10%	5%	109,500
Angus	254	100%	79%	56%	211,500
Argyll & Bute	410	100%	60%	50%	310,500
Clackmannanshire	118	100%	75%	72%	127,500
Dumfries & Galloway	459	95%	61%	58%	396,000
Dundee	1,010	100%	97%	89%	1,353,000
East Ayrshire	363	100%	86%	71%	385,500
East Dunbartonshire	598	100%	71%	70%	630,000
East Lothian	309	100%	49%	45%	210,000
East Renfrewshire	543	100%	66%	60%	492,000
Edinburgh	6,185	100%	84%	71%	6,586,500

⁷ This figure is an estimate based on the number of eligible drivers each Local Authority reported that they have in their area.

Falkirk	584	100%	79%	77%	672,000
Fife	1,490	100%	73%	73%	1,642,500
Glasgow	7,022	100%	70%	66%	6,958,500
Highland	975	100%	53%	48%	703,500
Inverclyde	554	100%	69%	68%	567,000
Midlothian	295	100%	57%	57%	250,500
Moray	313	100%	33%	28%	133,500
Na H-Eileanan Siar	156	100%	56%	56%	132,000
North Ayrshire	482	100%	69%	64%	463,500
North Lanarkshire	2,519	100%	67%	61%	2,311,500
Orkney	104	100%	51%	50%	78,000
Perth & Kinross	545	100%	58%	56%	460,500
Renfrewshire	1,324	100%	82%	76%	1,512,000
Scottish Borders	289	100%	76%	63%	271,500
Shetland	311	100%	28%	28%	130,500
South Ayrshire	504	100%	89%	72%	543,000
South Lanarkshire	1,956	100%	74%	65%	1,920,000
Stirling	308	100%	73%	69%	318,000
West Dunbartonshire	450	100%	83%	77%	522,000
West Lothian	756	55%	55%	53%	595,500
Scotland	33,764	99%	70%	64%	32,275,500

Of the 23,6735 applications received, 1,957 applications (5.8%) were rejected. The reason for these rejections is summarized below, the majority of rejections were due to failure to provide supporting evidence (44%), with duplicate applications (37%) also being a major reason.

Table 9: Scotland level rejections and reasons from taxi and private hire driver support fund as of 26th March

total rejections	total eligible drivers	rejected as % of eligible drivers	applications received	rejected as % of applications received
1957	33,764	5.8%	23,753	8.2%

Rejection reasons

Reason	Rejections	Percentage
Failure to supply supporting evidence	856	44%
Licensed by different LA	15	1%
Expired or Suspended License	182	9%
Duplicate application	733	37%
Other	171	9%
Not reported	-	0%
Total rejections	1,957	100%

5. Local Authority Discretionary Fund

Under the Local Authority Discretionary fund £38,096,603 has been paid to 10,039 premises. Of the 17,318 premises applying; 61% have been accepted, 27% rejected, referred or deferred, and 12% are still to be processed.

Table 10: Summary of Local Authority Discretionary fund payments as of 26th March

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Reasons for rejections: The main reasons for rejections were asked for and are summarised below -
**unable to fully evidence criteria for fund,
or eligible for a different fund instead (NSEHF/MCCS)**

Local Authority	Total premises applying	Number approved	approved (%)	rejected (inc. referred/deferred) (%)	Processing (%)	premise paid	premise paid as percent of accepted	Total paid (£)
Aberdeen	717	397	55%	44%	1%	384	97%	1,430,000
Aberdeenshire	939	715	76%	19%	5%	698	98%	1,214,000
Angus	336	215	64%	24%	12%	215	100%	992,000
Argyll & Bute	207	83	40%	55%	5%	-	0%	-
Clackmannanshire	184	71	39%	29%	33%	71	100%	142,000
Dumfries & Galloway	1,052	469	45%	35%	20%	434	93%	2,616,000
Dundee	335	165	49%	24%	26%	165	100%	712,500
East Ayrshire	207	150	72%	11%	16%	119	79%	238,000
East Dunbartonshire	431	214	50%	21%	29%	180	84%	720,000
East Lothian	421	324	77%	22%	1%	309	95%	618,000
East Renfrewshire	266	100	38%	42%	20%	94	94%	188,000
Edinburgh	1,466	708	48%	37%	14%	708	100%	2,826,000
Falkirk	847	574	68%	29%	3%	474	83%	1,916,000
Fife	1,784	1,310	73%	23%	4%	1,266	97%	5,064,000

Glasgow	1,409	931	66%	33%	1%	931	100%	3,234,000
Highland	982	376	38%	43%	18%	376	100%	739,362
Inverclyde	228	152	67%	15%	18%	152	100%	743,500
Midlothian	115	41	36%	64%	0%	41	100%	152,000
Moray	582	465	80%	9%	11%	463	100%	926,000
Na H-Eileanan Siar	122	78	64%	20%	16%	73	94%	356,000
North Ayrshire	167	128	77%	7%	16%	125	98%	250,000
North Lanarkshire	977	674	69%	10%	21%	674	100%	3,327,500
Orkney	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Perth & Kinross	481	385	80%	13%	7%	299	78%	2,250,241
Renfrewshire	358	204	57%	36%	7%	204	100%	940,000
Scottish Borders	385	309	80%	4%	16%	222	72%	1,507,000
Shetland	108	45	42%	45%	13%	45	100%	94,000
South Ayrshire	337	237	70%	9%	20%	228	96%	456,000
South Lanarkshire	501	283	56%	13%	31%	283	100%	915,000
Stirling	444	310	70%	24%	6%	310	100%	660,000
West Dunbartonshire	211	71	34%	34%	32%	67	94%	296,000
West Lothian	719	429	60%	32%	8%	429	100%	2,573,500
Scotland	17,318	10,613	61%	27%	12%	10,039	95%	38,096,603

Footnote: Orkney was at too early a stage in the schemes administration to be able to return statistics
Argyll And Bute is yet to report payments under this scheme

Reasons for rejections: The main reasons for rejections were unable to fully evidence criteria for fund, or eligible for a different fund instead (NSEHF/MCCS).

6. Island Equivalent Payments and Top-Up

Under the Island Equivalent Payments (IEP) scheme £8,148,300 has been paid to 1,570 premises. An additional £4,047,000 has been paid to 588 premises under the IEP Top-Up scheme, for a total payment of £12,195,300 across both schemes.

Of the 1,970 premises applying for IEP 87% have been approved, 9% rejected, deferred or referred, and 3% await processing. For the IEP Top-Up an estimated 91% of eligible premises have been paid.

This fund is now closed.

Table 11: Summary of Island Equivalent Payments and Top Up as of 26th March

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Local Authority	total applications	Number approved	approved (%)	rejected (inc. referred/deferred) (%)	Processing (%)	premises paid	premise paid as percent of accepted	Total paid (£)
Argyll & Bute	573	573	100%	0%	0%	521	91%	2,918,100
Highland	44	44	100%	0%	0%	22	50%	143,400
Na H-Eileanan Siar	693	590	85%	11%	4%	543	92%	1,034,800
Orkney	433	332	77%	15%	8%	300	90%	2,950,000
Shetland	227	184	81%	19%	0%	184	100%	1,102,000
Scotland	1,970	1,723	87%	9%	3%	1570	91%	8,148,300

Table 11 b: Summary of Island Equivalent Payments Top Up as of 26 March

Local Authority	Eligible premise	Eligible premise paid	% of eligible that have been paid	Total paid (£)
Argyll & Bute	102	102	100%	710,000
Highland	41	6	15%	39,000
Na H-Eileanan Siar	196	190	97%	1,254,000
Orkney	162	144	89%	937,000
Shetland	146	146	100%	1,107,000
Scotland	647	588	91%	4,047,000

7. Contingency Plus

For the Contingency Plus payments a total of £5,005,000 has been paid to 320 Travel Agents, Breweries and Indoor Football Centres. The majority of these businesses were Travel Agents.

This fund is now closed.

Table 12: Summary of Contingency Plus Fund payments as of 26 March

Fund Type	Number of premise paid	Total paid (£)
Travel Agents	212	3,320,000
Breweries	98	1,480,000
Indoor Football Centres	10	205,000
Total	320	5,005,000

7.1 Contingency Plus: Travel Agents payments as of 26 March

Table 12 a: Contingency Plus: Travel Agents payments as of 26 March

Local Authority	Smaller premises ¹		Larger Premises ²		Total	
	Num. Paid	Funds paid (£)	Num. Paid	Funds paid (£)	Num. Paid	Funds paid (£)
Aberdeen	3	30,000	6	150,000	9	180,000
Aberdeenshire	4	40,000	1	25,000	5	65,000
Angus	3	30,000	0	-	3	30,000
Argyll & Bute	3	30,000	0	-	3	30,000
Clackmannanshire	1	10,000	0	-	1	10,000
Dumfries & Galloway	7	70,000	1	25,000	8	95,000
Dundee	5	50,000	3	75,000	8	125,000
East Ayrshire	4	40,000	0	-	4	40,000

East Dunbartonshire	2	20,000	2	50,000	4	70,000
East Lothian	3	30,000	0	-	3	30,000
East Renfrewshire	1	10,000	4	100,000	5	110,000
Edinburgh	6	60,000	9	225,000	15	285,000
Falkirk	4	40,000	3	75,000	7	115,000
Fife	8	80,000	7	175,000	15	255,000
Glasgow	19	190,000	13	325,000	32	515,000
Highland	4	40,000	3	75,000	7	115,000
Inverclyde	1	10,000	2	50,000	3	60,000
Midlothian	1	10,000	0	-	1	10,000
Moray	2	20,000	2	50,000	4	70,000
Na H-Eileanan Siar	1	10,000	0	-	1	10,000
North Ayrshire	8	80,000	3	75,000	11	155,000
North Lanarkshire	6	60,000	2	50,000	8	110,000
Orkney	1	10,000	0	-	1	10,000
Perth & Kinross	5	50,000	1	25,000	6	75,000
Renfrewshire	5	50,000	3	75,000	8	125,000
Scottish Borders	5	50,000	0	-	5	50,000
Shetland	0	-	0	-	0	-
South Ayrshire	7	70,000	5	125,000	12	195,000
South Lanarkshire	6	60,000	3	75,000	9	135,000
Stirling	2	20,000	2	50,000	4	70,000
West Dunbartonshire	1	10,000	2	50,000	3	60,000
West Lothian	4	40,000	3	75,000	7	115,000
Total	132	1,320,000	80	2,000,000	212	3,320,000

- 1) £10,000 grant for a property from which they operate with a rateable value of £18,000 or under
2) £25,000 grant for a property from which they operate with a rateable value over £18,000
(sometimes payments are less due to the business also receiving money from a different grant scheme)

7.2 Contingency Plus: Breweries payments as of 26 March

Table 12 b: Contingency Plus: Breweries payments as of 26 March

Local Authority	Smaller premises ¹		medium Premises ²		Larger Premises ³		Total	
	num. paid	Funds paid (£)	num. paid	Funds paid (£)	num. paid	Funds paid (£)	num. paid	Funds paid (£)
Aberdeen	0	-	0	-	1	30,000	1	30,000
Aberdeenshire	4	40,000	1	25,000	1	30,000	6	95,000
Angus	2	20,000	0	-	0	-	2	20,000
Argyll & Bute	1	10,000	0	-	1	30,000	2	40,000
Clackmannanshire	0	-	0	-	2	60,000	2	60,000
Dumfries & Galloway	3	30,000	0	-	0	-	3	30,000
Dundee	1	10,000	1	25,000	0	-	2	35,000
East Ayrshire	1	10,000	0	-	0	-	1	10,000
East Dunbartonshire	1	10,000	0	-	0	-	1	10,000
East Lothian	3	30,000	0	-	1	30,000	4	60,000
East Renfrewshire	1	10,000	0	-	0	-	1	10,000
Edinburgh	6	60,000	4	100,000	2	35,000	12	195,000
Falkirk	2	20,000	0	-	0	-	2	20,000
Fife	3	30,000	2	50,000	0	-	5	80,000
Glasgow	4	40,000	2	50,000	2	35,000	8	125,000
Highland	11	110,000	0	-	2	60,000	13	170,000
Inverclyde	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-
Midlothian	3	30,000	0	-	1	30,000	4	60,000

Moray	1	10,000	2	50,000	0	-	3	60,000
Na H-Eileanan Siar	1	10,000	0	-	0	-	1	10,000
North Ayrshire	1	10,000	0	-	0	-	1	10,000
North Lanarkshire	1	10,000	0	-	0	-	1	10,000
Orkney	2	20,000	0	-	0	-	2	20,000
Perth & Kinross	6	60,000	0	-	1	30,000	7	90,000
Renfrewshire	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-
Scottish Borders	2	20,000	1	25,000	2	60,000	5	105,000
Shetland	1	10,000	0	-	0	-	1	10,000
South Ayrshire	1	10,000	0	-	0	-	1	10,000
South Lanarkshire	1	10,000	0	-	0	-	1	10,000
Stirling	2	20,000	1	25,000	0	-	3	45,000
West Dunbartonshire	1	10,000	0	-	1	30,000	2	40,000
West Lothian	1	10,000	0	-	0	-	1	10,000
Total	67	670,000	14	350,000	17	460,000	98	1,480,000

1) £10,000 grant for a property from which they operate with a rateable value of £18,000 or under

2) £25,000 grant for a property from which they operate with a rateable value between £18,001 and £51,000; or

3) £30,000 for brewers which operate from with a premises with rateable value over £51,000 or production over 5,000HL in 2019

(sometimes payments are less due to the business also receiving money from a different grant scheme)

7.3 Contingency Plus: Indoor football payments as of 26 March

Table 12 c: Contingency Plus: Indoor football payments as of 26 March

Local Authority	Smaller premises ¹		Larger Premises ²		Total	
	Num. Paid	Funds paid (£)	Num. Paid	Funds paid (£)	Num. Paid	Funds paid (£)
Aberdeen	0	-	1	25,000	1	25,000
Aberdeenshire	0	-	0	-	0	-
Angus	0	-	0	-	0	-
Argyll & Bute	0	-	0	-	0	-
Clackmannanshire	0	-	0	-	0	-
Dumfries & Galloway	0	-	0	-	0	-
Dundee	0	-	0	-	0	-
East Ayrshire	1	10,000	0	-	1	10,000

East Dunbartonshire	0	-	0	-	0	-
East Lothian	0	-	0	-	0	-
East Renfrewshire	0	-	0	-	0	-
Edinburgh	0	-	1	25,000	1	25,000
Falkirk	0	-	1	25,000	1	25,000
Fife	0	-	0	-	0	-
Glasgow	0	-	2	50,000	2	50,000
Highland	0	-	0	-	0	-
Inverclyde	0	-	0	-	0	-
Midlothian	0	-	1	25,000	1	25,000
Moray	0	-	0	-	0	-
Na H-Eileanan Siar	0	-	0	-	0	-
North Ayrshire	0	-	0	-	0	-
North Lanarkshire	0	-	0	-	0	-
Orkney	0	-	0	-	0	-
Perth & Kinross	0	-	0	-	0	-
Renfrewshire	0	-	1	25,000	1	25,000
Scottish Borders	0	-	0	-	0	-
Shetland	0	-	0	-	0	-
South Ayrshire	0	-	0	-	0	-
South Lanarkshire	0	-	0	-	0	-
Stirling	0	-	0	-	0	-
West Dunbartonshire	2	20,000	0	-	2	20,000
West Lothian	0	-	0	-	0	-
Total	3	30,000	7	175,000	10	205,000

- 1) £10,000 grant for a property from which they operate with a rateable value of £18,000 or under
2) £25,000 grant for a property from which they operate with a rateable value over £18,000
(sometimes payments are less due to the business also receiving money from a different grant scheme)

8. Exclusive Use Self Catering and Large Self Catering Grant

For Exclusive Use Properties that provide accommodation £102,000 has so far been paid to 12 businesses and for 1,035 large self-catering properties £2,086,000 has been paid.

Table 13: Exclusive Use and Large Self Catering Grant payments as of 26 March

Local Authority	Exclusive use		Self-catering		Total	
	premise paid	amount (£)	premise paid	amount (£)	premise paid	amount (£)
Aberdeen	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aberdeenshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
Angus	1	10,000	36	78,000	37	88,000
Argyll & Bute	1	10,000	253	506,000	254	516,000
Clackmannanshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dumfries & Galloway	-	-	62	124,000	62	124,000
Dundee	-	-	-	-	-	-
East Ayrshire	1	10,000	9	18,000	10	28,000
East Dunbartonshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
East Lothian	-	-	-	-	-	-
East Renfrewshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
Edinburgh	-	-	24	48,000	24	48,000
Falkirk	-	-	5	10,000	5	10,000
Fife	-	-	47	94,000	47	94,000
Glasgow	-	-	-	-	-	-
Highland	2	20,000	348	696,000	350	716,000
Inverclyde	-	-	1	2,000	1	2,000
Midlothian	-	-	-	-	-	-
Moray	1	10,000	46	92,000	47	102,000
Na H-Eileanan Siar	-	-	21	42,000	21	42,000

North Ayrshire	1	10,000	48	96,000	49	106,000
North Lanarkshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
Orkney	-	-	10	20,000	10	20,000
Perth & Kinross	-	-	-	-	-	-
Renfrewshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scottish Borders	2	8,000	74	148,000	76	156,000
Shetland	-	-	15	30,000	15	30,000
South Ayrshire	1	10,000	22	44,000	23	54,000
South Lanarkshire	-	-	2	4,000	2	4,000
Stirling	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Dunbartonshire	1	4,000	6	12,000	7	16,000
West Lothian	1	10,000	6	12,000	7	22,000
Scotland	12	102,000	1,035	2,076,000	1,047	2,178,000

footnote: Some councils have not paid out under this scheme, or were not yet able to provide data

9. Small Accommodation Providers paying Council Tax Fund

For 416 small accommodation providers who pay council tax a total of £2,469,000 has been paid (73% of this was in wave 1 and 27% in wave 2).

**Table 14: Small Accommodation Providers paying Council Tax Fund (SAP-CTF)
– Wave 1 and 2 payments as of 26 March**

Local Authority	Wave 1		Wave 2		Total	
	premise paid	amount (£)	premise paid	amount (£)	premise paid	amount (£)
Aberdeen	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aberdeenshire	2	12,000	1	6,000	3	18,000
Angus	5	30,000	2	12,000	7	42,000
Argyll & Bute	26	156,000	8	48,000	34	204,000
Clackmannanshire	1	6,000	2	12,000	3	18,000

Dumfries & Galloway	14	84,000	7	42,000	21	126,000
Dundee	-	-	-	-	-	-
East Ayrshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
East Dunbartonshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
East Lothian	4	24,000	2	12,000	6	36,000
East Renfrewshire	1	6,000	-	-	1	6,000
Edinburgh	7	42,000	2	12,000	9	54,000
Falkirk	2	12,000	-	-	2	12,000
Fife	13	78,000	5	30,000	18	108,000
Glasgow	-	-	-	-	-	-
Highland	153	918,000	59	354,000	212	1,272,000
Inverclyde	-	-	1	6,000	1	6,000
Midlothian	3	18,000	-	-	3	18,000
Moray	13	78,000	3	18,000	16	96,000
Na H-Eileanan Siar	28	168,000	6	36,000	34	204,000
North Ayrshire	6	36,000	2	12,000	8	48,000
North Lanarkshire	1	6,000	-	-	1	6,000
Orkney	9	27,000	6	36,000	15	63,000
Perth & Kinross	-	-	-	-	-	-
Renfrewshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scottish Borders	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shetland	6	36,000	-	-	6	36,000
South Ayrshire	6	36,000	-	-	6	36,000
South Lanarkshire	2	12,000	-	-	2	12,000
Stirling	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Dunbartonshire	1	6,000	2	12,000	3	18,000
West Lothian	3	18,000	2	12,000	5	30,000
Scotland	306	1,809,000	110	660,000	416	2,469,000

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10. Methodology

10.1 Data collection

Each Local Authority in Scotland has recorded information relating to applications received for the Strategic Framework Business Fund. Local Authorities in Scotland are the owners of these data.

Scottish Government asked all Local Authorities in Scotland to provide the following information, via a standardised excel template, for publication purposes;

- Number of applications received
- Number of applications awaiting processing
- Number of applications rejected
- Number of applications referred or deferred
- Number of applications accepted (and therefore a grant awarded)
- Value of grants awarded

Scottish Government asked that this information be provided for both grants and business sectors, and within each fund for the information to be further split by rateable value (less than/equal to £51k and over £51k)

Information for the following schemes is as of 26th March:

- Hospitality, Retail and Leisure Top-Up grant;
- Island Equivalent Payments;
- Island Equivalent Payments Top-Up;
- Local Authority Discretionary Fund;
- Taxi and Private Hire Driver Support Fund;
- Contingency Plus: Travel Agents;
- Contingency Plus: Brewers;
- Contingency Plus: Indoor Football Centres;
- Exclusive Use and Large Self Catering Grant;
- Small Accommodation Providers paying Council Tax Fund.

This information is returned fortnightly from each of the 32 local authorities, and then collated and quality assured. Information about estimated number of eligible premises for these funds also come from this data set.

10.2 Data reporting

The information received from each Local Authority was amalgamated into a single dataset. This dataset was drawn from the templates received and aimed to create national level figures. There are some caveats to this approach;

- In some returns the stated number of applications received was lower than the sum of the application status categories (awaiting processing, rejected, referred or

deferred and awarded). In these cases, the total number of applications has been recalculated to equal this sum.

- In other returns, the total number of applications exceeded the sum of the application status categories (awaiting processing, rejected, referred or deferred and awarded). In these cases it has been assumed that the discrepancy is caused by additional applications 'awaiting processing' and that figure has therefore been updated accordingly.
- Due to the timing of this exercise a reasonably high proportion of applications were still awaiting processing.
- Some Local Authorities did not disaggregate the information by rateable value or by closure/restriction funds due to technical issues or time constraints. Disaggregated information has been calculated and provided wherever possible.

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