

CUMBRIA FLOOD RECOVERY GRANTS

This is a one-off grant scheme to help businesses in Cumbria significantly affected by the November 2009 floods. This grant is not cash compensation for loss of turnover. Grants to aid recovery are available up to £10,000 for eligible businesses.

Grants will support individual business recovery plans prepared with the assistance of a Business Link adviser.

If you have not already done so contact Business Link on 0845 00 66 888.

A. Applicant Details	
Contact name:	
Name of Business:	
Address:	
Telephone:	
Fax:	
Email:	
Temporary contact details if applicable:	

B. Can you apply? We advise that you read the guidance notes attached carefully before answering the following questions. You must be able to tick every question to be eligible to apply				
1. Is your business located in Cumbria?				
2. Was your business trading on 17 th November 2009?				
3. Does your business employ between 0-250 people?				
4. What type of business are you? (tick one box only)				
Sole Trader		Partnership		Limited Company
Company Limited by Guarantee		Co-operative		Other*
* Please specify				
VAT No (if applicable)			Company Reg No (if applicable)	

5. Which of these sectors below does your business operate in? (tick one box only) Please note, restrictions apply, see guidance notes					
Hotels and Catering		Agricultural Services		Retail Distribution	
Manufacturing		Other Tourism		General Services	
Other Distribution		Other* please specify			
6. Was your business flooded?					
Was your business otherwise severely affected, if so how?					
7. Have you taken all reasonable actions to reduce costs (including rate relief, tax and VAT), maintain demand and where appropriate drawn on commercial sources of support (including bank lending)? Please supply details below					
8. I confirm that, including the grant requested in this application; I have not received more than <input type="checkbox"/> 200,000 in Government or European assistance over the past three years.					

YOU MUST HAVE TICKED EACH QUESTION TO BE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY

C. Details					
Number of employees		Pre crisis		Turnover last financial year	£

D. What are you applying for? (see guidance notes)					
Grants of up to £10,000 are available to aid the recovery of your business. The activities to be supported should form part of a well-developed business recovery plan. Contact Business Link (0845 00 66 888). They will be able to provide assistance on eligible costs, the preparation of financial forecasts and give general business advice. They will also work with you to develop your business recovery plan.					
Please tick the box below that best describes the scheme(s) you wish to apply for:					
Specialist Advice	Max. £5,000				
Marketing					
Interest Relief	Max. £5,000				
Training					

2. Please itemise below the actions you intend to take (in line with your business/recovery plan) and the approximate costings. Please note reclaimable VAT is not an eligible item of expenditure under this programme. Indicate which items you are applying for a grant towards and the amount (your adviser will help you with this).

<i>Actions planned</i>	<i>Specialist Advice</i>	<i>Cost</i>		
		<i>Marketing</i>	<i>Interest Relief</i>	<i>Training</i>
TOTALS				

Total Grant Required: £

Specialist Advice			
Total Cost £ (gross)		Total Cost £ (Net)	
Start Date		End Date	
Signed (client)		Signed (provider)	
Print Name		Print Name	
Date		Date	

Interest Relief			
Loan Value £		Interest Payable (max. £5k)	
Start Date		End Date	
Signed (client)		Signed (provider)	
Print Name		Print Name	
Date		Name of Bank	
		Date	

2. Please briefly state below what outputs you hope to achieve through this grant (your adviser will help with this)

A BUSINESS LINK ADVISER NEEDS TO VERIFY THE ANSWERS GIVEN TO THE QUESTIONS BELOW AND CONFIRM THAT THE COSTS OF THE PROJECT ARE REASONABLE.

To be completed by the adviser (please tick)

I verify that to the best of my knowledge the answers given above are true and correct	
I confirm that I consider the costs of the project reasonable	

If successful in obtaining the grant this same adviser, or a colleague, will have to confirm that the grant was spent on the activities identified below and that the project has achieved what it set out to do.

Signed:

Print Name:

F. Declaration of Applicant			
<i>I confirm that all information contained within this application is true and accurate</i>			
Signed:		Date:	
Print Name:			

When completed, please return this form to the following address, enclosing the following documentation: copy of last years accounts, business recovery plan, certificate of business insurance details.

**Flood Recovery Grant Scheme
Cumbria Chamber of Commerce
3rd Floor Broadacre House
16-20 Lowther Street
Carlisle
Cumbria
CA3 8DA
0845 226 0040**

Closing date for applications: 28/02/2010

DATA PROTECTION

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If you would not like us to inform you about goods and services that may be of interest to you, please tick the box []

Under the Data Protection Act 1998, you have the right to request access to your personal data.

Write to: Cumbria Chamber of Commerce, 3rd Floor Broadacre House, 16-20 Lowther Street, Carlisle, Cumbria, CA3 8DA.