

Bolster Fund – Hardship Fund for Businesses, Staff and Individuals Affected by COVID-19

The St Agnes Chamber of Commerce have long supported the local business community and we therefore felt that setting up a Hardship Fund to benefit not only business owners but also their staff, might help these members of the community in the short term.

Rather than help pay bills associated with their businesses, we are looking to help if they need money to cover their own basic needs, to buy food for instance, and these will be looked at on a case-by-case basis. We are also looking to work with local agencies on referrals for the support of people within our community who are not working for a local business, but that do need support financially.

Please be assured that all applications will be treated in strictest confidence.

What does the application involve?

- You need to apply to St Agnes Chamber of Commerce via hello@st-agnes.com using the application form below
- You need to be able to prove that you are a business or work for a business within the Parish
- You need to provide a reason why you are applying for a hardship grant of up to £250 and provide a self-declaration to this effect. You will also need to provide your last bank statement
- Your application will then be considered by a panel including representatives from St Agnes Chamber of Commerce, Cornwall Council, St Agnes Parish Church and St Agnes Parish Council

Criteria:

- You run a business, are a self-employed business or work for a business within the boundaries of the St Agnes Parish that has been impacted by the COVID-19 lockdown
- If you are a member of the community, you have been referred by a third party (such as the Food Bank, your Doctor, your Social Worker, the Church)
- Business must be based within St Agnes Parish or a member of the St Agnes Chamber of Commerce. Evidence of business or home address being within the Parish must be provided
- Is there any proof of reason for application? Any evidence to support your application would be helpful but is not mandatory
- Current bank statement for you (and partner if applicable) showing all income and transactions for the most recent month
- 'Hardship' covers struggling to meet your basic needs – accommodation, heating, food and hygiene – these grants are distributed to help with basic needs as opposed to needs of the business itself
- You must be over 18
- Depending on how much we receive in donations, we may look at running 'rounds' of applications. Each household/business owner can only apply once per round

- Grant is up to £250 – please request only the amount that you need, so that we can help as many people as possible

Application for Hardship Grant as Business Owner or member of Staff – St Agnes Bolster Fund

Name of Applicant:	
Do You Own a Business or are you're an employee?	
Name of Business:	
Nature of Business/Job Role:	
Your current employment status:	
Address:	
Telephone Number:	
Do you live alone or with a partner?	
How many children under 18 do you have living with you?	
Amount Applied for: (up to a maximum of £250)	
Please detail your hardship needs in reference to the criteria – if you have any further information you'd like to include, please attach	

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Declaration

I agree to the information on this form and any supporting paperwork being held in the Chamber of Commerce's database for the sole use of their records to process this and any future applications. We are committed to ensuring that we handle all data which we hold about you in a safe and responsible manner and in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations 2018. You may disclose my personal data if required to do so by our regulators or law enforcement.

Yes

No

I have enclosed my (plus partner's if applicable) latest bank statement and any other supporting information that I'm required to provide in order to be considered for a Covid19 grant

Yes

No

Signed:

Date:

Bank Details

Account Name:

Sort Code:

Account Number: