

## COVID-19 Business Advisory Fund – Information for Businesses

**Update as at 12 May 2020: The COVID-19 Business Advisory Fund available through the RBP Network was limited and had been targeted at businesses seeking initial advice during Alert Levels 4-3. The current level of demand has met the allocation available**

- The Government has allocated additional funding to support businesses through the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The Covid-19 Business Advisory Fund, part of the Government's allocation to support businesses, is to enable businesses to access expert advice and support through the Regional Business Partner Network.
- Business owners can access **up to** \$5000 excl. GST per business from the COVID-19 Business Advisory Fund.
- This funding can be used with a range of registered providers for a variety of registered services depending on business needs. It is 100% funding; no co-funding is required.
- Regional Business Partner (RBP) Growth Advisors will work with businesses to assess priority needs and provide access to funding for use with registered Service Providers. Only RBP Growth Advisors can allocate funding.
- Register here: [www.regionalbusinesspartners.co.nz](http://www.regionalbusinesspartners.co.nz)
- Businesses already registered with the RBP should contact their RBP Growth Advisor or local RBP Partner organization. Contact details are on the RBP website.

### Eligibility Criteria for Businesses

#### Businesses must:

- Have undergone an assessment with a Regional Business Partner Growth Advisor
- Have fewer than 100 full time equivalent employees, and
- be GST registered in New Zealand, and
- have a New Zealand Business Number, and
- be operating in a commercial environment; and
- are a privately-owned businesses or are a Māori Trust or incorporation under the Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993 or similar organisation managing Māori assets under multiple ownership.

#### Non-eligible organisations

- Charitable trusts
- Incorporated societies