

GOVERNMENT GRANTS

Results of the BII Licensee Survey

January 2021



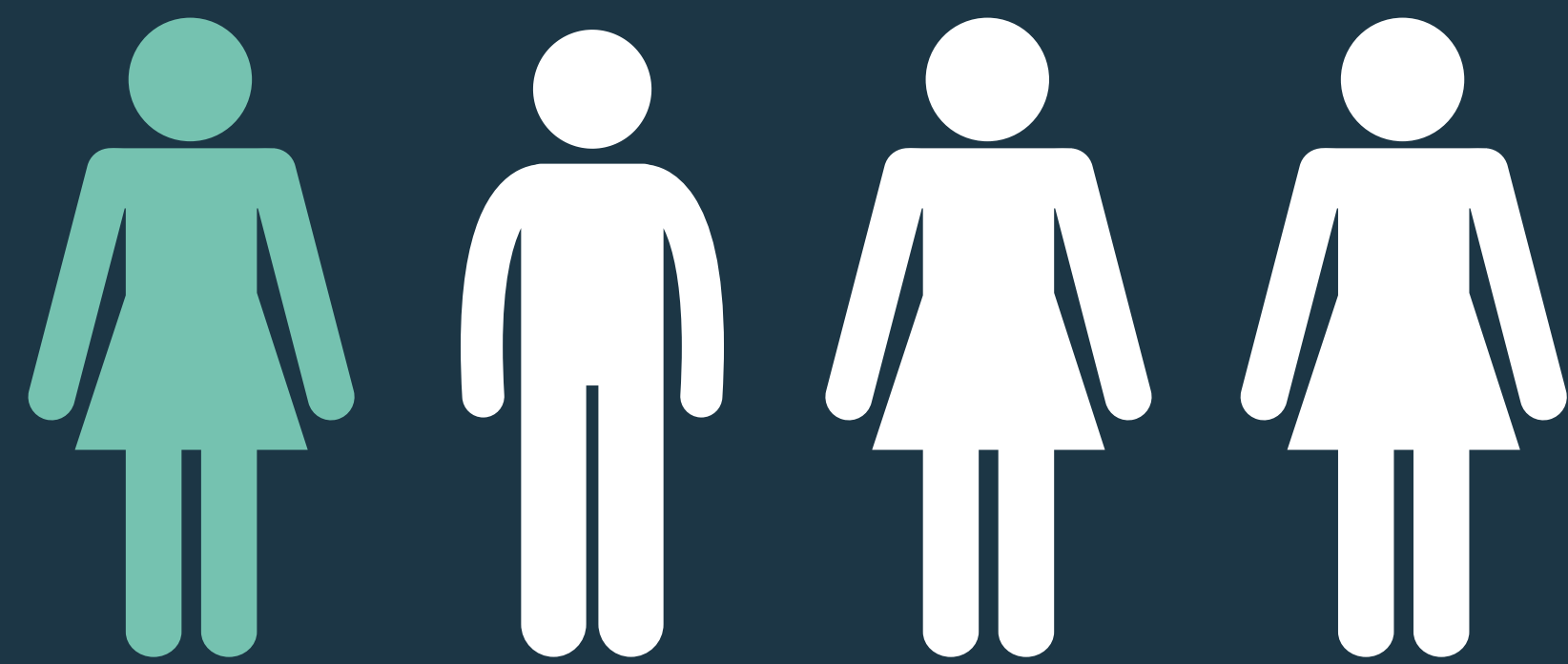
80%

of respondents
were single site
operators



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FUNDING RECEIVED VS APPLICATIONS



Less than 1 in 4 respondents have received the full payment of their grant entitlement

15%

have received no payments at all as yet for grants owed from Autumn/Winter 2020

“ Despite applying for October, November, December and Wet Led Xmas Support Grant, I have so far only received the November grant, with the council website stating they have not even started processing any other grants yet.

“ Online forms wouldn't let me insert bank details. Took 5 days for council to ring back and did it over the phone on Dec 21st. Not paid yet. (Wet led grant) ”



BIGGEST CHALLENGES ON GRANT APPLICATIONS

32%

say that the application forms were difficult to find at all

30%

say that the amount of information needed to apply was overly complex & time-consuming

25%

say that applications weren't even open on the websites

25%

say payments haven't been made, despite successful completion of application forms

23%

say it was hard to get in touch with anyone to help process their applications

Some local authorities have delivered effectively, with

42%

of respondents having had no issues and their applications have been easy to manage.



What further support is business critical?

80%

say **Business Rates cancelled for 2021/22**

72%

say **further grant support**

64%

say **a continued VAT reduction to 5% for food and soft drinks**

57%

say **Government support on rent**

“ Help with existing VAT and other tax debt. ”

“ Furlough needs to be extended until mid-2021, as we are really struggling. Before we closed, we were operating at 35% of the usual trade, desperate times. This is a business that turned over £600k+ in 2019, and was predicted to take £750-800k in 2020. ”

“ Support for directors who haven't received any financial support. ”

CONCLUSION

LRSB (Closed) are the grants that have been paid the quickest and by the most councils.



LRSB (Open) are the grants where people have experienced the most issues, with requests for vastly different information depending on the local authority.

The analysis required to determine eligibility has caused the most red tape and delay in processing these grants.



The Christmas Support Grant for Wet Led pubs has also been difficult, with some local authorities denying claims if pubs serve ANY food, despite the requirement for less than 50% of the sales to be derived from food.

However, some councils have put additional funds in place to boost this grant to more than the £1,000.

