

## Coast to Capital Growth Grant 2019-2020 - Eligibility & Ineligibility FAQs

- Software development – The organisation developing bespoke software cannot be the applicant of a Growth Grant. The customer of the organisation however could be the applicant, providing they are a Coast to Capital based established and growing SME.
- Innovative growth – Capital investment can only be eligible if it is funding something innovative, with a clear link to business growth.
- Minimum grant level - The minimum amount of funding a Growth Grant applicant can apply for is £40,000 which the applicant has to match with £60,000 of their own funding – so the minimum application size the programme will accept is £100,000
- Applicants must be established – We define an established business as having been established and trading for 1 year, with 1 years' worth of encouraging sales figures.
- Consultants - Applicants should apply directly and not via a consultant (i.e. the grant recipient should be the applicant, not their consultant).
- Scalability - Anything with only niche appeal where there is little or no capacity / scope / market for long term growth should not be funded by a Growth Grant.
- Geography - Anything outside of the Coast to Capital area (West Sussex, Brighton & Hove, East Surrey, Croydon and Lewes District (in East Sussex) cannot be funded.
- Retail and Wholesale sectors – These sectors cannot receive Growth Grant funding.
- Applicants must be SMEs - Any company with over 250 employees and/or an annual turnover of more than £46m cannot be funded with a Growth Grant.
- State Aid limitations – SMEs who have received over 200,000 Euros (£181,545) in public/government grant funding over the past 3 financial years (including the one we are in currently) cannot apply for a Growth Grant, due to State Aid regulations.

Please note that this is not an exhaustive list of what is eligible/not eligible, but rather the frequently asked questions from enquirers/applicants of the grant to date.