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Good morning,

Hope you are well.

Please could you share the following information with your parishes about the Lichfield District Start Up Grant Scheme and Staffordshire Means Back to Business Support Scheme which have launched this week.

Let me know if you'd like any further information.

Lichfield District Start Up Grant Scheme: Offering a one-off grant of £3,000 for residents who have been made redundant or currently economically inactive and seeking to start up a business within the financial year 21/22. - <https://www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/business-advice/lichfield-district-start-grant-scheme/1>

Staffordshire Means Back to Business Support Scheme

Staffordshire County Council and Staffordshire local authorities have partnered up and pooled resources to offer new sources of support to help new businesses to get off the ground, support young people into employment and the costs of upskilling and training new employees.

The separate initiatives and how businesses can apply

Small Business to Thrive Financial Support: Grants of between £2,000 to £5,000 will be available to cover additional expenditure for essential businesses staying open during the pandemic and those with a plan to recover and get back to growth. - [To Thrive Business Grant Scheme - Staffordshire County Council](#)

Start Up Scheme and Loan: Loans of between £3k to £5k being offered to people who have first completed the acclaimed Staffordshire Start-up online course to support resilient business start-ups. - [Support for start-up businesses - Staffordshire County Council](#)

Apprenticeship 500: Provide £5,000 incentive to SMEs in Staffordshire to employ a local 16-24 year old unemployed young person in an apprenticeship. - <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Business/Coronavirus-COVID-19-support-for-businesses/Staffordshire-Apprenticeship-500-Grant-Scheme/Staffordshire-Apprenticeship-500-Business-Grant-Scheme.aspx>

Free Training Top Up: Grants of up to £5,000 to top-up training or up-skilling costs for employees. - [Free Training Top Up for Employers - Staffordshire County Council](#)

Ignite Top Up Scheme: Additional support to students to take their first steps in their own business. - [Students Ignite their entrepreneurship with county start-up programme - Staffordshire County Council Newsroom](#)

Free 12 month FSB membership: Businesses with one to four employees can benefit from 12 months' free business support to guide them through the pandemic recovery. Essential advice and guidance on areas such legal and tax issues, employment legislation, health and safety advice, cyber protection and insurance is available through a free 12-month membership package with the Federation of Small Businesses (FSB).- <https://www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/news/article/430/micro-businesses-can-benefit-from-free-expert-advice-thanks-to-unique-partnership-with-leading-national-support-body>

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