

London Borough of Barnet, 2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, London NW9 4EW 6 November 2019 Our ref: 5688728

Thank you for your request received on 9 October 2019, for the following information:

I would like to request information about your business grants. What business grants do you offer to local start-ups/small businesses? What is the allowance per business in 2019 and what will be the allowance in 2020?

Also, if possible, do you have information about how much you have given (grants) to local businesses in the past 5 years in your area?

We have processed this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Response

The council holds the information requested and it is attached/ the answers to your questions are below

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Barnet Council does not offer business grants for businesses. However, we have partnered with Middlesex University to promote the Entrepreneurial Barnet programme which awards grants to local startups/small businesses. The amount varies year on year, and is dependent on the amount of sponsorship the programme can attract. Barnet Council does not hold records of the funding provided via this project.

Further information

If you are interested in the data that the council holds you may wish to visit Open Barnet, the council's data portal. This brings together all our published datasets and other information of interest on one searchable database for anyone, anywhere to access. http://open.barnet.gov.uk/

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