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Dear Jude

OFFER OF GRANT FOR PROVISION OF BUSINESS SUPPORT AND MENTORING TO BUSINESSES IN RELATION TO ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF COVID-19

The Scottish Ministers in exercise of their powers under Sections 126 and 127 of the Housing Grants, Construction and Regeneration Act 1996 hereby offer to give to the Scottish Business Resilience Centre (“the Grantee”) a grant of up to £292,500 STERLING, payable over the financial year/s 01/04/2019 to 31/03/2021 in connection with development of tools and materials to support businesses in assessing their own resilience and response to the COVID-19 outbreak and to initiate a mentoring service for affected businesses, which is more particularly described in Part 1 of **SCHEDULE 1** (“the Programme”) and subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. Definitions and Interpretation

- 1.1 In these Conditions, the words and expressions set out in **SCHEDULE 4** shall have the meanings ascribed to them in that Schedule.
- 1.2 In these Conditions unless the context otherwise requires, words denoting the singular shall include the plural and vice versa and words denoting any gender shall include all genders.
- 1.3 The headings in these Conditions are for convenience only and shall not be read as forming part of the Conditions or taken into account in their interpretation.
- 1.4 Except as otherwise provided in these Conditions, any reference to a clause, paragraph, subparagraph or schedule shall be a reference to a clause, paragraph, subparagraph or schedule of these Conditions. The schedules are intended to be contractual in nature. They form part of the Agreement and should be construed accordingly.
- 1.5 This Agreement shall not be varied except by an instrument in writing signed by both parties.

2. Purposes of the Grant

- 2.1 The Grant is made to enable the Grantee to carry out the Programme.
- 2.2 The Grant shall only be used for the purposes of the Programme and for no other purpose whatsoever.
- 2.3 No part of the Grant shall be used to fund any activity or material which is party political in intention, use, or presentation or appears to be designed to affect support for a political party.
- 2.4 The main objectives/expected outcomes of the Grant are:
- Development of a risk and business continuity tool for SME use based on self assessment
 - Provision of support to business using that tool via expert advisers.
 - Development of analytical tool utilising data from the risk and business continuity assessment process.
 - Establishment of communication channels with businesses on available support including newsletters and webinars.
- 2.5 The targets/milestones against which progress in achieving objectives/expected outcomes shall be monitored are:
- Development of a risk and business continuity tool for SME use based on self assessment
 - Assessment template designed by 31st May 2020
 - Assessment functionality embedded within App available to all Scottish businesses by 26th June 2020
 - App including push notification functionality and business related guidance, released and in operation by 17th July 2020
 - Provision of support to business using that tool via expert advisers
 - Comms around Mentoring scheme to get pipeline of companies for mentoring end of May 2020
 - Initial Survey monkey feedback from webinar participants – bi-weekly
 - Mentoring support to 25 representative sample businesses provided by 19th June 2020
 - Mentoring support to 50 representative sample businesses provided by 31st July 2020
 - Provision of report to SG on emerging needs required by businesses across Scotland on 19th June 2020 and 31st July 2020
 - Provision of evidence-based reports to SG on how mentoring has improved capability, capacity and confidence within mentoring beneficiaries, as well as through use of the more widely available app, across Scotland on 19th June 2020 and 31st July 2020
 - Development of analytical tool utilising data from the risk and business continuity assessment process.
 - Analytical reports recording business needs based upon businesses using App and its self-assessment risk and business continuity template, weekly/monthly as of 17th July 2020
 - Target of 100 App users by 31st July 2020
 - Target of 500 App users by 28 August 2020

- Establishment of communication channels with businesses on available support including newsletters and webinars.
 - Deliver appropriate themed webinars to reach upto 2,500 businesses on COVID related issues by end of June 2020
 - Delivery of micro website with details of Scottish Business Cares end of May 2020
 - Regional specific webinar delivery for Aberdeen, HIE, Dundee
 - Delivery of Comms and social media campaign to launch Scottish Business Cares End of May 2020
 - Establishment of Scottish Business cares Advisory Board end of May 2020
 - Initial Survey monkey feedback from webinar participants – bi-weekly
 - Utilisation of business needs identified through App and mentoring programme to develop further SBRC support programme to increase Scottish businesses’ confidence, capability and capacity

2.6 The eligible costs for which the Grant can be claimed are:

- Costs to develop assessment tools, analytical tools and App
- Costs to provide business advice and support
- Costs to establish and deliver communication channels
- Staff costs associated with Programme
- Overhead costs and expenses associated with Programme

2.7 The eligible costs exclude:

- Any Value Added Tax (VAT) reclaimable by the Grantee

3. Payment of Grant

- 3.1 The Grant shall be paid by the Scottish Ministers to the Grantee in accordance with the terms of **SCHEDULE 1** attached.
- 3.2 The Grantee shall within 4 weeks following the end of each financial year in respect of which the grant has been paid and /or of receiving the final instalment of the Grant submit to the Scottish Ministers a statement of compliance with the Conditions of the Grant using the form of words provided in **SCHEDULE 3**. The statement shall be signed by the Grantee’s Finance Director
- 3.3 In the event that the amount of the Grant paid by the Scottish Ministers to the Grantee at any point in time is found to exceed the amount of the expenses reasonably and properly incurred by the Grantee in connection with the Project/Programme, the Grantee shall repay to the Scottish Ministers the amount of such excess within 14 days of receiving a written demand for it from or on behalf of the Scottish Ministers. In the event that the Grantee fails to pay such amount within the 14 day period, the Scottish Ministers shall be entitled to interest on the sum at the rate of 2 per cent per annum above the Bank of England base lending rate prevailing at the time of the written demand from the date of the written demand until payment in full of both the sum and the interest. **Guidance Note**
- 3.4 The Scottish Ministers shall not be bound to pay to the Grantee, and the Grantee shall have no claim against the Scottish Ministers in respect of, any instalment of the Grant which has

not been claimed by the Grantee by 31 March of the applicable financial year as set out in [SCHEDULE 1](#), unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Scottish Ministers.

4. Inspection and Information

- 4.1 The Grantee shall keep the Scottish Ministers fully informed of the progress of the Project/Programme in the form of monthly reports. Details shall include actual expenditure to date compared with profiled expenditure and any change to estimated expenditure for the financial year and/or the Project as a whole, the reasons for any such changes and progress in achieving objectives/outcomes.
- 4.2 Revisions to targets/milestones against which progress in achieving objectives/outcomes are monitored shall be subject to the written agreement of the Scottish Ministers.
- 4.3 The Grantee shall, on completion of the Project, submit a report to the Scottish Ministers summarising the outcomes and performance of the Project. Such a report shall include such statistical and other information relating to the impact of the Project as shall be required by the Scottish Ministers.
- 4.4 The Grantee shall also provide any other information that the Scottish Ministers may reasonably require to satisfy themselves that the Project/Programme is consistent with the Agreement. The Grantee shall provide the Scottish Ministers with prompt access to any information they reasonably require to ensure compliance with these Conditions.
- 4.5 The Grantee shall keep and maintain for a period of 6 years after the expenditure occurs, adequate and proper records and books of account recording all receipts and expenditure of monies paid to it by the Scottish Ministers by way of the Grant. The Grantee shall afford the Scottish Ministers, their representatives, the Auditor General for Scotland, his/her representatives and such other persons as the Scottish Ministers may reasonably specify from time to time, such access to those records and books of account as may be required by them at any reasonable time in response to a written request for such access from the person seeking it. The Grantee shall provide such reasonable assistance and explanation as the person carrying out the inspection may from time to time require.
- 4.6 In the event of the Grantee becoming aware of or suspecting any irregular or fraudulent activity that may have any impact on the Programme or on the use of the Grant, or any part of it, the Grantee shall immediately notify the Scottish Ministers of such activity and provide such other information as the Scottish Ministers may reasonably require in relation to the impact on the Project and the use of the Grant.
- 4.7 The grantee shall immediately inform the Scottish Ministers of any change in its constitution for example, but not limited to, a change in status from one type of body corporate to another.

5. Confidentiality and Data Protection

- 5.1 The Grantee will respect the confidentiality of any commercially sensitive information that they have access to as a result of the Programme.

- 5.2 Notwithstanding the above, the Grantee may disclose any information as required by law or judicial order. All information submitted to the Scottish Ministers may need to be disclosed and/or published by the Scottish Ministers. Without prejudice to the foregoing generality, the Scottish Ministers may disclose information in compliance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, any other law, or, as a consequence of judicial order, or order by any court or tribunal with the authority to order disclosure. Further, the Scottish Ministers may also disclose all information submitted to them to the Scottish or United Kingdom Parliament or any other department, office or agency of Her Majesty's Government in Scotland, in right of the Scottish Administration or the United Kingdom, and their servants or agents. When disclosing such information to either the Scottish Parliament or the United Kingdom Parliament it is recognised and agreed by both parties that the Scottish Ministers shall if they see fit disclose such information but are unable to impose any restriction upon the information that it provides to Members of the Scottish Parliament, or Members of the United Kingdom Parliament; such disclosure shall not be treated as a breach of this agreement.
- 5.3 The Grantee shall ensure that all requirements of the Data Protection Laws are fulfilled in relation to the Programme.
- 5.4 To comply with section 31(3) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010, the Scottish Ministers publish an annual statement of all payments over £25,000. In addition, in line with openness and transparency, the Scottish Government publishes a monthly report of all payments over £25,000. The Grantee should note that where a payment is made in excess of £25,000 there will be disclosure (in the form of the name of the payee, the date of the payment, the subject matter and the amount of grant) in both the monthly report and the annual Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 statement.

6. Disposal of Assets

The Grantee shall not, without prior written consent of the Scottish Ministers, dispose of any asset funded, in part or in whole, with Grant funds within 10 years of the asset being acquired or developed. During that period the Scottish Ministers shall be entitled to the proceeds of the disposal – or the relevant proportion of the proceeds based on the percentage of grant funding used in connection with the acquisition or improvement of the asset against the whole proceeds. The Scottish Ministers shall also be entitled to the relevant proportion of any proceeds resulting from any provision included as a condition of sale. Recovery by the Scottish Ministers shall not be required where the value of the asset is less than £5,000.

7. Publicity

The Grantee shall where reasonably practicable acknowledge in all publicity material relating to the Programme the contribution of the Scottish Ministers to its costs. The Scottish Ministers may require to approve the form of such acknowledgement prior to its first publication.

8. Intellectual Property Rights

- 8.1 All Intellectual Property Rights are hereby assigned to and shall vest in the Crown or its assignees.

- 8.2 The Grantee shall ensure that nothing contained in any materials produced or submitted to the Scottish Ministers by the Grantee or anyone acting on its behalf nor the reproduction of such materials, shall constitute an infringement of any third party copyright or intellectual property right and shall indemnify the Scottish Ministers against all actions, proceedings, claims and demands made by reason of any such infringement.

9. Default and Recovery etc. of Grant

- 9.1 The Scottish Ministers may re-assess, vary, make a deduction from, withhold, or require immediate repayment of the Grant or any part of it in the event that:

9.1.1 The Grantee commits a Default;

9.1.2 The Scottish Ministers consider that any change or departure from the purposes for which the Grant was awarded warrants an alteration in the amount of the Grant;

9.1.3 The Grantee fails to carry out the Programme;

9.1.4 In the Scottish Ministers' opinion, the progress on the Programme is not satisfactory; or

9.1.5 In the Scottish Ministers' opinion, the future of the Programme is in jeopardy.

- 9.2 If, in the Scottish Ministers' opinion, the Grant or any part of it is state aid and they consider that they are required to recover such sum in order to ensure compliance with their legal obligations Scottish Ministers may require immediate repayment of the Grant or any part of it together with interest at such rate and on such basis as may be determined from time to time in accordance with law.

- 9.3 The Scottish Ministers may withhold the payment of the Grant if at any time within the duration of the Agreement:

9.3.1 The Grantee passes a resolution that it be wound up, or a court makes an order that the Grantee be wound up, in either case otherwise than for the purposes of reconstruction or amalgamation, or circumstances arise which would enable a court to make such an order or the Grantee is unable to pay its debts within the meaning of section 123 of the Insolvency Act 1986;

9.3.2 Where the Grantee is an individual, if a petition is presented for the Grantee's bankruptcy or the sequestration of his estate or a criminal bankruptcy order is made against the Grantee; or the Grantee makes any composition or arrangement with or for the benefit of creditors, or makes any conveyance or assignation for the benefit of creditors, or if an administrator or trustee is appointed to manage his affairs; or

9.3.3 A receiver, manager, administrator or administrative receiver is appointed to the Grantee, or over all or any part of the Grantee's property, or circumstances arise which would entitle a court or a creditor to appoint such a receiver, manager, administrator or administrative receiver.

- 9.4 In the event that the Grantee becomes bound to pay any sum to the Scottish Ministers in terms of clause 9.1, the Grantee shall pay the Scottish Ministers the appropriate sum within 14 days of a

written demand for it being given by or on behalf of the Scottish Ministers to the Grantee. In the event that the Grantee fails to pay the sum within the 14 day period, the Scottish Ministers shall be entitled to interest on the sum at the rate of 2 per cent per annum above the Bank of England base lending rate prevailing at the time of the written demand, from the date of the written demand until payment in full of both the sum and interest.

9.5 Notwithstanding the provisions of this clause 9, in the event that the Grantee is in breach of any of the Conditions, the Scottish Ministers may, provided that the breach is capable of a remedy, postpone the exercise of their rights to recover any sum from the Grantee in terms of clause 9 for such period as they see fit, and may give written notice to the Grantee requiring it to remedy the breach within such period as may be specified in the notice. In the event of the Grantee failing to remedy the breach within the period specified, the Grantee shall be bound to pay the sum to the Scottish Ministers in accordance with the foregoing provisions.

9.6 Any failure, omission or delay by the Scottish Ministers in exercising any right or remedy to which they are entitled by virtue of clauses 9.1 to 9.3 shall not be construed as a waiver of such right or remedy.

10. Assignment

The Grantee shall not be entitled to assign, sub-contract or otherwise transfer its rights or obligations under the Agreement without the prior written consent of the Scottish Ministers.

11. Termination

The Agreement may be terminated by the Scottish Ministers giving not less than 3 months' notice in writing from the date of the notice being sent.

12. Corrupt Gifts and Payments of Commission

The Grantee shall ensure that its employees shall not breach the terms of the Bribery Act 2010 in relation to this or any other grant. The Grantee shall ensure that adequate controls are in place to prevent bribery.

13. Continuation of Conditions

13.1 These Conditions, except for Condition 6, shall continue to apply for a period of 5 years after the end of the financial year in which the final instalment of the Grant was paid.

13.2 Condition 6 shall continue to apply until the end of the period referred to in that Condition.

14. Compliance with the Law

The Grantee shall ensure that in relation to the Programme, they and anyone acting on their behalf shall comply with the relevant law, for the time being in force in Scotland.

15. Governing Law

This contract is governed by the Law of Scotland and the parties hereby prorogate to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Scottish Courts

If you wish to accept the offer of this Grant on the whole terms and conditions as set out in the letter and annexed Schedules, you should sign and date both copies of the Grant Acceptance below and return one copy of the offer of Grant and Schedules to me at Enterprise & Innovation Division, 5 Atlantic Quay, 150 Broomielaw, Glasgow, G2 8LU You should retain the second copy of the offer of Grant and Schedules for your own records.

Yours sincerely

Colin MacBean
Deputy Director, Enterprise & Innovation
26/05/2020

GRANT ACCEPTANCE

On behalf of the Scottish Business Resilience Centre I accept the foregoing offer of Grant by the Scottish Ministers dated 26/05/2020 on the whole terms and conditions as set out in the letter and annexed Schedules. I confirm that the Scottish Business Resilience Centre is solvent. I confirm that I hold the relevant signing authority.

Signed:

[Redacted Signature]

«Director/Company Secretary/Authorised Signatory»

Print Name: Jude McCorry

Position in Organisation of Person Signing: Chief Executive

Date: [Click here to enter a date](#) 27 May 2020.

Place of Signing: Winchburgh, UK

Signed:

[Redacted Signature]

«Witness»

Witness Name: [Redacted]

Address: [Redacted]

Date: [Click here to enter a date](#) 27th May 2020.

Place of Signing: Edinburgh, UK

SCHEDULE 1

PART 1: THE PROJECT/PROGRAMME

SBRC will provide a Scotland-wide, risk and business continuity assessment tool for SMEs to use, based on self-assessment combined with more detailed support from an expert advisor. The toolkit will initially be in text questionnaire format but, working with Dundee's tech community, SBRC will produce a fully-functioned mobile app that can be used by businesses of all sizes to work through assessment protocols, score themselves against scenarios, and benefit from a continuously updated integral library of help-sheets, reference material and links to relevant sources of support. The anonymous metadata from use of the app will feed into the national business analysis tool described below. The app will contribute to prompt and effective communications through a push notification service, allowing immediate broadcasts to all users where necessary, broken down to sectors.

SBRC will build an analytic tool that utilises data from the risk and business continuity assessment process which, when combined with other economic data, will create the essential information to support informed decision making towards an economically enhanced position throughout and particularly beyond the crisis

SBRC will enhance its communication capabilities, launching a continuing series of webinars addressing the organisation health of businesses, help with making the practical decisions, keeping company and brand culture alive, managing remotely, cyber protection, organisational resilience, keeping employees, customers and suppliers informed. The webinar panels will comprise senior business leaders from Scotland and subject matter experts.

SBRC will design, co-ordinate, facilitate communications and build the community of participants and beneficiaries across Scotland, while linking into good practice elsewhere. SBRC will work with all agencies in Scotland, including SCDI, SE, HIE, IOD, chambers of commerce, etc. Also, with the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC), the National Business Crime Centre (New Scotland Yard) and others, to ensure that Scotland benefits fully from the resources and expertise of UK agencies. SBRC will act as focus and conduit for disseminating crime related risks.

PART 2: PAYMENT OF GRANT

1. The total Grant of up to £292,500 STERLING shall be payable by the Scottish Ministers to the Grantee monthly in arrears on receipt of a completed claim for Grant in the form set out in **SCHEDULE 2** together with the associated monitoring information set out in paragraph 4.1 of the Offer of Grant.
2. The total Grant shall be payable over the financial year/s 2019 to 2021. The grant for each financial year has been allocated as follows:

Financial Year	Amount
2019/20	£194,500
2020/21	£98,000

The Scottish Ministers shall not be bound to pay any instalment of the Grant which has not been claimed by the Grantee by 31 March of the applicable financial year, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Scottish Ministers.

3. The Grantee shall provide a monthly profile of expenditure of the Grant before the start of each financial year. Any change to the profile or to the overall costs of the Project/Programme shall be notified to the Scottish Ministers at the earliest opportunity via the claims for Grant and monitoring reports.
4. Each claim shall be for an amount equal to the actual reasonable and proper costs and expenses incurred by the Grantee in connection with the Programme since the submission by it of the last claim for an instalment of the Grant.
5. Each claim shall be submitted together with such explanatory or supplementary material as the Scottish Ministers may from time to time require whether before or after submission of the claim.
6. On receipt of each claim (and any required documentation and information), the Scottish Ministers shall determine the amount of expenditure which they consider the Grantee has reasonably and properly incurred in connection with the Project/Programme having regard to that claim. The determination shall be based on the information provided by the Grantee in accordance with this Schedule. The Scottish Ministers shall use their best endeavours (but shall be under no obligation or duty) to pay the amount determined to the Grantee within 4 weeks of receiving a claim and any required documentation and information relevant to the claim.
7. In order to facilitate the accrual of expenditure of the Grant for the financial year the Grantee shall, where appropriate, advise the Scottish Ministers in writing by mid April the amount of the Grant actually expended up to and including 31 March.

SCHEDULE 2

GRANT CLAIM FORM

Organisation: «Name and Address»

Bank details: «Name and address, sort code, account number»

Project: «Name/Description»

Total agreed grant for: «20XX-XX»: «Amount»

Latest forecast of expenditure of grant for: «20XX-XX»: «Amount»

Grant claimed to date: «Amount»

«Unexpended grant»: «Amount» *(where grant is paid in advance)*

«Claim for grant» or «Estimate of grant required» for the period from [Click here to enter a date.](#) to [Click here to enter a date.](#) *or to* [Click here to enter a date.](#): «Amount»

We hereby claim «total» grant of «£XX» in respect of the above period in accordance with the terms and conditions of the offer of Grant dated [Click here to enter a date.](#) and the Schedules attached thereto.

Completed by:

Position:

Contact Details:

Date:

Items of Expenditure

Please list in the table below all discrete items of expenditure relevant to the above period and the type of documentary evidence that «X has been submitted» or «X will be made available on request» to substantiate each amount.

A	B	C	D
Item	Amount (£)	Paid Invoice [Y/N]	Other (please specify, e.g. certificate of payment in kind)
TOTAL*			

* Note the total should add up to the total expenditure claimed for the period.

SCHEDULE 3

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH CONDITIONS OF GRANT

«Name of the Project»

This is to confirm that the grant claimed by «name of Grantee» in relation to the above Project/Programme during the financial year ended 31 March 20«XX» was properly due and was used for its intended purpose(s) in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Grant. This statement is supported by the records of «name of Grantee».

Signed:

Name in block capitals:

Position:

Date: [Click here to enter a date.](#)

SCHEDULE 4

DEFINITIONS

“Agreement” means the agreement constituted by the Scottish Ministers’ invitation to apply for a grant, the Grantee’s Application, these Conditions and the Grantee’s acceptance of these Conditions;

“Conditions” means these grant conditions;

“Data Protection Laws” means any law, statute, subordinate legislation, regulation, order, mandatory guidance or code of practice, judgment of a relevant court of law, or directives or requirements of any regulatory body including the Data Protection Act 1998, the Data Protection Act 2018 and any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof and the GDPR.

“Default” means:

- a) Any breach of the obligations of either party under this Agreement (including, but not limited to, any breach of any undertaking or warranty given under or in terms of this Agreement);
- b) Any failure to perform or the negligent performance of any obligation under this Agreement;
- c) Any breach of any legislation; or
- d) Any negligence or negligent or fraudulent miss-statement or misappropriation of Grant, or any other default,

In all cases by either party, its employees, agents or representatives;

“Financial Year” means a period from 1 April in one year until 31 March in the next;

“Grant” means the grant offered by the Scottish Ministers to the Grantee as specified in the Award Letter, as varied from time to time in accordance with these Conditions;

“Grantee” means the person, organisation or body to which the Grant will be payable as specified in these Conditions. Where two or more persons, organisations or bodies are the Grantee, references to the “Grantee” are to those persons, organisations or bodies collectively and their obligations under the Agreement are undertaken jointly and severally;

“Intellectual Property Rights” means all copyright, patent, trademark, design right, database right and any other right in the nature of intellectual property whether or not registered, in any materials or works in whatever form (including but not limited to any materials stored in or made available by means of an information technology system and the computer software relating thereto) which are created, produced or generated as part of the Project by or on behalf of the Grantee.

“Project/Programme” means the purpose for which the Grant has been awarded as described in the Offer of Grant;

“Payment” means each of the payments specified in Schedule 1 hereto.