

From: Bray, Tony (Cities & Local Growth)
Sent: 24 February 2020 11:57
To: Mandy Thorn
Cc: Hindle, Oliver (Cities & Local Growth); Gill Hamer
Subject: RE: Support for Businesses affected by flooding

How you use MIF is a decision for Marches LEP and is not something that MHCLG needs to provide you with any guidance.

You might want to think about whether in providing additional support you want to introduce a bit more flexibility, particularly looking at supporting groups of businesses (e.g. joint initiatives).

Cheers

Tony Bray

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From: Mandy Thorn
Sent: 24 February 2020 10:28
To: Bray, Tony (Cities & Local Growth)
Cc: Hindle, Oliver (Cities & Local Growth) ; Gill Hamer
Subject: Fwd: Support for Businesses affected by flooding

Good morning Tony,

I'm now back in the rather damp UK and realising just how badly affected by flooding the Marches area has been, and continues to be, as we face further severe flood warnings this week.

I'm aware that there is some financial support that has been provided to our local authorities from central government but the level of funding may not be sufficient to enable many of the small businesses to reopen. The scale of the damage and the lack of flood insurance will mean that without further assistance we will see increased business closures and job losses.

Could the Marches LEP use some of the MIF money to work with our local authority colleagues to bolster their funds to support the small businesses affected?

I would really appreciate some guidance on this - Gill and I have discussed this morning again and we are very keen that the Marches LEP is seen to be supporting businesses to recover and protect jobs.

Best wishes
Mandy

Mandy Thorn MBE

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Gill Hamer

Date: 20 February 2020 at 17:15:23 GMT

To: Gemma Davies , Kathryn Jones

Cc: "Allonby, Roger" , "Kynaston, Katherine" , Mark Barrow, Yasmin Sulaman, Mandy Thorn, Paul Hinkins

Subject: RE: Support for Businesses affected by flooding

Hi all – Tony B has advised its Leeds City region LEP . I have found the below on their website

The Leeds City Region Enterprise Partnership (the LEP) has created a £2 million recovery fund for businesses in Calderdale that were devastated by flooding following Storm Ciara.

The LEP, working in partnership with the West Yorkshire Combined Authority and Calderdale Council, has set up the Calderdale Business Flood Recovery Fund to help around 600 business affected.

Most of those affected are small to medium sized firms specialising in retail, leisure and tourism – many of which were unable to insure their businesses following the Boxing Day floods in 2015.

Emergency grants of up to £2,500 are available to help businesses cover short term costs such as replacing critical equipment, dehumidifying their premises and carrying out urgent repairs so they can get back on their feet quickly.

For businesses which have been hit harder, larger grants are available to help refurbish damaged premises and replace larger equipment such as machinery.

I will try and find out what funds the LEP has used to match the Council and CA funds and who the contact is leading on it .

Kind regards Gill

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From: Gemma Davies k>

Sent: 20 February 2020 16:17

To: Gill Hamer ; Kathryn Jones

Cc: Allonby, Roger ; Kynaston, Katherine; Mark Barrow

Subject: Support for Businesses affected by flooding

Hi both

Has there been any discussions about any LEP support for businesses affected by flooding?

We're picking up that some LEPs (although I don't have any details – sorry) are talking about putting in place support – has anything been coming via the Network?

We're looking at local support in addition to the central govt. announcements.

One for our Management Group meeting on 10th.

Thanks
Gemma

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