

Small Business Support Scheme 2024

The Members of Meath County Council have allocated a fund in the Annual Budget for 2024 to encourage and support businesses in County Meath under the **Small Business Support Scheme 2024**.

Below are the bands which determine the level of support available.

Annual Commercial Rates Bill	Support/Credit Available for Customer paying by Direct Debit	Support/Credit Available for Customer paying non Direct Debit
€0 – €500	€60	€50
€501 – €1,000	€110	€90
€1,001 – €1,500	€130	€110
€1,501 - €2,000	€150	€130
€2,001 - €3,000	€190	€170
€3,001 -€10,000	€210	€190
€10,001 – €20,000	€230	€210

Conditions of Scheme:

- Applicants must occupy a rated commercial property within Co. Meath.
- The Commercial Rates (including arrears) relating to the business must be paid in full on or before **31st July 2024**.
- If existing customers pay via Direct Debit, Standing Order, EFT, On – Line or payment card, this date will be extended to **11th December 2024**, however, payments made via these options must have commenced prior to **10th April 2024** or have made prior arrangements with Meath County Council.
- An increased support is available to businesses that pay by direct debit, see table above.
- The Small Business Support Scheme will not apply where a Business may already be availing of a support/incentive scheme already being operated by Meath County Council.
- This credit cannot exceed 15% of a saving to any business on their annual rates bill.
- Businesses/companies that operate using multiple properties within Meath only qualify **once** for the grant, not multiple times.
- The grant will only apply to customers where their annual rate demand is €20,000 or less.
- Where businesses/companies operate from multiple properties within County Meath, the limit is a combination of their annual rate demands.

Payment of the Grant:

- The support measure will be applied in 2025 by posting a credit to the Customers Commercial Rates Account once the above conditions have been fulfilled.

Queries

If you have any queries on the Business Support Scheme, please email ratesfinance@meathcoco.ie