

SOUTH WIGSTON SHOP FRONT IMPROVEMENT GRANT

Oadby and Wigston Borough Council are offering grants of up to **£2,000** to encourage independent retail businesses the opportunity to improve their shop fronts. Businesses must match at least 50 per cent of the grant offered.

Who can apply?

- The business must be located in South Wigston Town Centre
- The business must be an independent retailer with no more than five shops

What are the conditions of the grant?

- All grants offered through the scheme will require a guarantee of match-funding from the business owner
- Payment will only be made on completion of the work and evidence being provided that full payment has been made to the contractor
- Grant value to be no more than **£2,000**.

What type of work will be funded?

Funding will be allocated to eligible projects based on an application and assessment procedure.

Eligible works include:

- External lighting
- New shop fronts
- Repainting of shop fronts in suitable colours
- Signage
- Internal security grilles and/or security glazing
- Repair and reinstatement of all or any part of a shop front fixture that is visible from the street, including the first and second floors of premises where they are used for commercial activities

The type of works that would not normally be funded include:

- Lighting within window displays
- Window display equipment
- Pedestrian access improvements
- Externally mounted security features.
- Repair and reinstatement of guttering and down-pipes
- Professional fees associated with the development and delivery of the project, including planning application fees, consultancy fees and advisory services

Grants will pay for up to 50 per cent of the eligible project cost. Applications cannot be made retrospectively, so works should not commence on-site before a grant offer is accepted.

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