

Subsidy of EUR 2,000 to single-person businesses in Tuusula

The municipality of Tuusula grants a subsidy to single-person businesses whose financial situation and turnover have deteriorated as a result of the coronavirus (COVID-19) epidemic. Tuusula's share of the Finnish government's first phase support budget of EUR 100 million amounts to EUR 788,179. The subsidy can be applied for to cover costs incurred between 16 March and 31 August 2020. The municipality of Tuusula is prepared to rapidly process the subsidies and pay them out to the businesses.

The salary collected by the entrepreneur themselves is not counted as a cost; however, the subsidy can be used towards all other costs. Acceptable costs include, for example, costs for premises and equipment acquired for business operations as well as accounting and office expenses. The subsidy does not affect the entrepreneur's right to receive labour market support or the amount of the support. In order to help preserve their livelihood, the entrepreneur may apply for labour market support from Kela.

The subsidy of EUR 2,000 is paid out as a lump sum, and it is granted on the basis of an application made to the business's municipality of residence. The business's municipality of residence is determined on the basis of data from the Finnish Patent and Registration Office. **The online application form for the subsidy will be launched in Finnish, Swedish and English during week 16, and a link to the form will be added to the municipality of Tuusula's website.**

The application form should contain the following information:

- The applicant's basic information
- A description of the business operations
- Any de minimis subsidies received by the applicant during the current year and the two previous fiscal years
- A plan for stabilising the operations (how the entrepreneur intends to use the received subsidy)

The following appendices shall be submitted with the application:

- Financial statements 2019/latest financial statements or tax declaration 2019/latest tax declaration
- Copies of accounting and/or bank statements in order to verify how sales and costs have developed during 2020

When submitting the application, the entrepreneur must declare that the information is correct. If the entrepreneur compiles their own accounts, the information does not need to be certified by an accountant; however, the entrepreneur must declare that it is correct.

The subsidy is contingent upon the single-person business's financial situation and turnover having deteriorated due to the coronavirus epidemic, and upon the business

being considered viable. A single-person business refers to an entrepreneur engaged in full-time economic activity in Finland, with no employed workforce in their service. An entrepreneur is considered full-time if they are included in the self-employed person's pension register, or if they can demonstrate an annual income or invoicing of EUR 20,000 from their business activities. The subsidy is not contingent upon the legal form or financing method of the activity.

Further information:

<https://tem.fi/kysymyksia-ja-vastauksia-koronasta-ja-yksinyrittajista>

<https://tem.fi/kysymyksia-ja-vastauksia-yrittajien-oikeudesta-tyottomyyysturvaan>

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