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B4RN can access government grant funding to upgrade small and medium-sized businesses to a gigabit full-fibre internet connection.

B4RN is pleased to announce that we are a registered supplier on the UK government's Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme (GBVS), run by Building Digital UK (BDUK). The scheme is part of Project Gigabit, the UK government programme which invests in broadband upgrades in hard-to-reach areas that would otherwise be left behind. The GBVS helps residents and businesses upgrade their internet to 1000Mbps (1Gbps) through localised projects, providing small grants for residents or businesses that suppliers can accumulate towards the cost of the broadband network build.

Eligibility

Your business must be an SME or a Sole Trader/Partnership and meet the following requirements set out by the UK Government.

- Employs fewer than 249 people
- Annual turnover is less than £36M
- Balance sheet of less than £18M
- Must have received less than £200,000 of State Aid in the last 3 years. This is a de minimis limit, and it applies to agriculture, so most farms will be eligible.
- The business must not be a subsidiary and under the control of a large non-SME entity.
- The business operates from the premises for which the voucher is being applied (employees working from home are not eligible).
- All businesses wishing to take part in the scheme must sign up for a minimum of 12 months' service.

What Happens Next?

- We will request the voucher through the BDUK Portal prior to your connection being installed.
- You will get an email from BDUK asking you to confirm that you are happy to go ahead. This must be validated within 28 days, or the voucher will be automatically cancelled.
- The work within your property boundary is either completed by B4RN, a contractor, or your local group.
- We work to get you live and connected to B4RN.
- Once your service is live, BDUK will email you again for you to confirm that you have live service.
- Please ensure you confirm to BDUK that you have a live service by clicking their email link; B4RN will not receive the funding to cover the costs of connecting you. B4RN will temporarily disconnect you if you do not click the link within 14 days of receiving the BDUK email.

For more about how your business can benefit from the Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme, contact B4RN: telephone: 01524 555887 **email:** vouchers@b4rn.org.uk **web:** b4rn.org.uk