

## **SANDWELL SMALL BUSINESS SECURITY GRANT SCHEME**

### **Information for Businesses**

As part of its continued work to improve security for businesses in Sandwell, the Safer Sandwell Partnership has secured funding for a security grant scheme

As a business, if you have been a victim of burglary, theft or criminal damage you may need additional security measures.

The **criteria** for a grant application will be as follows;

- The grant will be open to small businesses with a maximum of 50 employees, an annual turnover of no more than £5 million and a balance sheet of no more than £5 million.
- The businesses will include, Retail, Manufacturing, Wholesale and Service industry that have suffered persistent incidences of Burglary, Theft or Criminal Damage.
- Businesses located on Business Parks will be referred to Black Country Chamber of Commerce, where a scheme is in existence.
- Any security improvements will be supported in writing, by the Police Crime Reduction Officer

The grant will be on a 'matched funding' basis up to a **maximum of £5,000 and can be used only for capital funded improvements.**

Examples of improvements would be;

- Security shutters, grilles and fencing
- Closed Circuit Television and lighting
- Intruder Alarm systems (Installation only)
- Access control systems (Installation only)

Funding will be based on the lowest quotation, but businesses can choose to select another higher quotation at the own expense.

Funding will be allocated to the security product providers/installers only.

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