

Soho and Middlemore Property Improvement Programme (SMPIP)

How to apply

You will need to complete an application form and provide relevant evidence of the proposed development, improvements and outputs.

The closing date for completed applications is:

Friday 31st March 2017.

Funding will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. To obtain an application pack and to arrange an appointment to discuss your plans, please contact:

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All funding is discretionary and will be managed by the City Council in accordance with relevant regulations.



We are pleased to introduce the Soho and Middlemore Property Improvement Programme (SMPIP) to provide grant assistance to businesses in the Middlemore Industrial Estate and Soho Road Local Centre.



This Programme is being delivered by Birmingham City Council in partnership with Soho Road Business Improvement District

The Programme

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The Aim

To improve business land and premises to meet modern business needs, create new employment and enhance general business competitiveness.

How much grant is available per applicant?

Individual applications can be made for financial assistance between £1,000

and a maximum of £24,999, subject to 50% contribution from the applicant.

What types of improvement works are eligible?

The following list provides examples of **eligible** expenditure:

- Structural works/alterations to walls and floors
- New building work, including extensions
- Electrical installation rewiring

- Land reclamation/demolition.
- Shopfront improvements.

The following list provides examples of **ineligible** expenditure:

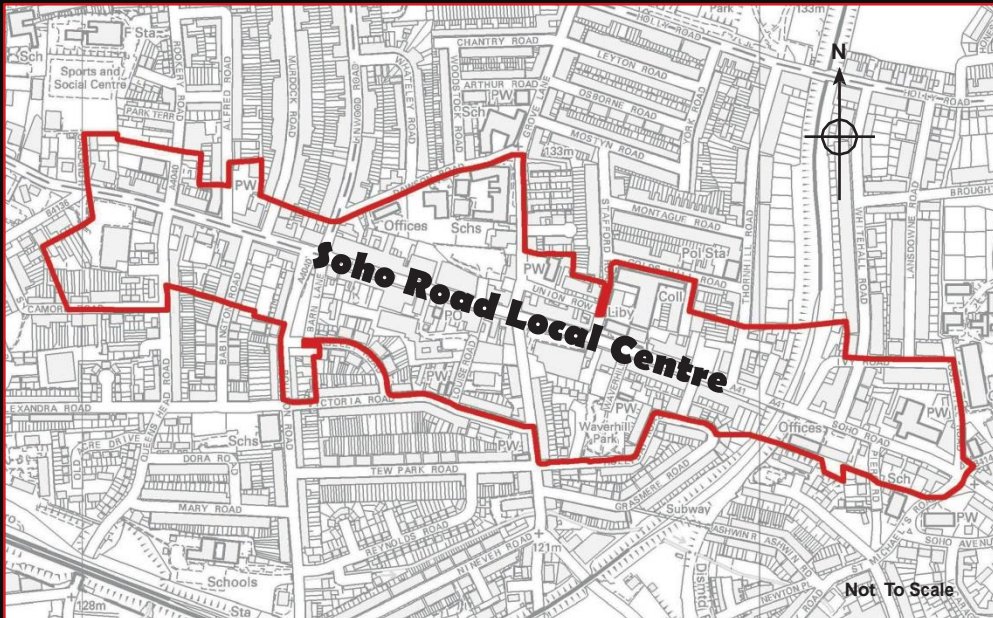
- Maintenance works.
- Purchase of equipment, plant and machinery.
- Internal fixtures and fittings.
- Work that has already been completed.

Please note that the above are examples only and do not constitute an exhaustive list.

Priorities will be given in the order of:

1. Businesses proposing to bring vacant industrial land or premises into economic use and create jobs.
2. Businesses proposing to bring vacant retail and commercial premises into economic use and create jobs.
3. Refurbishment, enhancement or expansion of existing industrial, retail and commercial floor space (e.g. extension to existing building premises) to safeguard jobs.

Soho and Middlemore Property Improvement Programme (SMPIP) Target Areas



Outputs expected for different levels of funding:

- £1,000 - £9,999 - Evidence of improved business confidence / physical environment
- £10,000 - £19,999 - Evidence of number of jobs safeguarded
- £20,000 - £24,999 - Evidence of number of jobs created

Professional fees of up to 12.5% of the grant will be payable but fees will not be paid for unsuccessful grants.