

Client Eligibility Criteria

The following notes have been prepared to assist potential recipients of Objective One funding under an initiative by GME decide whether they are likely to qualify for 40% funding.

Resman Limited may only claim funding in respect of businesses which fulfil the following eligibility criteria. Businesses must:

1. Be an SME as defined in European Commission Regulation no. 70/2001 ("**Regulation**") The Regulation excludes: agriculture, export aid, aid favouring domestic goods over imports. In order to be an SME as defined in the Regulation, businesses must:

1.1 have fewer than 250 employees; * and

1.2 have either an annual turnover not exceeding EUR €40 million, or an annual balance sheet total not exceeding EUR €27 million; ** and

1.3 be an Independent Enterprise which means have not more than 25% of the capital or voting rights is owned by an enterprise, which is not in itself an SME.

* The number of persons employed corresponds to the number of annual working units ("**AWU**"), that is to say, the number of full-time workers employed during one year with part-time and seasonal workers being fractions of AWU. The reference year to be considered is that of the last approved accounting period.

** The turnover and balance sheet thresholds are those of the last approved 12-month accounting period. In the case of newly established enterprises whose accounts have not yet been approved, the threshold to apply shall be derived from a reliable estimate made in the course of the financial year;

*** Independent Enterprises are those which are not owned as to more than 25% of the capital or the voting rights by one enterprise, or jointly by several enterprises, falling outside the definitions of an SME or a small enterprise, whichever may apply. This threshold may be exceeded in the following two cases:

If the enterprise is held by public investment corporations, venture capital companies or institutional investors, provided the control is exercised either individually or jointly; or - if the capital is spread in such a way that it is not possible to determine by whom it is held and if the enterprise declares that it can legitimately presume that it is not owned as to more than 25% or more by one enterprise, or jointly by several enterprises, falling outside the definitions of an SME or a small enterprise, whichever may apply.

2. Have sufficient resources in Resman's reasonable opinion to meet its own financial obligations for the entirety of the Project; and

3. Have its head office / primary place of business situated in the Greater Merseyside area, including St Helens, Wirral and Liverpool according to the following:

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GME Postcode Objective One Boundary				
Liverpool	Knowsley	Sefton	Wirral	St Helens
L1	L10	L20	CH60	WA9 1
L2		L21	CH61	WA9 2
L3	L26	L22	CH62	WA9 3
L4		L23	CH63	WA9 4
L5	L28			WA9 5
L6		L29	CH41	
L7	L32	L30	CH42	WA10 1
L8	L33	L31	CH43	WA10 2
L9	L34		CH44	WA10 3
	L35	L37	CH45	WA10 4
L11	L36	L38	CH46	WA10 5
L12			CH47	WA10 6
L13		PR8	CH48	
L14		PR9	CH49	WA11 7
L15				WA11 8
L16				WA11 9
L17				
L18				WA12 0
L19				
				WA12 8
L24				WA12 9
L25				
				WN4 0
L27				
				WN5 7
				Part of L34 & L35 see Knowsley

In addition, retail businesses are specifically ineligible.

If you require further information or guidance, please contact Resman Limited as below.