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## Owners have a week left to apply for grants

SHOP owners in Doncaster have just over a week left to apply for Government funding to protect themselves from crime.

Small businesses in the borough can apply for the cash as part of the Small Retailers Grants Fund after Doncaster was identified as one of 50 priority areas to receive support.

A total of £5 million is available and small business are eligible for up to £3,000 which can be used to buy security devices.

Applications must be submitted by the 30th September 2009.

The Business Crime Reduction Centre (BCRC) is doing its best to ensure that as many eligible regional retailers as possible take full

advantage of this unique opportunity.

Groups of businesses, such as a parade of shops, can apply for the larger grant of up to £50,000 which can be used for landscaping and additional lighting.

For more information visit [www.homeoffice.gov.uk/about-us/news/smhelp-retailers-prevent-crime](http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/about-us/news/smhelp-retailers-prevent-crime) or the BCRC is a hand to help determine eligibility, guide businesses through the application process and carry out full security assessment to check a businesses security needs.

To speak to a Business Adviser please call 0114 275 1343, email on [z.wharton@bcrc-uk.org](mailto:z.wharton@bcrc-uk.org) or visit the BCRC website on [www.bcrc-uk.org](http://www.bcrc-uk.org)