

Package of Measures for Supporting Businesses in Resuming their Business Operations under the Project for Encouraging SMEs to Advance the Productivity Revolution

- Aiming to strongly encourage SMEs to resume their business operations, the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) will **improve the ongoing support measures targeting efforts that SMEs have been tackling in accordance with the industry-based guidelines for preventing expansion of the novel coronavirus disease under the subsidies for sustainability and other subsidy programs (improved measures are shown in red below)**.
(The upper limit of the subsidies per applicant under the subsidies for sustainability will increase **from 1 million yen to 1.5 million yen.**)

Upper limit of subsidies; Subsidy rates	Regular framework	Special framework (Category A)	Special framework (Category B or C)
Subsidies for sustainability (Development of sales channels, etc.)	500,000 yen; 2/3	1 million yen; 2/3	1 million yen; 3/4
	Framework for business resumption: 500,000 yen; a fixed amount of subsidies (10/10)*		
Subsidies for monodzukuri (Introduction of equipment, etc.)	10 million yen; 1/2 (for small enterprises, 2/3)	10 million yen; 2/3	10 million yen; 3/4
		Framework for business resumption: 500,000 yen; a fixed amount of subsidies (10/10)	
Subsidies for introduction of IT (Introduction of IT)	4.5 million yen; 1/2	4.5 million yen; 2/3	4.5 million yen; 3/4

*Note: The amount of subsidies under the framework for business resumption should be a half or less of the total amount of the subsidies that businesses will receive.

[Efforts subject to the framework for business resumption]

Measures for preventing the novel coronavirus disease below, which are taken in accordance with industry-based guidelines and other instructions

- Antiseptics, face masks and cleaning
- Measures for preventing spread of airborne droplets (acrylic boards, transparent plastic sheets, etc.)
- Ventilation equipment
- Other efforts for hygiene management (laundry, disposable amenity goods, thermometers, thermal cameras, key-less systems, etc.)
- Notices and announcement (for calling attention of workers and customers to preventing expansion of the disease)

[Requirements for filing applications for subsidies under the special framework]

One-sixth or more of the expenses subject to the subsidies should be spent for the efforts falling into any of the following categories.

Category A: Response to damages to supply chains

Examples: - Introduction of internal manufacturing of parts due to difficulties in procurement of such parts
- Development of new customers as a response to business suspension of the existing customers, etc.

Category B: Shifting to non-face-to-face business models

Examples: - Introduction of self-checkout machines or cashless-payment terminals
- Shifting the selling style from stores to e-commerce, etc.

Category C: Development of teleworking environments

Example: - Introduction of web-conference systems or thin-client systems including personal computers