

Huron County CARES Small Business Grant



The Huron County Commissioners have created The Huron County CARES Small Business Grant Program to provide financial assistance to small businesses that have sustained economic hardships as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Eligible entities can receive grants in the amount of \$2,500; \$5,000; or \$10,000.

Criteria to Be Eligible to Apply:

- Must be a for-profit or not-for-profit business entity located in Huron County and in operation prior to February 15, 2020. Sole Proprietorships are eligible to apply for grant funds.
- Business must have been impacted by the State-mandated closures that began March 15, 2020 due to COVID-19. Impacts must include decline in gross revenue/receipts of 30% or more since March 15, 2020 as a result of COVID.
- Annual gross receipts of the business must be less than \$2,000,000.
- Business' full-time equivalent employment level as of March 15, 2020 and September 14 will be taken into consideration in scoring the grant application.
- A business that has received federal assistance due to COVID including but not limited to the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), and Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL), can apply for a grant through the Huron County COVID-19 Small Business Grant Program; **HOWEVER**, requested funds **CANNOT** be used for the same expenses that the business previously received federal funding assistance. If business is applying for a local community COVID grant, they may still apply for the county grant; however, requested funds **CANNOT** be used for the same expenses that the business received local grant funds to cover.
- Businesses must be in good standing with all federal, state, county, and local taxes and fees.
- Ineligible businesses: bank, savings, and loan or credit unions, e-commerce only company, primary alcohol sales (carryouts/convenience stores), vaping store, tobacco store, cannabis dispensary, tattoo parlor, sexually oriented business, places of worship, franchised business not locally owned and independently operated.

Eligible Expenses

- Lease or Mortgage Assistance
- Operational Expense Assistance
- Unforeseen Expenses

How To Apply:

- Apply online at www.HCDC.net
- Grant application period opens August 24, 2020 and must be submitted by 4:00 PM September 8, 2020.
- If you are not able to complete the online applications you can email completed application and documents to econdirector@hcdc.netf.
 - *Due to the short application period, we do not recommend mailing the application and encourage online and email submissions.*



Review Criteria:

- Determined to have filed a complete application including required documentation.
- Determined to be a qualifying business and meets the established guidelines and rules.
- Substantiated the most critical need for grant assistance based on loss of revenue and/or loss of employees.
- Determined that the awarded grant will have a direct impact on sustaining the company.
- Demonstrated economic and community benefits the business creates for Huron County.
- Amount of other financial assistance received by applicant from other COVID-19 financial assistance programs.
- Any other criteria as determined by the committee.

Questions regarding the Huron County COVID-19 Small Business Grant Program can be directed to the Huron County Development Council (HCDC) at 419-663-4232 or via email at econdirector@hcdc.net.