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CITY LAUNCHES OneHB BUSINESS SUPPORT CAMPAIGN TO DELIVER \$5,000 MICRO-GRANTS TO QUALIFIED SMALL BUSINESSES

Robert Mayer, Sr. donates \$100,000 in support of the Campaign, and the City encourages the community to donate or to purchase OneHB merchandise to fund additional micro-grants.

OneHB Business Support Campaign

Today, the City of Huntington Beach announced the launch of its *OneHB Business Support Campaign*, which will deliver \$5,000 micro-grants to qualified small businesses that have been negatively affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. These one-time grants are intended to provide financial relief to help Huntington Beach small businesses keep their doors open. All grants will be funded through direct donations and the sale of OneHB apparel and yard signs, available through our new website, www.OneHB.org.

Robert Mayer, Sr. Donates \$100,000

In support of the program, Robert Mayer, Sr. donated \$100,000 towards the *OneHB Business Support Campaign*. Mr. Mayer developed the landmark Waterfront Hilton and the Hyatt Regency Huntington Resort and Spa, which helped establish Huntington Beach as a major tourism destination.

“Time and time again, we have witnessed Robert Mayer, Sr. stepping up to support causes that improve the quality of life for our residents, visitors, and businesses. We are incredibly grateful that Mr. Mayer is supporting our OneHB community with such a substantial contribution towards the growth of our local economy,” said Mayor Lyn Semeta.

Mr. Mayer’s donation of \$100,000 will translate into the issuance of 20 micro-grants of \$5,000 each for eligible small businesses located in the Resort District. Additional details can be found online at www.OneHB.org.

“The City and dedicated supporters such as Robert Mayer, Sr. are committed to working hand-in-hand with our local businesses as they navigate a new economy that has been shaped by COVID-19,” says Mayor Lyn Semeta. “We wish to demonstrate that our community backs them 100% and that we are in this together.”

Apply for the First Round of OneHB Grants

To apply for the **first round of 20 grants**, applicants must own a small business located in the Resort District and meet all eligibility requirements listed on www.OneHB.org. Applications will be available on www.OneHB.org starting August 10, 2020 at 9:00 a.m., and all completed applications must be submitted by no later than August 17, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Furthermore, the City anticipates evaluating and awarding all 20 grants before the end of August 2020.

The City will host a webinar on August 12 at 2:00 p.m. to provide prospective applicants with information about the program and application process. Visit www.OneHB.org for details.

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As new contributions, donations, and funding of up to \$25,000 are received into the OneHB fund, the City will reopen the application process and invite all qualified small businesses citywide to apply. These updates will be announced via the City's media outlets, and additional information will be available on www.OneHB.org.

Grants may be used for payroll, rent or lease payments, utilities, inventory, and other approved operational expenses. Should the City receive more applications than it can fund, the grants will be disbursed to qualified applicants through a lottery system. As part of the application process, all eligible applicants must attest that they have been negatively and financially impacted by COVID-19. Priority will be given to applicants who have not received any other form of local, state, or federal COVID-19 related financial assistance.

OneHB Partnerships

This campaign builds upon the City's efforts to support its entrepreneurs and was developed in partnership with the Huntington Beach Chamber of Commerce, the Community for Innovation, Entrepreneurship Leadership and Opportunities (CIELO), and the Orange County Inland Empire Small Business Development Center (SBDC). CIELO will provide administrative support and will issue the grant payments directly to awardees.