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Huntington Beach Launches its Second Micro-Grant Program to Support Small Businesses Impacted by COVID-19

Starting April 5, 2021, eligible small businesses in Huntington Beach can apply to receive \$5,000 micro-grants being offered through the City's COVID-19 Small Business Micro-Grant Program. A total of \$648,000 in funds will be distributed to support the Huntington Beach small businesses which form the backbone of our local economy.

"Small businesses are the lifeblood of our local economy and provide jobs and financial security for families throughout our City," said Huntington Beach Mayor Kim Carr. "We're hopeful that our Micro-Grant Program will serve as an additional lifeline to help small businesses get through to the end of this pandemic and into more prosperous times, as COVID-19 rates continue to decline."

Approximately 125 micro-grants in the amount of \$5,000 each will be distributed by lottery to eligible businesses for allowable expenses such as rent, utilities, or COVID-related personal protective equipment. Grant applications will be accepted starting April 5, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. through April 12 at 5:00 p.m.

To be eligible for the Huntington Beach Small Business Micro-Grant Program, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Employ no fewer than two and no more than ten full-or-part-time W2 employees;
- Independently owned and operated with the principal office in Huntington Beach;
- Attest to being negatively affected by COVID-19;
- Hold a valid business license in the City of Huntington Beach

A full list of all criteria and an online application can be found at www.HBready.com/biz-grants.

The City of Huntington Beach is committed to distributing these funds to small businesses as quickly as possible, while ensuring the program is thoroughly marketed to all segments of the business community. Two virtual webinars will be available on March 17 at 6 p.m. and March 22 at 2 p.m. to provide information about the program and how to apply. Webinar information is available at www.HBready.com/biz-grants.

"As residents, we need to do all we can to support our small businesses by shopping local and dining at our restaurants here in Huntington Beach," said Mayor Carr. "This Micro-Grant Program will let us do what we can to provide some support to our businesses that have weathered through these very difficult times."



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COVID-19 SMALL BUSINESS MICRO GRANT PROGRAM

Application Period

Opens April 5, 8 AM
Closes April 12, 5 PM

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS



- Independently owned and physically operated in the City
- Must have a valid business license and be in good standing with the City
- Negatively affected by COVID-19
- Employ 2-10 full-time equivalent W-2 employees
- Small Businesses that have not received HB COVID-19 Grants will be prioritized
- May not be owned and/or related to individuals currently employed with or representing the City
- Principal office in HB and at least one officer lives in OC
- Complies with all applicable laws, acts, regulations, rules and ordinances
- Successful applicants must comply with all program requirements

The Program will distribute a limited number of \$5,000 grants from the County of Orange to eligible Huntington Beach small businesses that have been financially impacted by COVID-19. Grants will be awarded by lottery and may be used to reimburse:

- *Rent/lease payments*
- *Mortgage interest payments*
- *Utilities*
- *Personal protective equipment*
- *COVID-19 related operational and safety expenses*

INFORMATIONAL WEBINARS

March 17th, 6 PM - About the Program

March 22nd, 2 PM - How to Apply

For more information and to apply visit:
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