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Small Business Assistance Program

Background

The City of Des Moines continues to support its small businesses as you recover from the negative economic impacts of the pandemic. We understand that the effects on your business were significant and that many of you have worked hard to ensure your business is able to thrive in our new “normal.” The City Council has allocated significant grant support for its resident small businesses.

It is our sincere hope that these funds are meaningful to the success of your business. We value your contribution to the economic landscape of the City of Des Moines. This program has been made possible with funds through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

To ensure we are most effective with our funding, we’ve partnered with Evergreen Business Capital to facilitate the application, review, and disbursement process. As a result, the City expects to provide around \$450,000 in grant funding, directly to small businesses.

The program has started accepting applications on May 3, 2022, and will continue to accept them through July 1, 2022. After the application window, the total grant amount available will be evenly disbursed amongst the approved applicants to the program.

More information about the program can be found at DesMoinesGrantRelief.com.

Eligibility

Your business may be eligible if you meet all the following conditions:

1. Active business license with the City of Des Moines.
2. Brick & mortar location within the City of Des Moines.
3. Self-certify that the funding provided will go towards the costs attributed by the negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.
4. The following businesses are not eligible:
 - Nonprofit organizations
 - Corporate-owned franchises
 - Branch banks
 - Pay day loan stores
 - Pawn shops
 - Astrology, palm reading
 - Adult bookstores, strip clubs
 - Track waging facilities
 - Cannabis businesses or firms engaged in activities that are prohibited by federal law or applicable law in the jurisdiction where the business is located
 - Any business in bankruptcy or receivership

Apply Now

Apply online at DesMoinesGrantRelief.com. Questions about the program or assistance with your application can be directed to Theresa Smith at desmoinesgrants@evergreen504.com |