



MARTIN COUNTY RELIEF PROGRAM GRANT

This program is offered pursuant to funding received by Martin County, through the Minnesota County Relief Program that was established to provide economic relief for grants to local businesses and non-profits adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic that are located in Martin County. Businesses that have been adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic that meet the following eligibility criteria may apply to receive grants up to \$10,000.00 to cover eligible expenses. (If funds exist to cover more than \$10,000 in eligible expenses, larger grants may be awarded at the discretion of the County).

*** The grant application will be available starting January 12th, 2021. Applications will be accepted through February 12, 2021.**

GRANT REQUIREMENTS

Eligible Businesses

Business must meet all criteria to be eligible.

- Profit or non-profit business with a physical location in Martin County
- Registered and in good standing with the Minnesota Secretary of State (if required)
- Current on all property taxes
- Demonstrate a negative impact by an Executive Order related to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Have no current tax liens on record with the Secretary of State as of the time of application for a grant.
- Were impacted by an Executive Order related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ineligible Businesses

- Corporate chains, multi-state chains (franchise owners are eligible)
- Businesses that derive income from passive investments; business-to business transactions; real estate transactions; property rentals or property management
- Businesses comprised of legal practitioners, insurance sector, or financial institutions
- Businesses that derive any income from adult entertainment
- Businesses that are permanently closed as of the date of application

Eligible Expenses

Expenses must have been incurred during the COVID-19 pandemic beginning on March 1, 2020. Expenses that have been paid by another CARES Act program (i.e. PPP, EIDL, SBEL, SBRG, PUA) are not eligible to be reimbursed under this grant program.

- Rent/mortgage - Home-based businesses may only be reimbursed for a percentage of their rent/mortgage equal to the percentage claimed as a home office on their income tax.
- Utilities- Home-based businesses may only be reimbursed for a percentage of their utilities equal to the percentage claimed as a home office on their income tax.
- PPE
- Operating Expenses related to re-opening
- Payroll expenses

Documentation Required

- Evidence of a negative business impact related to an Executive Order related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Applicants should submit documentation that best demonstrates the impact. A comparative profit and loss statement from 10/1 - 12/31/2019 and 2020 is required.
- Business filing with Secretary of State